

## NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES BOARD

1 September 2014

Present: Councillor Moore in the Chair

Councillors Butcher, Davis N Dirveiks, Forwood, Humphreys, Johnston and Winter.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Holland.

Councillor Smith was also in attendance.

#### 20 **Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

Councillor Moore declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No 32, Land Purchase at Bakers Croft, Baddesley Ensor, by reason of being personal friends of the applicants. Councillor Moore vacated the chair for this item and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

#### 21 **Minutes of the Resources Board held on 2 June 2014**

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 2 June 2014, copies having previously been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 22 **Borough Care Alarm Equipment Replacement and Control Centre Equipment Modification Report**

The Assistant Director (Housing) informed Members of a funding shortfall to purchase replacement Borough Care alarm units and pendants that was likely to occur this year, and an increasingly significant issue affecting communication between certain Borough Care alarm users and the Borough Care control centre that might escalate over the coming years.

##### **Recommendation to the Executive Board:**

- a **That an increase in the 2014/15 capital alarm equipment replacement budget of £5k to £23k in order to ensure sufficient Borough Care alarms and pendants are available for current and new service users this year be approved;**
- b **That Members consider the same increase in the capital alarm equipment replacement budget in subsequent years, when considering the 2015/16 Three Year Capital programme;**

- c That an additional capital allocation of £5k to purchase additional alarm call handling equipment to resolve a technical issue affecting the communication between the control centre and some Borough Care service users, which is an unintended consequence of the modernisation of the national telephone network be approved; and
- d That a supplementary revenue estimate of £1k per annum to fund the ongoing costs of the additional alarm call handling equipment be approved.

**23 Treasury Management Update Quarter 1 2014/15**

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) reported on the Treasury Management activity during the first three months of 2014/15.

**Resolved:**

**That the Treasury Management Report for the first three months of 2014/15 be noted.**

**24 Capital Programme 2014/15 Period 4 Update**

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) updated Members on the progress of the 2014/15 Capital Programme in terms of expenditure up to the end of July 2013.

**Resolved:**

- a That progress made against the 2014/15 Capital Programme be noted; and
- b That virements between budget headers be approved, as set out in the report of the Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources).

**25 General Fund Budgetary Control Report 2014/15 Period Ended 31 July 2014**

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) reported on revenue expenditure and income for the General Fund between 1 April 2014 and 31 July 2014. The 2014/15 budget and the actual position for the period, compared with the estimate at that date, were given, together with an estimate of the out-turn position.

**Resolved:**

**That the report be noted.**

**26 Housing Revenue Account Budgetary Control Report 2014/15 Period Ended 31 July 2014**

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) reported on the total Housing Revenue Account revenue expenditure and income for the period from 1 April to 31 July 2014.

**Resolved:**

**That the report be noted.**

**27 A Review of the Effectiveness of Internal Audit 2013-14**

The Deputy Chief Executive sought Members' consideration of the annual review of the effectiveness of the system of Internal Audit.

**Resolved:**

**a That the findings of the annual review of the effectiveness of the system of internal audit for 2013-14 be noted; and**

**b That it be noted that the system of internal audit is operating effectively and can be relied upon as reflected in the Annual Governance Statement for 2013-14.**

**28 Progress Report on Achievement of Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator Targets April-March 2014**

The Chief Executive and the Deputy Chief Executive informed Members of the progress with the achievement of the Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator targets relevant to the Resources Board for April 2013 to June 2014.

**Resolved:**

**That the progress with the achievement of the Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator targets relevant to the Resources Board for April 2013 to June 2014 be noted.**

**29 Internal Audit – Performance for First Quarter 2014-15**

The Deputy Chief Executive reported on the progress of the Council's Internal Audit function against the agreed plan of work for the year.

**Resolved:**

**That the report be noted.**

**30 Minutes of the Housing Sub-Committee held on 1 September 2014**

The minutes of the Housing Sub-Committee held on 1 September 2014 were received and noted.

**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.**

**[Councillor N Dirveiks in the Chair]**

**32 Land Purchase Bakers Croft, Baddesley Ensor**

The Assistant Director (Housing) detailed a request that had been received to purchase a piece of land in the Council's ownership at Bakers Croft, Baddesley Ensor that had been subject to a lease since 2001.

**Recommended:**

- a That the land shown at Appendix A to the report of the Assistant Director (Housing) be declared surplus to requirements on the grounds that it is of no practical purpose; and**
- b That the land shown at Appendix A to the report of the Assistant Director (Housing) be sold at the value recommended by the Council's Valuer.**

J Moore  
Chairman