

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

23 November 2015

Present: Councillor D Wright in the Chair

Councillors Bell, Chambers, Hayfield, Lea, Phillips, Reilly and M Stanley

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Humphreys (substitute Councillor Bell) and Smith.

Councillor Waters was also in attendance.

32 **Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

None were declared at the meeting.

33 **Minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 21 September 2015**

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 21 September 2015, copies having been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

34 **2014/15 Annual Audit Letter**

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted the 2014/15 Annual Audit Letter received from the Council's external auditors PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

Recommended:

That the contents of the External Auditors' report be noted.

35 **Budgetary Control Report 2015/16 - Period Ended 31 October 2015**

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) reported on the revenue expenditure and income for the period from 1 April 2015 to 31 October 2015. The 2015/2016 budget and the actual position for the period, compared with the estimate at that date, was given, together with an estimate of the out-turn position for services reporting to this Board.

Recommended:

That the report be noted.

36 Proposed Savings – 2016/17

The Deputy Chief Executive reported on some proposed areas for revenue budget savings within the 2016/17 revenue estimates and Members were asked to agree a suggested course of action.

Recommended:

That the proposed savings set out in the report of the Deputy Chief Executive be noted and considered as part of the budget setting process in February 2016.

37 Memorandum of Understanding – Coventry and Warwickshire

The Board was invited to approve the Coventry & Warwickshire Memorandum of Understanding.

Recommended:

That the Leader of the Council be authorised to sign the Coventry and Warwickshire Memorandum of Understanding.

38 Calendar of Meetings 2016/17

The Chief Executive sought approval for a draft calendar of meetings for 2016/17.

Recommended:

The draft calendar of meetings for 2016/17 as submitted at Appendix A to the Chief Executive's report be approved.

39 Council Tax Support Scheme 2016/17

The Assistant Chief Executive (Community Services) detailed the options for a Council Tax Support Scheme for 2016/17.

Recommended:

a That the retention of an 8.5% reduction in Council Tax Support to all current working age customers, in the 2016/17 Council Tax Support Scheme be approved ; and

b That the Council Tax Support Scheme adopted for 2015/16 be uprated in line with the statutory increases as notified by the Department of Work and Pensions.

40 **Progress Report on Achievement of Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator Targets April – September 2015**

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 to September 2015.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

41 **Minutes of the meetings of the Special Sub-Group held on 13 October and 10 November 2015**

The minutes of the meetings of the Special Sub-Group held on 13 October and 10 November 2015 were received and noted.

Recommended:

That in respect of Minute No 3 (Area Forums and Scrutiny) of the meeting of the Special Sub-Group held on 10 November 2015, the proposals for the review of Area Forums and Scrutiny be agreed.

42 **Minutes of the meeting of the Local Development Framework Sub-Committee held on 28 September 2015**

The minutes of the meeting of the Local Development Framework Sub-Committee held on 28 September 2015 were received and noted.

43 **Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 – New Anti-Social Behaviour Powers**

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council sought approval to delegate powers to Officers in respect of the new powers under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014.

Recommended:

That the delegated powers detailed in the report of the Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council be agreed and that the Constitution be amended accordingly.

44 **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 in Schedule 12A to the Act.

45 **St Helena Road, Polesworth**

The Deputy Chief Executive informed Members of action taken, in consultation with the Chairman of the Resources Board and the Leader of the Council under the Council's urgent business protocol.

Resolved:

- a That the action taken under the Council's urgent business protocol by the Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman of the Resources Board and the Leader of the Council, be noted; and**
- b That the increase in the capital programme be agreed.**

Chairman