

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

19 April 2010

Present: Councillor Hayfield in the Chair

Councillors Davis, Lewis, May, Moore, B Moss, Phillips, Simpson, Smith, Swann and Sweet.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Fox.

Councillors Gordon, Pickard and Sherratt were also in attendance. With the consent of the Chairman, Councillors Gordon and Sherratt spoke on Minute No 66 HS2 – High Speed Rail Route.

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

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

62 **Minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 8 February 2010.**

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 8 February 2010, copies having been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

63 **2009/10 External Audit Plan**

Under Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chairman had agreed to the consideration of the report by reason of the need to establish the Council's approach to be adopted over the Financial Statements for 2009/10.

Alison Breadon from PricewaterhouseCoopers, the Council's external auditors, presented the 2009/10 draft Audit Plan.

Recommended:

- a That all unadjusted errors in the Financial Statements be reported by the auditors to the Board; and**
- b That the draft audit plan be noted.**

64 **Constitution**

Following a number of changes to the responsibilities of Boards and Divisions within the Council, the Board was invited to approve associated revisions to the Constitution.

Recommended:

- a That in future the Annual Council meeting be a ceremonial event and the Constitution amended accordingly;**
- b That the reference on page 56Cic to the ACE (Special Projects) be deleted;**
- c That on page 59 the following be added “ v a xvii – Health Protection (Local Authority Powers) Regulations 2010;**
- d That subject to the inclusion of a – c above, the amendments to the Constitution as set out in the document attached to the report of the Chief Executive, together with the addendum circulated at the meeting, be approved; and**
- e That officers be asked to carry out a section by section review of the Constitution.**

65 **Crime and Disorder Scrutiny**

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council sought approval for co-opting additional members to the Scrutiny Board when scrutinising the work of the North Warwickshire Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership). Members were asked to agree a suggested course of action.

Recommended:

- a That the proposal for co-opting additional members as detailed in the report of the Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council be agreed; and**
- b That, in consultation with the Chairman of the Scrutiny Board, the Assistant Chief Executive be authorised to administer the co-option of additional members.**

66 **HS2 – High Speed Rail Route**

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council reported on the recently announced HS2 (high speed rail route), which would pass through the Borough, and requested views on the current consultation on the proposed Exceptional Hardship Scheme.

Recommended:

- a **That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman and Opposition Spokesperson, be authorized**
- (i) **to agree a joint response with the County Council, or, if appropriate, a separate response on the 'Exceptional Hardship Scheme'; and**
 - (ii) **to work with other local authorities both within the County and, if appropriate, along the route in providing information to the public about the proposals.**

67 Procurement and Commissioning Strategy 2010/11 – 2012/13

The Assistant Director (Corporate Services) presented the draft Procurement and Commissioning Strategy 2010/11 – 2012/13 for approval. The draft Strategy had been agreed by the Resources Board at its meeting on 13 April 2010.

Recommended:

That the draft Strategy provided at Appendix A to the report of the Assistant Director (Corporate Services) be approved.

68 Information Security Policy 2010 – 2012

The Assistant Director (Corporate Services) sought approval for the Council's Information Security Policy for the period 2010 - 2012. The Policy had been agreed by the Resources Board at its meeting on 13 April 2010.

Recommended

That consideration of the Information Security Policy 2010 – 2012 be deferred.

69 Minutes of the meeting of the Public Service Board held on 27 January 2010

The minutes of the meeting of the Public Service Board held on 27 January 2010 were received and noted.

70 Minutes of the meeting of the North Warwickshire Community Partnership held on Thursday 4 March 2010

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71 **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.

72 **Staffing Matters**

Following the resignation of the Director of Community and Environment, the Chief Executive sought approval for interim arrangements and a review of the senior Management structure.

Recommended:

That in light of the resignation of the Director of Community & Environment, the Special Sub-Group be authorised

- a to put interim management arrangements in place and to agree any consequential amendments to the Constitution; and**
- b To review the senior management structure and make recommendations to Council**

C Hayfield
Chairman