

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

2 November 2009

Present: Councillor Hayfield in the Chair

Councillors Davis, Fox, Lewis, May, Moore, Phillips, Simpson, Smith, Swann, Sweet and Zgraja.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Morson and B Moss.

33 Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest.

Any personal interests arising from the membership of Warwickshire County Council of Councillors Hayfield, Fox, May and Sweet and membership of the various Town/Parish Councils of Councillors Davis (Atherstone), Fox (Shustoke), Lewis (Kingsbury), Phillips (Kingsbury) and Zgraja (Over Whitacre) were deemed to be declared at this meeting.

34 Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service Consultation

The Board was invited to comment on the consultation exercise in respect of the Fire and Rescue Service in Warwickshire.

Recommended:

That consideration of the consultation exercise be deferred to the meeting of the Full Council to be held 18 November 2009.

35 Warwickshire Sustainable Community Strategy 2009 - 2026

The Chief Executive reported on the preparation of the Warwickshire Sustainable Community Strategy 2009 to 2026 and sought endorsement of the Strategy.

Recommended:

That the Warwickshire Sustainable Community Strategy 2009 – 2026 be endorsed.

36 Progress Report on Achievement of Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator Targets – April 2009 to September 2009

The Chief Executive and the Director of Resources reported on the actual performance and achievement against the Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator targets relevant to Executive Board for the period from April to September.

Members expressed concern in respect of the preparation of Supplementary Planning Documents (Ref 39) and Officers were asked to expedite this issue where possible.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

37 Meetings Timetable 2010/11

The Board was invited to approve a timetable of meetings for 2010/11.

Recommended:

That the draft calendar of meetings for 2010/11 as submitted at Appendix A to the Chief Executive's report be approved.

38 Budgetary Control Report 2009/2010 Period Ended 30 September 2009

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) reported on the revenue expenditure and income for the period from 1 April 2009 to 30 September 2009. The 2009/2010 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.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

39 Tamworth Core Strategy DPD 2006-2026 – Proposed Spatial Strategy

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council reported that Tamworth Borough Council had prepared and was currently consulting upon their Proposed Spatial Strategy for their Core Strategy Development Plan Document.

Recommended:

a That the Council maintains its objection to the recommendation in the Regional Spatial Strategy referring to Tamworth's employment needs being catered for in North Warwickshire and that the LDF Advisory Panel be asked to look at this issue; and

b That subject to a above, the Proposed Spatial Strategy in the Tamworth Core Strategy DPD be supported.

40 Value for Money

The Board was informed of the Council's costs and quality of service across a number of services, using the Audit Commission Value for Money profile tool.

Resolved:

a That the Council's comparison of costs and performance as set out in the report be noted; and

b That the services identified in paragraph 6.6.5 of the report be agreed as those services for review in 2010/11.

41 **Capital Funding**

The Director of Resources highlighted the short term cash flow issues with funding the approved capital programme due to lower than anticipated receipts from land sales or deferral of land sales. Members were asked to agree a suggested course of action.

Recommended:

That the need to borrow in the short term to fund the approved capital programme be noted.

42 **Control of Legionella Policy**

The Board was invited to consider a draft policy aimed at ensuring there was a corporate approach to the management of water systems and Legionella.

Recommended:

That the Control of Legionella Policy be adopted.

43 **Flexible Working Policy and Leave Guidance**

Members were informed of the background to the flexible working policy and leave guidance and asked to adopt the draft policy.

Recommended:

That the Flexible Working Policy and Leave Guidance be adopted.

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 by Schedule 12A to the Act.

45 **Minutes of the Special Sub-Group**

The minutes of the meeting of the Special Sub-Group held on 5 October 2009 were received and noted.

C Hayfield
Chairman