

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT BOARD

25 March 2024

Present: Councillor A Wright in the Chair.

Councillors Bell, Fowler, Gosling, Hobley, Jackson, Jarvis, Jenns, Melia, H Phillips, Smith, Symonds, Turley and Whapples

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Singh (Substitute Councillor Symonds)

Also in attendance were Councillor Humphreys who, with the permission of the Chair, spoke on Minute No 38 (Leisure-related Section 106 Receipts) and Councillor Stuart who, with the permission of the Chair, spoke on Minute No 41 Update on Current and Future Waste Recycling Options.

33 **Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

None were declared at the meeting.

34 **Minutes of the Meeting of the Board held on 22 January 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2024, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

35 **Leisure Facilities: Service Improvement Plan**

The Director of Leisure and Community Development presented for Members' consideration a copy of the approved 2023/24 Service Improvement Plan (SIP), through which the Board had agreed to monitor the operational performance of the leisure facilities. In addition, a draft SIP for the 12 months period commencing from April 2024 was appended for Members' consideration and approval.

Resolved:

- a That the progress made against the requirements identified in the approved 2023/24 Leisure Facilities Service Improvement Plan be noted; and**

- b That the draft Service Improvement Plan, appended to the report of the Director of Leisure and Community Development, against which the operational performance of the leisure facilities will be monitored through to 31 March 2025, be approved.**

36 Atherstone Leisure Complex

The Director of Leisure and Community Development reported, and sought the Board's views, on current leisure services provision at Atherstone Leisure Complex.

Resolved:

That the current position in respect of leisure services provision at Atherstone Leisure Complex be noted.

37 North Warwickshire Green Space and Playing Pitch Strategies – Progress Report

The Director of Leisure and Community Development informed Members of the progress made in respect of delivery against the priorities set out in the North Warwickshire Green Space Strategy (2020 to 2033) and the recently revised and adopted Playing Pitch Strategy (2024 to 2031).

Resolved:

That the progress made in respect of the implementation of the priorities of the North Warwickshire Green Space Strategy (2020 to 2033) and the Playing Pitch Strategy (2024 to 2031) be noted.

38 Leisure-related Section 106 Receipts

The Director of Leisure and Community Development requested that the Board considered and determined the use of a number of leisure-related Section 106 receipts held by the Borough Council.

Resolved:

- a That the use of Section 106 receipts, as identified in section 4.1 of the report of the Director of Leisure and Community Development be approved; and**

Recommendation to the Executive Board

- b That the Board approves a supplementary estimate of up to £223,877 (amended) to be included within the capital programme for the proposed undertakings detailed in section 5.1.2 of the report of the Director of Leisure and Community Development.**

Councillor Bell Joined the meeting.

39 **Financial Assistance to Outside Organisations**

The Director of Leisure and Community Development reported on the Council's Annual Grants scheme for outside organisations and sought determination of the recipient(s) and level of funding, if any, to be awarded in 2024/25.

Resolved:

- a That Members note the work undertaken by North Warwickshire Citizens' Advice in 2023 / 24; and**
- b That financial assistance in the sum of £32,550 be awarded to North Warwickshire Citizens' Advice through the Borough Council's 2024 / 25 Annual Grants scheme and that the grant be administered as identified within the report of the Director of Leisure and Community Development.**

40 **Local Visitor Economy Partnership**

The Director of Leisure and Community Development updated Members on the work being undertaken at a sub-regional level to create a Local Visitor Economy Partnership for Coventry and Warwickshire.

Resolved:

That the work being undertaken to create a Local Visitor Economy Partnership for Coventry and Warwickshire be noted and that the involvement of Officers in the process to represent the interests of North Warwickshire and its tourism businesses be endorsed.

41 **Update on Current and Future Waste Recycling Options**

The Interim Corporate Director - Streetscape identified the forthcoming changes to recycling and refuse collections, as identified by DEFRA and the Simpler Recycling for England reforms.

Resolved:

- a That the information provided within the report of the Interim Corporate Director – Streetscape be noted;**
- b That a detailed options report be provided to Members later in the year; and**
- c That discussion on Appendix B of the report of the Interim Corporate Director – Streetscape be moved into confidential session.**

42 **Minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Working Party**

The minutes of the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Working Party held on 26 February 2024, copies having been previously circulated, were noted.

43 Minutes of the Climate Change Member Group

The minutes of the meetings of the Climate Change Member Group held on 17 January 2024 and 5 March 2024, copies having been previously circulated, were noted.

44 Exclusion of the Public and Press

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, namely it is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

45 Update on Current and Future Waste Recycling Options

The Interim Corporate Director - Streetscape identified the forthcoming changes to recycling and refuse collections , as identified by DEFRA and the Simpler Recycling for England reforms.

Resolved:

That the information provided in Appendix B of the report of the Interim Corporate Director – Streetscape be noted.

46 EV Charger Installation

The Interim Corporate Director – Streetscape updated Members on EV Charger Installation.

Resolved:

That recommendations 1 and 2, as set out in the report of the Interim Corporate Director - Streetscape, be approved.

Margaret Bell
Chair