

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES BOARD

28 January 2013

Present: Councillor Moore in the Chair

Councillors N Dirveiks, Humphreys, Johnston, Smith, Watkins and Winter.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Davis (Substitute Councillor Humphreys).

Councillors Morson, Payne and Pickard were also in attendance. With the consent of the Chairman, Councillor Pickard spoke on Minute No 81, The Arcade.

62 **Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

None were declared at the meeting.

63 **Minutes of the Resources Board held on 19 November 2012**

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 19 November 2012, copies having previously been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

64 **Corporate Plan 2013-14**

The Board's approval was sought for the Corporate Plan Key Actions for which the Board was responsible. Members were also asked to agree the 2013-14 Service Plans for the Finance and Human Resources, Community Services and Corporate Services Divisions and the Internal Audit Service.

Recommendation to the Executive Board:

- a That those Corporate Plan Key Actions, as set out in Appendix A to the report of the Chief Executive, for which the Resources Board is responsible be agreed;**

Resolved:

- b That those elements of the Service Plans that are the responsibility of the Resources Board, as set out in Appendix B to the report of the Chief Executive, be agreed.**

65 **Appointment of Waste and Transport Manager**

The Assistant Chief Executive (Community Services) sought consideration for the creation of a new post of Waste and Transport Manager to cover two work areas of Refuse and Recycling and Transport. This new post follows changes to the partnership arrangements with Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council.

Resolved:

That subject to formal job evaluation and approval by Resources Board and Special Sub Group, the creation of the post of Waste and Transport Manager within the Streetscape Division, be approved.

66 **Parking Places Order 2013**

The Assistant Director (Streetscape) asked Members to approve a revised Parking Places Order and associated Schedules covering all the Borough Council owned and operated off-street car parks.

Resolved:

- a **That the maximum waiting times at Church Hill and Parkfield Road, Coleshill, be extended to 14 hours; and**
- b **That subject to the amendment, the revised Parking Places Order 2013 and associated Schedules, as set out in the report of the Assistant Director (Streetscape), be approved.**

67 **General Fund Fees and Charges 2013/2014**

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council, Assistant Director (Streetscape), Assistant Chief Executive (Community Services), Assistant Director (Housing), and Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) reported on the fees and charges for 2012/13 and the proposed fees and charges for 2013/2014.

Resolved:

That the schedule of fees and charges for 2013/2014, set out in the report of the Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council, Assistant Director (Streetscape), Assistant Chief Executive (Community Services), Assistant Director (Housing) and Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) be agreed.

68 General Fund Revenue Estimates 2012/13 – Services Recharged Across All Boards

The Deputy Chief Executive reported on the revised budget for 2012/13 and gave an estimate of expenditure for 2013/14, together with forward commitments for 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17 for those services recharged across all Boards.

Resolved:

- a That the revised budget for 2012/13 be accepted; and**

Recommendation to Executive Board:

- b That the Estimates of Expenditure for 2013/2014, as submitted in the report of the Deputy Chief Executive, be included in the budget to be brought before the meeting of the Board on 12 February 2013.**

69 General Fund Revenue Estimates 2013/14 – Services Remaining Within the Board

The Deputy Chief Executive reported on the revised budget for 2012/13 and gave an estimate of expenditure for 2013/2014, together with forward commitments for 2014/2015, 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 for those services remaining within the Board.

Resolved:

- a That the revised budget for 2012/13 be accepted; and**

Recommendation to Executive Board:

- b That the Estimates of Expenditure for 2013/2014, as submitted in the report of the Deputy Chief Executive, be included in the budget to be brought before the meeting of the Board on 12 February 2013.**

70 General Fund Revenue Estimates 2013/2014 – Summary

Summary

The Deputy Chief Executive reported on the revised budget for 2012/13 and gave an estimate of expenditure for 2013/14, together with forward commitments for 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/2017.

Recommendation to Executive Board:

That the following items be recommended to the Executive Board for consideration in setting the Council Tax of the Borough Council:

- a The revised budget for 2012/13; and**
- b The schedule of expenditure requirements totalling £8,609,870 for 2013/2014.**

71 Housing Revenue Account Estimates 2012/13 and Rent Review

The Deputy Chief Executive reported on the revised budget for 2012/13 and gave an estimate of expenditure for 2013/14, together with forward commitments for 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17.

Resolved:

- a That the revised estimates for 2012/13 be accepted;**
- b That rent increases, calculated on the basis that the Council will continue to move properties towards their individual target rents, be adopted;**
- c That the proposed fees and charges for 2013/14 as set out in Appendix E to the report of the Deputy Chief Executive, be approved;**
- d That the service charges for the cleaning of communal areas, as detailed in Appendix F to the report of the Deputy Chief Executive, be approved from April 2013;**
- e That the service charges for window cleaning, as detailed in Appendix G to the report of the Deputy Chief Executive, be approved from April 2013; and**
- f That the Estimates of Expenditure for 2013/14, as submitted, be approved.**

72 Capital Programme Bids 2013/14 to 2015/16

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) identified proposals for schemes to be included within the Council's capital programme over the next three years.

Resolved:

- a That the schemes previously approved within the Council's three-year capital programme be supported;**

- b That the inclusion of the new scheme within the Council's provisional three year capital programme be supported; and**
- c That the schemes which will not be included within the capital programme be noted.**

73 Treasury Management Update - Quarter 3 2012/13

The Deputy Chief Executive detailed the Treasury Management activity during the first nine months of 2012/13.

Resolved:

That the Treasury Management Update Report for the first nine months of 2012/13 be noted.

74 Progress Report on Achievement of Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator Targets April – December 2012

The Chief Executive and 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 December 2012.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

75 Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for 2013/14

The Deputy Chief Executive outlined the Treasury Management Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Investment Strategy for 2013/14.

Resolved:

That the proposed strategies for 2013/14 be approved.

76 Minutes of the Housing Sub-Committee held on 8 October 2012 and 21 November 2012

The minutes of the Housing Sub-Committee held on 8 October 2012 and 21 November 2012 were received and noted.

77 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.

78 Request to have a Licence Over Land

The Assistant Director (Housing) informed the Board about a request for a licence of a Council garage site in Shustoke.

Resolved:

That the request to have a licence to cross the Council's garage site off The Green, Shustoke, as set out in the report of the Assistant Director (Housing) be agreed.

79 Request to Purchase Land

The Assistant Director (Housing) informed the Board about a request to purchase some land on the Coventry Road, Fillongley

Recommendation to the Council:

- a That the request to purchase land in Fillongley, in accordance with the terms set out by the Council's Valuer at 4.3 of the report of the Assistant Director (Housing), be agreed; and**
- b That the land in Fillongley, shown at Appendix A to the report of the Assistant Director (Housing), be declared surplus to the Council's requirements.**

80 Request to Purchase Land

The Assistant Director (Housing) informed the Board about a request to purchase some land on Willow Walk, Old Arley.

Recommendation to the Council:

- a That the request to purchase land in Old Arley, in accordance with the terms set out by the Council's Valuer at 4.3 of the report of the Assistant Director (Housing), be agreed; and**
- b That the land in Old Arley, shown at Appendix A to the report of the Assistant Director (Housing), be declared surplus to the Council's requirement.**

81 **The Arcade**

The Assistant Director (Streetscape) updated Members on discussions and correspondence with Atherstone Town Council around the conditions of sale of The Arcade and the problems which have been encountered.

Resolved:

- a That the offer made to Atherstone Town Council to sell The Arcade, Long Street, Atherstone, at a discounted rate as set out in the report of the Assistant Director (Streetscape) be withdrawn;**
- b That The Arcade, Long Street, Atherstone, be placed for sale on the open market; and**
- c That the Assistant Director (Streetscape) notify Atherstone Town Council of the decision of the Board to place The Arcade on the open market and request any comments within fourteen days.**

J Moore
Chairman