

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

8 February 2010

Present: Councillor Hayfield in the Chair

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

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

Councillor Pickard was also in attendance.

46 **Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest.**

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

47 **Minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 2 November 2009.**

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 2 November 2009, copies having been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

48 **Audit and Inspection Letter 2008/09**

The Director of Resources informed Members of the Audit and Inspection Letter for 2008/09 and highlighted the key recommendations for the Council. Neil Mohan from PricewaterhouseCoopers was in attendance.

Resolved:

That the contents of the Audit and Inspection Letter for 2008/09 be noted.

49 **Corporate Plan 2010/11**

The Chief Executive presented the Corporate Plan for 2010/11. Members were also asked to agree the 2010/11 Forward Work Plan for the Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council.

Recommended:

- a That the Corporate Plan, as set out in Appendix A to the report, be agreed, subject to any further amendments which may be needed as a result of the adoption of the 2010-11 budget;**
- b That the Chief Executive be given delegated authority to make minor administrative amendments when finalising the Plan; and**
- c That the Service Plan for the Assistant Chief Executive & Solicitor to the Council, as set out in Appendix B to the report, be agreed.**

(In accordance with Standing Order No 29(3), Councillors Lewis, Moore, Phillips and Sweet asked for their abstention to be recorded against this Minute)

50 Capital Strategy

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) presented an update on the Capital Strategy and the Board was asked to agree the suggested course of action.

Recommended:

That the Capital Strategy, attached as Appendix A to the report of the Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources), be approved.

(In accordance with Standing Order No 29(3), Councillors Lewis, Moore, Phillips and Sweet asked for their abstention to be recorded against this Minute)

51 The Proposed 3 Year Capital Programme

Management Team put forward proposals for the Three Year Capital Programme and outlined the availability of capital resources.

Recommended:

- a That the Revised Capital Programme for 2009/10 as set out in Appendix A be adopted;**
- b That the additional schemes shown in Appendix C for provisional inclusion in the 3 Year Capital Programme be noted;**

- c That the additional schemes shown in Appendix D put forward by the Community and Environment Board for provisional inclusion in the 3 Year Capital Programme be not approved;**
- d That the 3 Year Capital Programme for the period 2010/11 to 2012/13 as set out in Appendix E be adopted; and**
- e That the prudential indicators set out in Appendix I, subject to any changes that may be required as a result of decisions taken during this evening's meeting, be approved.**

(In accordance with Standing Order No 29(3), Councillors Lewis, Moore, Phillips and Sweet asked for their abstention to be recorded against this Minute)

52 General Fund Fees and Charges 2010 – 2011

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council reported on proposed fees and charges for 2010/11 and the Board were asked to agree a suggested course of action.

Recommended

That, subject to the rounding up or rounding down to the nearest 5p, the schedule of fees and charges for 2010/11, set out in the report of the Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council, be accepted.

(In accordance with Standing Order No 29(3), Councillors Lewis, Moore, Phillips and Sweet asked for their abstention to be recorded against this Minute)

53 General Fund Revenue Estimates 2010 – 2011

The Director of Resources reported on the revised budget for 2009/10 and an estimate of expenditure for 2010/11, together with forward commitments for 2011/12 and 2012/13.

Recommended:

- a That the revised budget for 2009/10 be accepted; and**
- b That the Estimates of Expenditure for 2010/11, as submitted, be included in the budget to be brought before the meeting for consideration under Minute No. 54.**

(In accordance with Standing Order No 29(3), Councillors Lewis, Moore, Phillips and Sweet asked for their abstention to be recorded against this Minute)

54 General Fund Revenue Estimates 2010 – 2011 and Setting the Council Tax 2010 – 2011

The Director of Resources set out the proposed General Fund Revenue Estimate for 2010/11, and the options available when setting the 2010/11 Council Tax for the Borough in the context of the Authority's Revenue Support Grant settlement, and the effect on General Fund balances.

Recommended:

- a That the total amount of growth to be included within the 2010/11 budget estimates be noted;**
- b That the savings of £561,660 shown in Appendix 3 be approved;**
- c That the revised estimate for the year 2009/10 and the revenue estimates for 2010/11 be approved;**
- d That the preferred Council Tax option for 2010/11 be agreed at the meeting of the Council on 24 February 2010;**
- e That the comments of the Director of Resources on the minimum acceptable level of general reserves be noted;**
- f That the manpower estimates for the year 2010/11 are approved; and**
- g That the Council Tax resolution be forwarded to the Council for consideration.**

(In accordance with Standing Order No 29(3), Councillors Lewis, Moore, Phillips and Sweet asked for their abstention to be recorded against this Minute)

55 Progress Report on Achievement of Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator Targets April 2009 – December 2009.

The Chief Executive and The Director of Resources informed Members of the actual performance and achievement against the Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator targets relevant to the Executive Board for the third quarter of 2009/10 from April to December 2009.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

56 Revised Child Protection Policy

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) presented a revised and updated Child Protection Policy for the Board's consideration.

Recommended:

That the revised Child Protection Policy, attached at Appendix 1 to the report of the Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development), be adopted and implemented with immediate effect.

57 North Warwickshire Sustainable Community Strategy 2009 - 2026

The Chief Executive reported on the preparation of the North Warwickshire Sustainable Community Strategy 2009 – 2026 and sought endorsement for the strategy.

Recommended:

- a That the preparation of the North Warwickshire Sustainable Community Strategy 2009-2026 be noted; and**
- b That the North Warwickshire Sustainable Community Strategy 2009-2026 be endorsed.**

58 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 by Schedule 12A to the Act.

59 Atherstone Leisure Complex Crèche

Further to the recent decision of the Community and Environment Board in respect of the crèche at the Atherstone Leisure Complex, Members were invited to consider the implications.

Recommended:

That the decision be noted.

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Special Sub-Group held on 25 January 2010 were received and noted.

C Hayfield
Chairman