

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

18 September 2023

Present: Councillor D Wright in the Chair

Councillors Bell, Clews, Gosling, Jenns, H Phillips, Reilly, Ridley, Simpson, Taylor and Whapples.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Parsons, (Substitute Taylor) Symonds (Substitute A Jenns) and Dirveiks.

24 **Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest**

None were declared at the meeting.

25 **Minutes of the Executive Board held on 19 July 2023**

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 19 July 2023, copies having been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

26 **Capital Programme – 2022/23 Final Position**

The Corporate Director - Resources updated Members on the position of the 2022/23 Capital programme at the end of March 2023.

Recommended to Council:

- a **That the level of expenditure incurred to the end of March 2023 against the 2022/23 Revised Capital Programme be noted; and**
- b **That the requests to carry forward schemes identified in column 6 of Appendix A to the report of the Corporate Director – Resources, be approved and added to the 2023/24 Capital Programme.**

27 Budgetary Control Report 2023/24 Period Ended 31 August 2023

The Corporate Director – Resources updated the Board on revenue expenditure and income for the period from 1 April 2023 to 31 August 2023. The 2023/24 budget and the actual position for the period, compared with the estimate at that date, were given, together with an estimate of the out-turn position for services reporting to the Board.

Recommendation to Council:

- a to consider if any further information is required; and**
- b that a presentation be arranged for Councillors on Emergency Planning.**

28 Approval of RIPA Policy

The Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer proposed the adoption of a revised policy in relation to the Council's use of its powers under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000.

Resolved:

- a That the Council's revised policy in relation to the Regulation of investigatory Powers Act 2000 set out at Appendix A to the report of the Head of Legal Services be approved; and**
- b That it be noted that the Council had not utilised its powers under the Act during the previous 12-month period; and**
- c that a presentation be arranged for Councillors on the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act.**

29 Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman Annual Review 2022/23

The Chief Executive informed the Board about the results of the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman Annual Review 2022/23. The report highlighted the number of complaints and enquiries considered by the Ombudsman relating to the Council and the outcome of their determinations. The report also provided some contextual information about the compliments and complaints received via the Council's corporate Compliments and Complaints Procedure.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

30 **Corporate Plan Priorities**

The Chief Executive sought Members' consideration of revisions to the draft Corporate Plan for consultation.

Resolved:

- a That the draft Corporate Plan be used for consultation; and**
- b That delegated powers be given to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Leader of the Opposition, to undertake a public consultation.**

31 **Corporate Plan Performance Update**

The Chief Executive asked the Board to note the Corporate Plan Performance Update and identify any areas where further information was required.

Recommendation to the Board:

- a That the report be noted; and**
- b that more information be provided on the use of food banks and food parcels, that the Safer Communities Subcommittee consider the issue of the areas of recorded crime which are rising and that Warwickshire County Council be asked for a statement on their plans to use the section 106 infrastructure funding set out in their Infrastructure Funding Statement.**

32 **Plan Making Reforms: Consultation on Implementation**

The Chief Executive brought information on the plan making reforms consultation by national Government and sought Members' support for the views expressed in the report.

Resolved:

That the views of the Sub-Committee and those expressed in the report of the Chief Executive be approved as the response to the consultation on the Plan Making Reforms.

33 **Kingsbury Oil Terminal**

The Chief Executive and the Solicitor to the council advised Members on the background to the Council's action with regard to the Kingsbury Oil Terminal.

Resolved:

That the Report be noted.

34 **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 items of business, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by Schedule 12A to the Act.

35 **Staffing Matter**

The Head of Development Control updated Members regarding a staffing matter.

Resolved:

That the supplementary estimate be approved.

36 **Exempt Extract of the minutes of the Executive Board held on 19 July 2023**

The Exempt minutes of the Executive Board held on 19 July 2023, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

D Wright
CHAIR