

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES BOARD

11 October 2010

Present: Councillor Smith in the Chair

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

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Y Stanley.

Councillor Phillips was also in attendance.

46 **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 and Smitten (Polesworth), Fox (Shustoke) and Moore (Baddesley Ensor) were deemed to be declared at the meeting.

47 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings of the Board held on 5 July and 6 September 2010, copies having previously been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

48 **Dog Control Orders**

The Assistant Director (Housing) updated Members on the situation with regard to dog control orders and sought approval for consultation on a refreshed Order to cover the whole Borough.

Resolved:

That the draft Order as described in the report of the Assistant Director (Housing) be approved for statutory and public consultation and responses received be brought back to the Board for determination.

49 **Further Postal Savings**

The Assistant Director (Corporate Services) detailed a new option for further reducing the Council's spend on postal services and sought approval for a contract to be entered into with Birmingham City Council.

Resolved:

- a **That a contract be entered into with Birmingham City Council for the distribution of outgoing mail, and a review be carried out in 12 months time; and**
- b **That the Assistant Director (Corporate Services) seek costs for improved packaging for the despatch of Members' outgoing post.**

50 **Housing Revenue Account Budgetary Control Report 2010/2011 Period Ended 31 August 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 2010 to 31 August 2010.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

51 **Review of Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy**

The Assistant Director (Housing) provided the Board with information about the Council's Private Sector Housing Policy and proposed a revised policy for consideration.

Resolved:

That the policy principles set out in Appendix 1 of the report of the Assistant Director (Housing) be approved.

52 **Budgetary Control Report 2010/11 Period Ended 31 August 2010**

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

53 Changes to Local Land Charges

The Assistant Director (Corporate Services) updated Members on the recent changes to legislation which affected the Local Land Charges service and budgets.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

54 Consolidated Budgetary Control Report 2010/11 – Period Ended 31 August 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 August 2010.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

55 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.

56 Old Bank House Garden Wall and Trees

The Assistant Director (Streetscape) and the Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) informed the Board that the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board had used his delegated powers to authorise emergency remedial works to be undertaken to portions of the wall and trees in Old Bank House Garden, Atherstone.

Resolved:

That the decision taken by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Resources Board, to undertake limited work to portions of the wall and trees requiring urgent attention in Old Bank House Garden, be endorsed.

57 **Systems Thinking - Streetscape**

The Assistant Director (Streetscape) informed Members of the work being carried out by the Streetscape division to undertake a fundamental review of key aspects of a number of the division's services utilising a systems thinking approach.

Resolved

- a **That the work being undertaken by the Streetscape division on systems thinking be noted; and**
- b **That the decision of the Chief Executive, in agreement with the Chairman of Resources Board, to use his urgent business powers to appoint Vanguard Consulting to provide support on the project, be endorsed.**

L Smith
Chairman