

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

22 November 2021

Present: Councillor D Wright in the Chair

Councillors Chambers, D Clews, Deakin, Gosling, Hayfield, D Humphreys, Jenns, Morson, Reilly, Simpson and Symonds.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Bell (Substitute Councillor D Clews).

30 **Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest**

None were declared at the meeting.

31 **Minutes of the Executive Board held on 20 September 2021**

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 20 September 2021, copies having been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

32 **Calendar of Meetings 2022/2023**

The Chief Executive sought Members' approval for a calendar of meetings for 2022/23.

Recommended:

That the draft calendar of meetings for 2022/23, attached at Appendix A to the report of the Chief Executive, be approved.

33 **Budgetary Control Report 2021/22 Period Ended 31 October 2021**

The Corporate Director – Resources reported on the revenue expenditure and income for the period from 1 April 2021 to 31 October 2021. The 2021/22 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.

Recommended:

That the report be noted.

34 **Draft Economic Development Strategy**

The Chief Executive sought approval of a Draft Economic Development Strategy for consultation.

Resolved:

That an Internal Working Party be established consisting of four Members of the Conservative Group and two Members of the Labour Group and a further report be brought back to the Board.

35 **Outreach Budget**

The Corporate Director - Resources reported on the community hubs currently supported by the Council through the Outreach budget and proposed a way forward.

Resolved:

- a **That the post of Community Projects Officer be removed from the establishment; and**
- b **That the remaining community hubs be notified that financial support will cease after 2021/22.**

36 **Corporate Plan Performance Update**

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

Resolved:

- a **That the report be noted; and**
- b **That the Performance Working Group meet to consider areas where further consideration is needed.**

37 **Appointment of External Auditors**

The Corporate Director Resources set out proposals for appointing the external auditor for the audit of the Council's accounts for the five-year period from 2023/24.

Recommended:

That the invitation from Public Sector Audit Appointments to opt into the sector-led option for the appointment of external auditors for five financial years from 1 April 2023 be approved.

38 Local Land Charge, Planning and Enforcement IT System Upgrades

The Head of Development Control sought financial provision for the upgrade of the Land Charges and Planning and Enforcement IT Systems.

Resolved:

That Capital Budget Resources of £32,550 be allocated for the upgrade of the Local Land Charges System and Planning and Enforcement Systems as set out in the report of the Head of Development Control

39 Board Membership Changes

The Chief Executive asked the Board to recommend changes to the membership of the Health and Wellbeing Working Party.

Recommended:

- a That Councillor Macdonald be replaced by Councillor Hancocks on the Health and Wellbeing Party; and**
- b That Councillor M Humphreys becomes the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Party, and Councillor S Smith the Vice-Chair.**

40 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.

41 Approval of Absence Report

The Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer asked the Board to recommend to Council that the absence of a Councillor from the requirement to attend meetings, as set out in their report, be approved.

Recommended:

That the reasons for non-attendance under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 be granted, as set out in the report of the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer, and the absence be approved.

42 **Confidential Extract of the Minutes of the of Executive Board held on 20 September 2021**

The confidential extract of the minutes of the Executive Board held on 20 September 2021, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

David Wright
CHAIRMAN