

## NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

21 July 2021

Present: Councillor D Wright in the Chair

Councillors Bell, Chambers, D Clews, Gosling, D Humphreys, Reilly and Simpson.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Deakin, Hayfield, Morson and Symonds (substitute D Clews).

Helen Henshaw and Suyash Maharaj from EY (External Auditors) were also in attendance

#### 1 **Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest**

None were declared at the meeting.

#### 2 **Minutes of the Executive Board held on 29 March 2021**

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 29 March 2021, copies having been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 3 **External Auditors' Report**

The Corporate Director – Resources informed Members of the External Auditors' plan for their work related to the 2019/20 financial year.

#### **Recommended:**

**That the contents of the External Auditors' report, attached at Appendix A to the report of the Corporate Director – Resources, be noted.**

#### 4 **Budgetary Control Report 2021/22 Period Ended 30 June 2021**

The Corporate Director – Resources reported on the revenue expenditure and income for the period from 1 April 2021 to 30 June 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.**

**5 Capital Accounts 2020/21**

The Corporate Director – Resources detailed the capital accounts for 2021/21 showing the expenditure for the year, together with the methods of funding used.

**Recommended:**

**That the methods of funding to meet capital expenditure incurred in 2020/21 be approved.**

**6 Capital Programme – 2020/21 Final Position**

The Corporate Director – Resources updated Members on the position of the 2020/21 Capital Programme at the end of March 2021.

**Recommended:**

- a That the level of expenditure incurred to the end of March 2021 against the 2020/21 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 2021/22 Capital Programme.**

**7 Annual Governance Statement 2020/21**

The Corporate Director – Resources sought approval for the Annual Governance Statement for 2020/21, which set out the arrangements the Council had put in place for the governance of its affairs and facilitating the effective exercise of its functions, including arrangements for the management of risk.

**Recommended:**

**That the Annual Governance Statement for 2020/21, attached as Appendix A to the report of the Corporate Director – Resources, be approved.**

## 8 **Appointment to Boards**

The Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer proposed amendments to the membership of Boards and Committees and the appointment of members accordingly, following Councillor Rose's cessation of membership of the Labour Group, together with consideration of Councillor Rose's appointment to an outside body.

### **Recommended:**

- a **That Councillor Rose remains a member of Community and Environment Board, Planning and Development Board, Alcohol and Gambling Licensing Committee and Taxi and General Licensing Committee;**
- b **That in order to facilitate (a) above, the number of members of the bodies referred to in paragraph 3.6, of the report of the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer, be amended and seats on those bodies allocated to groups and Councillor Rose as an independent member, as set out in that paragraph; and**
- c **That consideration is given as to whether Councillor Rose remains the substitute member appointed to Age UK.**

## 9 **Progress Report on Achievement of Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator Targets April 2020 – March 2021**

The Chief Executive informed Members of the progress with the achievement of the Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator targets relevant to the Executive Board for April 2020 to March 2021.

### **Recommended:**

**That the progress with the achievement of the Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator targets relevant to the Executive Board for April 2020 to March 2021 be noted.**

## 10 **Local Development Scheme (LDS) July 2021**

The Chief Executive sought approval for a revised up to date Local Development Scheme.

### **Resolved:**

**That the Local Development Scheme (LDS) be approved and further Supplementary Planning Documents be progressed as part of the LDS, including one for Health and Wellbeing.**

**11 Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Plan Review – Issues & Option (2021) consultation**

The Chief Executive informed Members of the consultation on the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Plan Review Issues & Options (2021) consultation.

**Resolved:**

- a That the consultation of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Plan Review Issues and Options (2021) ending on 6 August 2021, be noted; and**
- b That the observations set out in the report of the Chief Executive be noted and forwarded to Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council.**

**12 The South Warwickshire Local Plan, scoping and Call for Sites Consultation (2021)**

The Chief Executive informed Members of the consultation on the South Warwickshire Local Plan, Scoping and Call for Sites (2021) consultation.

**Resolved:**

- a That the consultation on The South Warwickshire Local Plan, Scoping and Call for Sites Consultation (2021) be noted; and**
- b That the observations set out in the report of the Chief Executive regarding the Joint Plan approach be noted and forwarded for inclusion along with the Council’s initial response.**

**13 West Midlands Strategic Employment Study May 2021**

The Chief Executive detailed the West Midlands Strategic Employment Study May 2021 for Members’ information and consideration of the next steps.

**Resolved:**

- a That further works be commissioned to:**
  - (i) understand the strategic employment land provision being made in the East Midlands;**
  - (ii) consider the implications area, including highways, the Strategic Gap and the Green Belt; and**
- b A further report be brought back to Board to discuss the next steps including what steps the Council should then take.**

14 **Financial Management Code**

The Corporate Director – Resources informed Members of the progress in achieving compliance with CIPFA's Financial Management Code.

**Resolved:**

**That the assessment against the Financial Management Code, as set out in Appendix A to the report of the Corporate Director – Resources, be noted.**

15 **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.**

16 **Confidential Extract of the Minutes of the Executive Board held on 29 March 2021**

The confidential extract of the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 29 March 2021, copies having been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

David Wright  
CHAIRMAN