

## NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES BOARD

18 November 2013

Present: Councillor Moore in the Chair

Councillors Barber, Butcher, N Dirveiks, Forwood, Holland, Humphreys, Winter and Wykes.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Davis (Substitute Councillor Barber), Johnston (Substitute Councillor Wykes) and Smith (Substitute Councillor Humphreys).

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

None were declared at the meeting.

#### 33 **Minutes of the Resources Board held on 2 September 2013**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2013, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 34 **Land at Sycamore Crescent, New Arley**

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) set out a proposal for the sale to Arley Parish Council of an area of informal open space at Sycamore Crescent in New Arley.

##### **Recommendation to the Council:**

- a That the land comprising the informal open space at Sycamore Crescent in New Arley be declared surplus to the requirements of the Council;**
- b That the land be offered for sale to Arley Parish Council for use as public open space; and**
- c That the capital receipt arising from the proposed disposal of this land be directed towards enhancements of open space elsewhere in New Arley in line with the priorities of the Green Space Strategy.**

**35 Animal Wardens Service – Update**

The Assistant Director (Housing) provided an update on service performance and budget issues, and sought a small contingency for dog rehoming in case of unforeseen circumstances.

**Resolved:**

**That the revised approach as set out in the report of the Assistant Director (Housing) be agreed.**

**36 Treasury Management Update Quarter 2 2013/14**

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) reported on the Treasury Management activity during the first six months of 2013/14.

**Resolved:**

**a That the Treasury Management activity for the first six months of 2013/2014 be noted; and**

**b That the addition of Property Funds, Custodian Accounts and inter-authority lending to the Approved Lending List be approved.**

**37 Capital Programme 2013/14 Quarter 2 Update**

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) updated Members on the progress of the 2013/14 Capital Programme in terms of expenditure.

**Resolved:**

**That the report be noted.**

**38 General Fund Budgetary Control Report 2013/2014 Period ended 31 October 2013**

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) reported on revenue expenditure and income for the General Fund between 1 April 2013 and 31 October 2013. The 2013/14 budget and the actual position for the period, compared with the estimate at that date, together with an estimate of the outturn position were also provided.

**Resolved:**

**That the report be noted.**

**39 Housing Revenue Account Budgetary Control Report 2013/2014  
Period Ended 31 October 2013**

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 October 2013.

**Resolved:**

- a That the report be noted;**
- b That a permanent transfer of £193,950 from the housing capital programme to the Repairs Fund be approved; and**
- c That the request for a supplementary estimate of £106,200 be approved.**

**40 Progress Report on Achievement of Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator Targets April – September 2013**

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 to September 2013

**Resolved:**

**That the report be noted.**

**41 Online Services Update and Plans for Promoting and Increasing Use**

The Assistant Director (Corporate Services) provided an update on the use of the Council's website and services delivered online and via the internet. Members were also provided with information on plans to promote, increase and improve the use of the internet for those services that can be most effectively provided online.

**Resolved:**

**That the report be noted.**

**42 National Fraud Initiative Update**

The Deputy Chief Executive updated Members on Fraud and the Council's participation in the National Fraud Initiative.

**Resolved:**

**That the report be noted.**

**43 Internal Audit – Performance for Second Quarter 2013 – 2014**

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.**

**44 Atherstone Town Centre CCTV Scheme Partnership Annual Report**

The Assistant Director (Housing) outlined progress in respect of the Council's management and operation of the Atherstone Town Centre CCTV scheme and its impact over the last 12 months in relation to the corporate priority to tackle crime and the fear of crime.

**Resolved:**

**That the continued and positive impact of the Atherstone Town Centre CCTV Scheme in tackling local crime be noted.**

**45 Payroll Service**

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) informed Members of recent correspondence received from Warwickshire County Council.

**Resolved:**

**That the report be noted.**

**46 Minutes of the Housing Sub-Committee held on 7 October 2013**

The minutes of the Housing Sub-Committee held on 7 October 2013 were received and noted.

**47 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.**

48 **Window Cleaning Service**

The Assistant Director (Housing) provided information regarding the Housing Division's window cleaning service for tenants.

**Resolved:**

- a That the report be noted; and**
- b That consent be given to the Housing Division to increase the service charge to tenants for the routine window cleaning service.**

49 **Access to Phoenix Yard, Atherstone**

The Assistant Director (Streetscape) provided a review on the action taken to date in relation to the access road to the Phoenix Yard development in Atherstone. An independent financial appraisal of the scheme had recently been undertaken, and Members were asked to decide a course of action.

**Resolved:**

- a That the proposal to allow the developer the right to undertake the necessary works on Council land (the access road) without charge as long as the scheme is wholly completed within five years of the date of this Board meeting be agreed; and**
- b That in exchange for granting this right at no cost, the Council seek from the developer the grant (at no further cost to the Council) of a right to vary the access to its land, as this would serve to safeguard the value of the site should it be used for any form of development in the future and alterations to the present access arrangements be required.**

J Moore  
Chairman