

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES BOARD

2 February 2010

Present: Councillor Smith in the Chair

Councillors Bowden, Butcher, N Dirveiks, Forwood, Fowler, Moore, Y Stanley and Winter.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Johnston, Lea, Payne and Smitten.

Councillor Phillips was also in attendance.

92 **Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests**

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

93 **Corporate Plan 2010-11**

The Chief Executive presented the updated Corporate Plan for 2010-11. The Board's approval was sought for those parts of the Corporate Plan for which the Board was responsible. Members were also asked to agree the 2010-11 Service Plans for the Finance and Human Resources, Revenues and Benefits, Corporate Services and Housing Divisions and the Internal Audit Service.

Recommendation to Executive Board:

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

Resolved:

- b **That the Service Plans as set out in Appendix B to the report of the Chief Executive be agreed.**

94 **Progress Report on Achievement of Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator Targets April 2009 – December 2009**

The Chief Executive and Director of Resources informed Members of the actual performance and achievement against the Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator targets relevant to the Board for the third quarter April 2009 to December 2009.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

95 General Fund Fees and Charges 2010/11

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council, Assistant Director (Streetscape), Assistant Director (Revenues and Benefits) and Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) reported on the fees and charges for 2009/10 and the proposed fees and charges for 2010/11.

Resolved:

That the schedule of fees and charges for 2010/11, set out in the report of the Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council, Assistant Director (Streetscape), Assistant Director (Revenues and Benefits) and Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) be agreed.

96 General Fund Revenue Estimates 2010/11 – Services Recharged Across All Boards

The Director of Resources reported on the revised budget for 2009/10 and gave an estimate of expenditure for 2010/11, together with forward commitments for 2011/12 and 2012/13 for those services recharged across all Boards.

Resolved:

- a That the revised budget for 2009/10 be accepted;**
- b That the growth item for 2010/11 detailed in paragraph 7.3 of the report of the Director of Resources be approved; and**
- c That the Estimates of Expenditure for 2010/11, as submitted, be included in the budget to be brought before the meeting of the Executive Board on 8 February 2010.**

97 General Fund Revenue Estimates 2010/11 – Services Remaining within Board

The Director of Resources reported on the revised budget for 2009/10 and gave an estimate of expenditure for 2010/11, together with forward

commitments for 2011/12 and 2012/13 for those services remaining within the Board.

Resolved:

- a That the revised budget for 2009/10 be accepted;**
- b That the growth item for 2010/11 detailed in paragraph 7.1 of the report of the Director of Resources be approved; and**
- c That the Estimates of Expenditure for 2010/11, as submitted, be included in the budget to be brought before the meeting of the Executive Board on 8 February 2010.**

98 General Fund Revenue Estimates 2010/11 - Summary

The Director of Resources reported on the revised budget for 2009/10 and gave an estimate of expenditure for 2010/11, together with forward commitments for 2011/12 and 2012/13

Recommendation to the 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 2009/10;**
- b The growth items for 2010/11 totalling £42,960; and**
- c The schedule of expenditure requirements totalling £9,922,150 for 2010/11.**

99 Housing Revenue Account Estimates 2010/11 and Rent Review

The Director of Resources reported on the revised budget for 2009/10 and gave an estimate of expenditure for 2010/11, together with forward commitments for 2011/12 and 2012/13.

Resolved:

- a That the revised estimate for 2009/10 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 service charges for window cleaning, as detailed in Appendix F of the report of the Director of Resources, be approved from April 2010;**
- d That the service charges for the cleaning of communal areas, as detailed in Appendix E of the report of the Director of Resources, be approved from April 2010;**
- e That the proposed fees and charges for 2010/11, as set out in Appendix D of the report of the Director of Resources be approved;**
- f That the growth bid, set out in section 12 of the report of the Director of Resources be approved; and**
- g That the Estimates of Expenditure for 2010/11, as submitted, be approved.**

100 Tenant Services Authority – Regulation and Consultation on Standards

The Assistant Director (Housing) updated Members on the work of the Tenant Services Authority and presented a consultation document for consideration and response.

Resolved:

- a That the work of the new Tenant Services Authority be noted; and**
- b That the response to the consultation document sent out by the Tenant Services Authority be noted and the proposed response be approved.**

101 Private Sector Decent Homes Work

The Assistant Director (Housing) updated Members on work to bring homes in the private sector up to a decent homes standard and recommended that the Council engaged with an initiative which provided financial assistance for homeowners called Kick Start.

Resolved:

- a That the work to support the owners in the private sector to bring homes up to the decent homes standard be noted; and**
- b That the steps towards joining the Kick Start scheme be supported.**

102 Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for 2010/11

The Director of Resources outlined the Treasury Management Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Investment Strategy for 2010/11.

Recommended:

That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Investment Strategy for 2010/11 be accepted.

103 Internal Audit – Performance for July to December 2009

The Director of Resources 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.

104 Adoption of the Revised CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice 2009

The Director of Resources sought approval to adopt the revised CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice 2009 and to amend the Council's Financial Regulations accordingly.

Resolved:

a That the Council adopts, as part of its Financial Regulations and other formal policy documents appropriate to their circumstances, the four clauses highlighted in paragraph 4.1 of the report of the Director of Resources; and

b That the revised CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice 2009 be adopted.

105 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 item of business, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by Schedule 12A to the Act.

106 **Purchase of Flat at 3A Church Walk, Mancetter**

Under Section 100(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Chairman agreed to consideration of this urgent business by reason of the need to act expeditiously with regards to this matter.

The Assistant Director (Housing) advised the Board of the Housing Division's proposal to purchase back a flat which was sold through the right to buy scheme and provided information to support the recommendation.

Resolved:

- a **That the reasons for purchasing back the property at 3A Church Walk, Mancetter, as set out in the report of the Assistant Director (Housing) be noted; and**
- b **That the decision of the Director of Resources, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Chairman of the Resources Board, to approve the budget set out in the report of the Director of Resources, to cover the cost of purchasing the property, be ratified.**

L Smith
Chairman