

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SUB-GROUP

10 November 2015

Present: Councillor Hayfield in the Chair

Councillors Humphreys, Jenns, Phillips, Singh and Sweet

An apology for absence was received from Councillor M Stanley (substitute Councillor Phillips)

Councillors Payne, Simpson, Smitten and D Wright were also in attendance.

1 Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None were declared at the meeting.

2 Devolution / Combined Authorities

Following the decision by the Council in October on devolution/combined authorities, the Chief Executive gave a verbal update on events since that date.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

3 Area Forums and Scrutiny

Members were invited to consider how they wished to take the proposed review of Scrutiny and Area Fora forwards.

Recommended:

- a That the scrutiny function of the Council is transferred to appropriately convened Task and Finish Groups as and when required;**
- b That consultation be undertaken with partners with a view to reviewing the future of the Area Fora as the primary means of connecting with the public; and**
- c That Officers be asked to report back to a future meeting of the Sub-Group in respect of the detail for implementing and undertaking a and b above.**

4 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 in Schedule 12A to the Act.

5 Staffing – Development Control

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council reported on a staffing matter within his Division and the Sub-Group was asked to agree a suggested course of action.

Resolved:

That an Honorarium is paid to the Site Investigation Officer with immediate effect, in order to carry out some of the duties of the presently vacant Senior Site Investigation Officer's post as set out in the report of the Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council, until the future of the Senior Investigation Officer's post is agreed.

6 Staffing – Housing Private Sector Team

The Assistant Director (Housing) reported on a staffing matter within her Division and the Sub-Group was asked to agree a suggested course of action.

Resolved:

That the continued payment of an Honorarium to the Private Sector Technical Assistant be agreed.

C Hayfield
Chairman