

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

20 September 2021

Present: Councillor D Wright in the Chair

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

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

17 **Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest**

None were declared at the meeting.

18 **Minutes of the Executive Board held on 21 July 2021**

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 21 July 2021, copies having been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

19 **Financial Strategy 2021 - 2026**

The Corporate Director – Resources summarised the Authority's Financial Strategy, projects forward the Authority's General Fund budgets to 2025/26, and suggested a detailed budget approach for the 2022/23 General Fund Budget.

Recommended:

- a That the Financial Strategy shown as Appendix A was approved;**
- b That the General Fund budget projections for 2022/23 to 2025/26 be noted; and**
- c That the budget approach, set out in section 8 of the report, be adopted.**

20 **Coleshill Leisure Centre**

The Corporate Director – Resources sought the Board approval to use a small proportion of an existing capital allocation to undertake minor changes to the configuration of Coleshill Leisure Centre, with a view to introducing services that would help to improve the operational efficiency of the facility.

Resolved:

That the Board approved the proposed use of a proportion of an existing capital allocation, up to £20,000 as detailed in the report, to undertake minor changes to the configuration of Coleshill Leisure Centre, with a view to introducing services that would help to improve the operational efficiency of the facility.

21 Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman Annual Review 2020/21

The Chief Executive informed the Board about the results of the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman Annual Review 2020/21. 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.

22 Green Space Officer – Market Supplement

Further to the consideration of this matter by the Special Sub-group, this report sought the Board's approval for a supplementary estimate in order to enable a market supplement to be applied to the Green Space Officer post.

Resolved:

- a. That the proposed supplementary estimate, as detailed in the report, be approved in order to enable a market supplement to be applied to the Green Space Officer post; and**
- b. That a report be brought to the Board recommending delegated powers to Officers to agree market supplements, within certain limits**

23 Election Staff Scale of Fees, Appointment of Deputy Electoral Registration Officer and Deputy Returning Officer

The Chief Executive reported on the proposed scale of fees to be used by election staff, including the Returning Officer at elections and proposed that the Head of Elections (shared with Nuneaton and Bedworth) be appointed as a Deputy Electoral Registration Officer and Deputy Returning Officer.

Resolved:

- a That the proposed scale of fees be approved;
- b That the Chief Executive is given delegated authority to make minor amendments to the attached fees to reflect inflation and/or National Joint Council Local Government Pay Award; and
- c That the Head of Elections be appointed as Deputy Electoral Registration Officer and approved as Deputy Returning Officer.

24 **Minutes of the Safer Communities Sub-Committee 28 June 2021**

The minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 28 June 2021, copies having been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

25 **Proposed South Warwickshire Council – Stakeholder Consultation**

The Chief Executive asked the Board to agree how this council would respond to the consultation.

Resolved:

That the Chief Executive be given delegated powers to respond to the consultation, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Opposition Leader.

26 **North Warwickshire Local Plan – adoption**

The Chief Executive sought agreement for the adoption of the Local Plan.

Recommended:

That the Local Plan be adopted.

27 **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.

28 Environmental Health Restructure – Supplementary Estimate

This report asks Members to agree a supplementary estimate for the additional costs resulting from a restructure of the Environmental Health Team.

Resolved:

That the supplementary estimate be approved.

29 Polesworth Sports Centre

At its meeting held on 26 July 2021, the Community and Environment Board approved an approach to resolving the short-term future of leisure facility provision in Polesworth, subject to this Board's approval of the financial implications arising from that decision. This report addressed the issue of the potential financial implications of that changed method of service provision.

Resolved:

That Members approved the financial implications of the proposed approach to resolving the short-term future of leisure facility provision in Polesworth and that the consequent expenditure be met from the New Initiatives reserve.

(The Chief Executive has subsequently received a notice signed by Councillors Gosling, Chambers, Deakin and Morson) under Standing Order No 30(1)(b) (Minority Report) with regard to the decision of the Board on this matter and it is therefore referred to Council for confirmation.)

David Wright
CHAIRMAN