

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES BOARD

22 November 2010

Present: Councillor Smith in the Chair

Councillors Bowden, Butcher, N Dirveiks, Fowler, Fox, Johnston, Lea, Moore, Payne, Smitten, Y Stanley and Winter.

Councillor Phillips was also in attendance.

58 **Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests**

Any personal interests arising from the membership of Warwickshire County Council of Councillors Fowler, Fox and Lea, and membership of various Parish Councils of Councillors Butcher, Smitten and Y Stanley (Polesworth), Fox (Shustoke) and Moore (Baddesley Ensor) were deemed to be declared at the meeting.

59 **Progress Report on Achievement of Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator Targets April – September 2010**

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 Board for April to September 2010.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

60 **Sites in Council Ownership**

The Assistant Chief Executive & Solicitor to the Council and the Assistant Director (Streetscape) highlighted a number of sites within the Council's ownership that could be developed as housing sites. In addition, other sites within the County Council's ownership which could come forward for development were also detailed.

Recommended:

- a That the sites in the Council's ownership be declared surplus to requirements and put forward for housing development;**
- b That Officers be authorised to carry out the preparatory works detailed in the report;**

- c That Officers prepare a detailed report on progress for the Resources Board to be held in February 2011 with a view to the sites being developed for housing in early 2011; and**
- d That Officers be authorised to make further contact with the County Council and other public bodies with a view to releasing sites within their ownership for housing.**

61 Capital Programme 2010/11 Period Ending October 2010

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) updated Members on the progress of the 2010/11 Capital Programme in terms of both expenditure and outcomes.

Resolved:

- a That the progress made against the 2010/11 Capital Programme be noted;**
- b That the virement of £122,000 from the Contingency fund to carry out the work at Drayton Court on windows and fire doors be approved;**
- c That the reduction of £20,350 in the 2011/12 capital programme be approved; and**
- d That the virements of £63,000 from heating to kitchens, and £28,000 from garage refurbishments to disabled facility adaptations, be approved.**

62 The Draft Housing Revenue Account Subsidy Determination 2011/12

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) highlighted the main changes proposed within the draft Housing Revenue Account Subsidy Determination 2011/12.

Resolved:

- a That the report be noted; and**
- b That a response be sent to the Communities and Local Government (CLG) in line with the points made in paragraph 8.1 of the report of the Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources).**

63 Royal Bank of Scotland – Instant Access Account Indemnity

Under Paragraph 100B4(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chairman agreed to the consideration of this matter by reason of the requirement of the Royal Bank of Scotland to have an Indemnity resolved by the Resources Board.

The Deputy Chief Executive reported on the opening of an instant access bank account and sought the Board's approval for the Deputy Chief Executive to be authorised to sign the Royal Bank of Scotland indemnity form.

Resolved:

That the Deputy Chief Executive be authorised to sign the Royal Bank of Scotland Indemnity form.

64 LEADER Funding

Under Paragraph 100B4(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chairman agreed to the consideration of this matter by reason of the requirement to support community and voluntary sector led LEADER projects.

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) reported on projects led by the community and voluntary sector being undertaken through the LEADER programme.

Resolved:

That the decision of the Chief Executive, undertaken in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to use his urgent business powers to support community and voluntary sector led LEADER projects in the manner described in the report of the Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) be endorsed.

65 Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual investment Strategy – Mid-Year Review Report 2010/11

The Deputy Chief Executive detailed the Treasury Management activity during the first six months of 2010/11.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

66 Budgetary Control Report 2010/11 Period Ended 31 October 2010

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) reported on the revenue expenditure and income for the period from 1 April 2010 to 31

October 2010. The 2010/11 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.

67 Consolidated Budgetary Control Report 2010/11 – Period Ended 31 October 2010

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 2010 to 31 October 2010.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

68 Housing Revenue Account Budgetary Control Report 2010/2011 Period Ended 31 October 2010

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 October 2010.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

69 Progress Report on Human Resources Issues

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

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

70 Internal Audit – Performance for Second Quarter 2010-11

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.

71 **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.

72 **Internal Audit – Staffing Structure**

The Deputy Chief Executive outlined a planned improvement to the structure of the Internal Audit team.

Resolved:

That the proposed staffing structure of the Internal Audit team as set out in the report of the Deputy Chief Executive be approved.

73 **Units at Innage Park Phase 1**

The Assistant Director (Streetscape) sought consideration of an offer received from an existing tenant to purchase, from the Council, the freehold on several units at Innage Park, Atherstone.

Recommended:

- a That units 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 at Innage Park, Atherstone (along with associated land and car parking spaces) be declared surplus to requirements; and**
- b That the sale of the units and associated land to the current tenants of units 14, 15, 16 and 17 be approved, subject to negotiation of the sale price and terms to the satisfaction of officers and with the agreement before completion of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Resources Board.**

74 **Limes Developments – Update**

The Assistant Director (Streetscape) sought approval for the long stop date agreed between the Council and Limes Developments which was extended on 24 May 2010 to be further extended until 30 March 2012.

Resolved:

That the long stop date agreed between the Council and Limes Development be extended until 30 March 2012.

75 Additional Payment – Temporary Housing Register Officer

The Assistant Director (Housing) sought agreement to award an additional payment to a member of staff in the Housing Management Team to cover for a temporary vacant post.

Resolved:

That an additional payment, as detailed in the report of the Assistant Director (Housing) be awarded to the temporary Housing Register Officer for temporarily undertaking additional duties previously undertaken by the Homelessness Support Officer in the Housing Management Pre-Tenancy Team.

L Smith
Chairman