

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

10 September 2013

Present: Councillor M Stanley in the Chair

Councillors Barber, Moore, Morson, Phillips, Smith and Sweet

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hayfield (Councillor Barber as substitute) and Humphreys.

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

None were declared at the meeting.

22 **Minutes of the meetings of the Board held on 18 June and 23 July 2013.**

The minutes of the meetings of the Board held on 18 June and 23 July 2013, copies having been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

23 **Corporate Plan 2014/15 – Key Corporate issues**

The Chief Executive reported on the key corporate issues facing the Council over the next 18 months and sought agreement to addressing these issues during the formulation of the 2014/15 Budget and Corporate Plan.

Recommended:

That the issues raised in the report of the Chief Executive are the main areas which should be considered for inclusion in the 2014/15 Corporate Plan.

24 **New Homes Bonus**

The Deputy Chief Executive reported on the Government's proposals for top slicing New Homes Bonus and the Board was asked to agree a suggested response.

Recommended:

- a That the consultation be noted; and**
- b That the draft response attached as an Appendix to the report of the Deputy Chief Executive be agreed.**

25 **Local Government Finance Settlement 2014-15 and 2015-16**

The Deputy Chief Executive reported on the Government's consultation on the finance settlement for 2014-15 and 2015-16 and the Board was asked to agree a suggested response.

Recommended:

- a **That the consultation be noted; and**
- b **That subject to the inclusion of a reference to the pressures faced by rural authorities, the draft response attached as an Appendix to the report of the Deputy Chief Executive be agreed.**

26 **Financial Strategy 2014–18**

The Deputy Chief Executive reported on the Authority's Financial Strategy, projected forward the Authority's General Fund budgets to 2017/18, and suggested a detailed budget approach for the 2014/15 General Fund Budget.

Recommended:

- a **That the Financial Strategy shown as Appendix A to the report of the Deputy Chief Executive be approved;**
- b **That the General Fund budget projections for 2014/15 to 2017/18 be noted; and**
- c **That the budget approach, set out in section 12 of the report, be adopted.**

27 **Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council – Borough Plan 2013**

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council reported on the formal consultation on Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council's Borough Plan (July 2013).

Recommended:

That with particular emphasis on the impact on the A5 through North Warwickshire, the draft response appended to the report of the Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council be approved.

28 **Coventry and Warwickshire City Deal**

The Chief Executive reported on the latest developments in the City Deal process and sought delegated power to give the Council's

approval for any changes to the bid to Government, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Opposition Leader.

Recommended:

- a. **That the report be noted;**
- b. **That discussions continue towards the creation of a Joint Committee; and**
- c. **That delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive to give this Council's approval for any changes to the bid to Government, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Opposition Leader.**

29 Consultation on Proposals to Use Capital Receipts to Invest in Service Reform

The Deputy Chief Executive reported on the Government's proposals for the use of capital receipts from asset sales to invest in transforming services and the Board was asked to agree a suggested response.

Recommended:

- a **That the consultation be noted; and**
- b **That the draft response attached as an Appendix to the report of the Deputy Chief Executive be agreed.**

30 Coventry and Warwickshire Business Rate Pool

The Deputy Chief Executive reported on the continued participation in the Coventry and Warwickshire Business Rate Pool.

Recommended:

That the Council continues to participate in the Coventry and Warwickshire Business Rate Pool.

31 Budgetary Control Report 2013/14 - Period Ended 31 August 2013

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) reported on the revenue expenditure and income for the period from 1 April 2013 to 31 August 2013. The 2013/2014 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.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

32 Progress Report on Achievement of Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator Targets – April 2013 to June 2013

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 June 2013.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

33 2013/14 Capital Programme

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) reported on the action taken by the Chief Executive, using his urgent business powers, in respect of capital schemes at Polesworth and Dordon, and the associated increase in the approved 2013/14 capital programme.

Recommended:

That the action taken to advance implementation of the approved Management Plans at Abbey Green Park in Polesworth and Long Street Recreation Ground in Dordon, and the associated increase of £220,980 in the approved capital programme be noted.

34 Minutes of the meeting of the Safer Communities Sub-Committee held on 2 July 2013

The minutes of the meeting of the Safer Communities Sub-Committee held on 2 July 2013 were received and noted.

35 Minutes of the meetings of the Special Sub-Group held on 5 July, 15 July and 19 August 2013

The minutes of the meetings of the Special Sub-Group held on 5 July, 15 July and 19 August 2012 were received and noted.

Recommended:

That in respect of Minute No 4 (Pay Award 2013/14) of the meeting of the Special Sub-Group held on 19 August 2013 the 1.0% increase be applied to all staff.

36 **Minutes of the meeting of the Local Development Framework Sub-Committee held on 17 July 2013**

The minutes of the meeting of the Local Development Framework Sub-Committee held on 17 July 2013 were received and noted.

37 **Notes of the meeting of the Democratic Arrangements Task and Finish Group held on 1 July 2013**

The notes of the meeting of the Democratic Arrangements Task and Finish Group held on 1 July 2013 were received and noted.

M Stanley
Chairman