

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES BOARD

11 July 2011

Present: Councillor Moore in the Chair

Councillors N Dirveiks, Forwood, Fowler, Hayfield, Johnston, Payne, Smith, Morson, M Stanley, Y Stanley, and Winter.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ferro, Lea and Watkins.

Councillors Davis, L Dirveiks, Humphreys, Lewis, Phillips and Wykes were also in attendance.

10 **Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests**

Any personal interests arising from the membership of Warwickshire County Council of Councillors Fowler and Hayfield and membership of various Parish Councils of Councillors Moore (Baddesley), Morson and Winter (Dordon) and M Stanley and Y Stanley (Polesworth) were deemed to be declared at the meeting.

11 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 6 June 2011, copies having previously been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

12 **Presentation on the Work of the Housing Division**

The Assistant Director (Housing) gave a presentation on the work of her Division.

13 **Fillongley Churchyard Wall**

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) advised Members of the Council's obligation in respect of the maintenance of the churchyard at the Parish Church of St Mary and All Saints, Fillongley, and sought approval for the funding of repairs to the churchyard wall.

Resolved:

- a **That the Council's obligations in respect of the maintenance of the churchyard at Fillongley be noted;**

- b That the proposed funding of the repair to the churchyard wall be approved.**

14 HRA Self Financing

The Deputy Chief Executive identified the financial implications for the Council's 30 year business plan of the Government's self financing proposals for Housing.

Resolved:

- a That the financial implications of self financing be noted; and**
- b That the Deputy Chief Executive works with the Council's Treasury Advisers to identify the most advantageous loans portfolio.**

15 Investor in People Review

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) recommended that the Council did not seek to retain the Investor in People award when it expired on 31 March 2012.

Resolved:

- a That the Council does not seek a further assessment of the Investor in People Award; and**
- b That the Council continues a programme of self-assessments and that a monitoring report be brought back to a future meeting of the Board.**

16 Annual Treasury Report for 2010/11

The Deputy Chief Executive reported on the out-turn for 2010/11 and highlighted areas of significance.

Resolved:

- a That the Annual Treasury Report for 2010/11 be noted;**
- b That the prudential Indicators set out in Appendix A to the report of the Deputy Chief Executive be noted; and**

Recommended:

- c That the out-turn be noted by Council.**

17 Progress Report on Human Resources Issues

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) advised Members of the progress against the Human Resources Strategy Action Plan, the work being done by the Human Resources team, the sickness levels for the period of April 2010 to March 2011 and provided further information on the action taken in managing absence.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

18 Budgetary Control Report 2011/12 Period Ended 31 May 2011

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) reported on the revenue expenditure and income for the period from 1 April 2011 to 31 May 2011. The 2011/12 budget and the actual position for the period, compared with the estimate at that date were detailed, together with an estimate of the out-turn position for services reporting to the Board.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

19 Consolidated Budgetary Control Report 2011/12 – Period Ended 31 May 2011

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) updated the Board on the total Council General Fund revenue expenditure and income for the period from 1 April 2011 to 31 May 2011.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

20 Housing Revenue Account Budgetary Control Report 2011/2012 Period Ended 31 May 2011

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) updated the Board on the total Housing Revenue Account revenue expenditure and income for the period from 1 April to 31 May 2011.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

21 **Capital Programme 2011/12 Period Ending May 2011**

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) updated Members on the progress of the 2011/12 Capital Programme in terms of both expenditure and outcomes.

Resolved:

That the progress made against the 2011/12 Capital Programme be noted.

22 **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.

23 **Affordable Housing Development Schemes**

The Assistant Director (Housing) provided information about proposals to develop affordable housing on Council owned land in Hurley and Mancetter.

Recommended:

- a That the proposed valuation of £7,500 per plot to develop affordable houses on the sites detailed in the report of the Assistant Director (Housing) be agreed;**
- b That the land is surplus to requirements; and**
- c That any capital receipts received by the Council in connection with the sale of land/proposed development on the land outlined in Appendix A (Hurley) and Appendix B (Mancetter) to the report of the Assistant Director (Housing) be used for affordable housing.**

24 **Land Sales**

The Assistant Director (Streetscape) updated Members on two pieces of Council owned land which had previously been identified as being suitable for disposal and asked Members to agree a course of action in respect of each site.

Recommended:

- a That the sale of land at Jean Street, Baddesley Ensor, as detailed in paragraph 3.9 of the report of the Assistant Director (Streetscape) be agreed;**
- b That the offer for land adjacent to 40 Kiln Way, Polesworth as set out in paragraph 3.8 of the report of the Assistant Director (Streetscape) be accepted; and**
- c That any capital receipts received by the Council in connection with the sale of either parcel of land, be used for affordable housing.**

25 Land at Atherstone

The Assistant Director (Streetscape) and the Solicitor to the Council informed Members of unauthorised works that had recently been undertaken by Arragon Construction to widen the access road from Long Street, Atherstone to Atherstone Leisure Centre and the development at Phoenix Yard. Members were asked to consider what action the Council should take next.

Recommended:

- a That the content of the report of the Assistant Director (Streetscape) and the Solicitor to the Council and the action taken so far be noted; and**
- b That the Assistant Director (Streetscape) report back to the Board following discussions with Warwickshire County Council and that the Solicitor to the Council considers the financial and reputational risks in taking legal action and report those risks to the Board at a future meeting.**

J Moore
Chairman