

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

16 September 2024

Present: Councillor D Wright in the Chair

Councillors Barnett, Bell, Clews, Reilly, Ridley, Ririe, Simpson, Symonds and Whapples

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Gosling and H Phillips

20 **Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest**

None were declared at the meeting.

21 **Minutes of the Executive Board held on 17 July 2024**

That, subject to it being noted that Minute No 15 is a resolved, not a recommended item, the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 17 July 2024, copies having been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

22 **Transformation Team Update**

The Chief Executive provided Members with the annual update on the work that the Transformation team was undertaking.

Resolved:

- a That the report is acknowledged; and**
- b That the report be noted.**

23 **Supplementary Estimate – Leisure and Open Space Section 106 Receipts**

The Director of Leisure and Community Development sought approval for the provision of a supplementary estimate within the capital programme through which to use a Section 106 receipt to enhance leisure and open space provision in the Borough.

Resolved:

That the requested supplementary estimate of £104,477 for the enhancement of leisure and open space provision in North Warwickshire, as detailed in the report of the Director of Leisure and Community Development, be approved.

24 **Budgetary Control Report 2024/25 Period Ended 31 August 2024**

The Interim Corporate Director – Resources (Section 151 Officer) reported on the revenue expenditure and income for the period from 1 April 2024 to 31 August 2024. The 2024/25 approved budget and the actual position for the period were given, together with an estimate of the outturn position for services reporting to the Board.

Recommended:

To consider if any further information is required.

25 **Update on External Audit Backlog**

The Interim Corporate Director – Resources (Section 151 Officer) provided Members with an update on the Statement of Accounts for 2021-22 and 2022-23, along with the latest information regarding the plans for the backlog audits, as detailed in the letter from the new Minister of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, attached at Appendix A to the report.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

26 **Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman Annual Review 2023/24**

The Chief Executive informed the Board about the results of the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman Annual Review 2023/24. The number of complaints and enquiries considered by the Ombudsman relating to the Council and the outcome of their determinations were detailed, together with some contextual information about the compliments and complaints received via the Council's corporate Compliments and Complaints Procedure.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

27 **Corporate Plan Performance Update**

The Chief Executive asked the Board to note the Corporate Plan Performance Update and identify any areas where further information was required.

Resolved:

a That the report be noted;

b That the Performance Framework be agreed.

28 **Local Councils' Charter**

The Chief Executive asked the Board to agree the Local Councils' Charter.

Resolved:

- a **That the Charter be adopted; and**
- b **That the Chief Executive be given delegated powers to incorporate any further changes to the Charter arising from continuing partnership discussions.**

29 **Proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system**

The Chief Executive sought consideration and comments on a report that was taken to the Planning and Development Board on 2 September, on the Draft revisions to the NPPF ("NPPF24") which was announced on 31 July 2024. The report considered the main changes and explained how they might affect the Borough. The report had also been considered by the Local Development Framework Sub-Committee at its meeting held on 10 September 2024.

Resolved:

That the views contained in the report, and the additional comments made by Members at the meeting, be included in the response sent to Government by the consultation deadline of 24 September 2024.

30 **Broadcasting of Meetings**

The Chief Executive asked the Board to agree a change to how the Council's meetings were broadcast.

Resolved:

- a **That live broadcasting of all Council meetings cease after the current round of meetings ends with the full Council meeting on 25 September 2024, but meetings are still recorded and the recording be uploaded to the Council's You Tube channel the following morning; and**
- b **That an update report be brought to the Board in six months' time including any further options for live broadcasting of meetings.**

31 **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.

32 **Exempt Extract of the minutes of the Executive Board held on 17 July 2024**

The exempt extract of the minutes of the Executive Board held on 17 July 2024, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

D Wright
CHAIR