

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES BOARD

25 March 2019

Present: Councillor D Wright in the Chair

Councillors Davis, N Dirveiks, Gosling, D Humphreys, Moss, Simpson, and Waters.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Henney and Symonds (substitute Councillor D Humphreys).

Councillors Clews and Jarvis were also in attendance.

57 **Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

Councillor Humphreys declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No 67 (Land Issues – Further Update), left the meeting and took no part in the discussion.

58 **Minutes of the Resources Board held on 28 January 2019**

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 28 January 2019, copies having previously been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

59 **Internal Audit Plan 2019/20 and Counter Fraud Activity**

The Corporate Director – Resources set out the proposed Internal Audit Plan for 2019/20 and updated Board Members on the work of the Counter Fraud Officer.

Resolved:

- a That the Risk Score within Appendix A to the report of the Corporate Director – Resources be amended from N/A to High Risk; and**
- b That subject to the amendments outlined at (a), the Internal Audit Plan, as set out at Appendix A, and the work of the Counter Fraud Officer be noted;**

60 **Financial Inclusion Update**

The Corporate Director – Community provided Members with an update on the Financial Inclusion activity undertaken by the Council.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

61 **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

Resolved:

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by Schedule 12A to the Act.

62 **Irrecoverable Local Taxation Debts**

The Corporate Director - Community detailed the amounts recommended for write-offs in accordance with the write-off policy agreed by the Resources Board on 23 May 2016.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

63 **Community Support Service Delivery**

The Director of Housing provided the Board with information about the level of vacancies being experienced in the Community Support Section and explained the action being taken in order to safeguard service delivery.

Resolved:

That the resilience issues in the Community Support Section be noted, and that the actions taken to safeguard the delivery of the service, as outlined in the report of the Director of Housing, be supported.

64 **Condition of Council Properties - Trinity Close, Warton**

The Board were provided with information about the condition of Council owned houses in Trinity Close, Warton.

Resolved:

- a That engagement take place between the Director of Housing, Developer and Architect for the Hatters Arms development in order to explore including properties on Trinity Close in their plans for the site;**
- b That the Director of Housing consult with individual occupants (tenants and owner occupier) about the proposals as well as the neighbouring residents;**

- c That action be taken to demolish the Council owned houses identified in the report of the Director of Housing and replace them with new build properties; and**
- d In consultation with the Chair of the Resources Board, consider whether the owner occupied property should be bought, demolished and incorporated in the development scheme.**

65 Condition of Council Properties – Ansley Common

The Board were provided with information about the condition of Council owned houses in Ansley Common.

Resolved:

- a That following consideration of the options set out in the report to address repair issues in two properties in Ansley Common, the Director of Housing be directed to pursue the option outlined at 5.3 of the report - Demolition and Rebuild.**
- b That the Director of Housing consult with individual occupant tenants about the proposals.**

66 Land Issues – Further Update

The Director of Streetscape updated Members on issues relating to land ownership at Sheepy Road, Atherstone and the outcome of further discussions with the owner and developer of the neighbouring sites. The report asked Members to agree to a minor revision to the proposed land swap previously agreed by the Board.

Resolved:

- a That the contents of the report be noted;**
- b That the proposed land exchange outlined in the report of the Director of Streetscape be agreed; and**
- c That the exchange of contracts be completed within two weeks from the date of the meeting of this Board and that final completion takes place on receipt of all necessary outstanding information from the Land Registry.**

Councillor D Wright
CHAIRMAN