

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

17 July 2024

Present: Councillor D Wright in the Chair

Councillors Barnett, Chapman, Clews, Farrow, Hayfield, Jenns, H Phillips, Reilly, Ridley, Simpson.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bell (Substitute Councillor Jenns), Symonds (Substitute Councillor Hayfield), Ririe (Substitute Councillor Chapman) and Whapples (Substitute Councillor Farrow).

10 **Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest**

None were declared at the meeting.

11 **Minutes of the Executive Board held on 11 June 2024**

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 11 June 2024, copies having been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

12 **North Warwickshire Borough Council Productivity Plan 2024**

The Interim Corporate Director – Resources (Section 151 Officer) presented a Productivity Plan for the Board's approval, which the Government required the Council to publish.

Resolved:

- a That the requirement from the Government for the Council to produce and adopt a Productivity Plan, as set out in the letter attached as Appendix A to the report of the Interim Corporate Director – Resources (Section 151 Officer), be noted; and**
- b That the Productivity Plan, attached as Appendix B to the report of the Interim Corporate Director – Resources (Section 151 Officer), be approved and submitted to Government.**

13 **Environmental Crime Delegations**

The Chief Executive sought approval to delegate power to staff within the Environmental Health team with regard to the enforcement of environmental crimes.

Recommended:

- a That the Environmental Health Manager, the Senior Pollution Control Officer and the Environmental Crime Officer be given the delegated powers, set out in the report of the Chief Executive, to act in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act 1990; and**
- b That regular update reports be submitted to the Community and Environment Board.**

14 High Street / Business Grant Scheme Panel

The Chief Executive asked the Board to consider establishing a Panel of Councillors, supported by officers, to determine the allocation of the Business Grant Scheme.

Resolved:

That a Panel of Councillors consisting of 3 Conservatives (Councillors D Wright, Jenns and Jarvis), 2 Labour (Councillors Barnett and Farrow) and 1 Independent (Councillor Ridley) be established to determine the allocation of the High Street / Business Grant Scheme.

15 Local Government Association Peer Review

The Chief Executive provided information for Members on the forthcoming Peer Review.

Recommended:

- a That the report be noted; and**
- b That the Chief Executive be given delegated powers to confirm the arrangements for the Review.**

16 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.

17 Local Government Association Peer Review – draft programme and position statement

The Chief Executive provided the draft information referred to in the public report (Minute No 15) on the Local Government Association's Peer Review.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

18 Housing Development

The Management Team and the Director of Housing sought delegated powers, in consultation with Members, to explore a housing development opportunity.

Resolved:

That recommendations a – e, set out in the report of the Management Team and Director of Housing be agreed.

19 Exempt Extract of the minutes of the Executive Board held on 11 June 2024

The exempt extract of the minutes of the Executive Board held on 11 June 2024, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

D Wright
CHAIR