

# **AGENDA**

and

## **MINUTES of BOARDS and COMMITTEES**

to be considered at the meeting of the Council to  
be held at

**THE COUNCIL HOUSE  
ATHERSTONE**

on

**4 December 2024**

at

**6.30pm**



## North Warwickshire Borough Council

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**To: All Members of the Council**

Dear Sir / Madam

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council, to be held in the Council Chamber, the Council House, South Street, Atherstone, on Wednesday, 4 December 2024 at 6.30pm.

**Please note there will be a Member workshop with Severn Trent Water at 5pm in the Council Chamber ahead of the Council meeting.**

The following business will be transacted:

- 1 Evacuation Procedure.
- 2 Apologies for absence / Members away on official Council business.
- 3 Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest.
- 4 The Mayor to move, in accordance with Standing Order No 6(1):  
**“That the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 17 October 2024 be approved as a correct record”.**
- 5 To receive the Mayor’s announcements.
- 6 To answer Questions from Members and the Public pursuant to Standing Order No 7.
- 7 To receive and consider the minutes and notes of the meetings of the

**Planning and Development Board – 4 November 2024, (Pages 135 to 137)**

circulated herewith and to make the necessary Orders thereon.

- 8 To receive and consider the minutes and notes of the meeting of the  
**Special Sub – Group** – 5 November 2024, (Page 138)  
circulated herewith and to make the necessary Orders thereon.
- 9 To receive and consider the minutes and notes of the meeting of the  
**Resources Board** – 11 November 2024 (Pages 139 to 142)  
circulated herewith and to make the necessary Orders thereon.
- 10 To receive and consider the minutes and notes of the meeting of the  
**Local Development Framework Sub-Committee** – 19 November  
2024 (Pages 143 to 144)  
circulated herewith and to make the necessary Orders thereon.
- 11 To receive and consider the minutes and notes of the meeting of the  
**Executive Board** – 25 November 2024 (Page 145) – TO FOLLOW  
circulated herewith and to make the necessary Orders thereon.
- To receive and consider the recommendations of the meeting of the  
**Executive Board** – 25 November 2024
- (i) **External Auditors Completion Report for Those Charged with  
Governance 2021/22 & 2022/23** (Appendix 1)
- a To approve the Completion Report presented as Appendix  
A; and;
- b It is requested that Members give the Section 151 Officer in  
consultation with the Chair of The Executive Board  
delegated authority to sign off the Letter of Representation  
for 2021/22 and 2022/23.
- (ii) **Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024 – 2029** (Appendix 2)
- a That the Medium Term Financial Strategy (Appendix A) is  
approved;
- b That the General Fund budget projections for 2024/25 to 2028/29  
be noted;
- c That the approach for balancing the Medium Term Budget set out  
in Table 2 of this report, be adopted;

- d Approval for the budget movements for 2024/25 as detailed in Table 3;
- e To continue the strategy for increasing the council tax to the maximum level approved by the Government;
- f To note the high level projects/initiatives for delivering reductions and increased income in Appendix A section 11 and request more detail and financial targets for the Tax Set report; and
- g That a review of earmarked reserves is carried out with the balance on any funds no longer required being transferred to the general fund balance.

(iii) **Calendar of Meetings 2025/26** (Appendix 3)

- a That the draft calendar of meetings for 2025/26, as submitted at Appendix A to the report of the Chief Executive, be approved; and
- b That future meeting dates for working parties and task and finish groups be added to the calendar when arranged and that calendar meeting invitations be sent to all Borough Councillors for these meetings.

circulated herewith and to make the necessary decisions thereon.

- 12 To receive and consider the minutes and notes of the meeting of the

**Community and Environment Board** – 27 November 2024 October  
(Page 146) TO FOLLOW

circulated herewith and to make the necessary Orders thereon.

- 13 To receive and consider the following Notice of Motion received under Standing Order No 10:

**Council notes that:**

- The recent 2024 Autumn Budget change to Inheritance Tax relief announced by the Labour Government will introduce a Family Farm Tax and will have a detrimental impact on Family Farms and farmers' ability to pass on their farms to the next generation of farmers.

**Council believes that:**

- The labour Government have committed a shameful betrayal and let down farmers by breaking their promise to not introduce a Family Farm Tax.
- The Family Farm Tax will damage the ability of farmers to pass on their farms to their children.
- Labour's Family Tax will threaten food security by forcing the sale of family farms.

- The Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Steve Reed and Keir Starmer promised not to introduce a tax like this.
- Numerous rural and farming organisations such as the National Farmers Union and Country Land and Business Association have warned that countless farms will be harmed, threatening food security and rural areas.
- The comments made by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Steve Reed, that already struggling farmers will have to 'do more for less' show disdain for farmers and the sector.
- At a time when many farmers in North Warwickshire are struggling with soaring costs and energy prices, this sudden tax rise will damage the future of their farms.

**Council resolves:**

- To request the Leader of the Council writes to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to outline the Council's dismay at this decision and calls on the Government to stop the Family Farm Tax.
- That the Leader of the Council engages with local farmers and community representatives to see what support the Council may be able to offer.

Proposer Councillor D Wright.

- 14 To authorise the Chief Executive, in accordance with Article 11.05 of the Articles of the Constitution, to Sign and Seal, on behalf of the Council, any Orders, Deeds and Documents necessary to give effect to any resolution of the Council, including any passed during part of the meeting which is held in private.

15 **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

**To consider, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, whether it is in the public interest that 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.**

- 16 To receive and consider the exempt extract of the minutes and notes of the  
**Planning and Development Board – 4 November 2024 (Page 149)**  
circulated herewith and to make the necessary Orders thereon.

- 17 To receive and consider the exempt extract of the minutes and notes of the  
**Special Sub-Group – 5 November 2024 (Page 150)**  
circulated herewith and to make the necessary Orders thereon.

- 18 To receive and consider the exempt extract of the minutes and notes of the

**Resources Board** – 11 November 2024 (Pages 151-152)

circulated herewith and to make the necessary Orders thereon.

- 19 To receive and consider the exempt extract of the minutes and notes of the

**Executive Board** – 25 November 2024 (Page 153)

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- 20 To receive and consider the exempt extract of the minutes and notes of the

**Community and Environment Board** – 27 November 2024 (Page 154)

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Yours faithfully

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Chief Executive

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL HOUSE  
ON THURSDAY 17 OCTOBER 2024**

Present: Councillor Hayfield in the Chair

Councillors Barnett, Bates, Clews, Davey, Dirveiks, Farrow, Hobley, Humphreys, Jackson, Jarvis, Jenns, Melia, Osborne, Parsons, H Phillips, O Phillips, Reilly, Ridley, Ririe, Simpson, Singh, Smith, Stuart, Symonds, Turley, Watson, Whapples, A Wright and D Wright.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bell, Chapman, Fowler, Gosling and Taylor

**29 Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

None were declared at the meeting.

**30 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 19 June 2024**

The minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 19 June 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

**31 Mayor's Announcements**

The Mayor had attended:

- University of Warwick Summer 2024 Degree Celebration at Senate House, University of Warwick, Coventry;
- Mayor of Warwick's Civic Service at St Mary's Church, Warwick; and
- High Sheriff of Warwickshire's Legal Service at Collegiate Church of St Mary's, Warwick.

The Mayor had held his Civic Service at St Cuthbert's Church, Shustoke on 29 September 2024, hosted a Celebration of the Heritage of Northern Warwickshire at Merevale Hall on 5 October 2024 and would be attending the Mayor of Coleshill Town Council's Cheese & Wine Evening at Blyth Hall on 18 October 2024

The Deputy Mayor had attended:

- Polesworth Carnival
- Mayor of Tamworth's Civic Sunday at St Editha's Church, Tamworth
- The Mayor of Atherstone Town Council's Civic Service at St Mary's Church, Atherstone
- The Mayor of North Warwickshire Borough Council's Civic Service at St Cuthbert's Church, Shustoke

## 32 Questions Pursuant to Standing Order No 7

The following questions were received pursuant to Standing Order No 7:-

### **Question 1 - Councillor Simpson:**

At a previous meeting, North Warwickshire Borough Council agreed to review the current Local Plan as soon as was practicable. Since that meeting, government policy on the number of new houses required in each area and protection of the green belt has been amended. In light of the current emerging national policy, could the Leader of the Council ask Officers to bring an update to the next LDF Sub-Committee, and then report to the Planning and Development Board and Executive Board, on the next steps for the review of the Local Plan? In particular could that review set out how the Green Belt and other protected designations can be assessed so that the control this Council has on where development should take place is strengthened as far as possible, despite the threat to this which has been raised by the Government in its draft revised policy?

### **The response from Councillor David Wright, Leader of the Council was:-**

Councillor Simpson raises a very important point and the threat to the Green Belt from the Government's proposed changes to the national planning guidance is one of the main risks that the Borough faces at the moment.

This Council has a very good record at providing the development that is needed, both in terms of housing and employment, and works carefully to try to ensure development happens in the most appropriate locations. Key to this is the protections afforded by the Green Belt and our other landscape designations and if the Government is intent on putting that at risk then I agree with Councillor Simpson the Council should look very carefully at this. I've asked the Chief Executive to ensure a programme to do this is reported as suggested by Councillor Simpson.

### **Question 2 – Councillor Simpson:**

In light of the recent, and on-going, partial closure of the main Atherstone to Coleshill Road at Shustoke, could the Council's leadership engage further with Severn Trent PLC to prevent further significant inconvenience to residents for what appears to be solely the company's operational convenience?

### **The response from Councillor David Wright, Leader of the Council was:-**

Councillor Simpson raises another important issue. Members from across the Chamber have consistently raised the issue of the impact Severn Trent PLC's operations have on our Borough and its residents, which can often have a particular impact given the rural nature of our area, something that it does not always feel like Severn Trent appreciate.

Members will be aware that we have a Councillor workshop with Severn Trent's representatives at 5pm on the 4 December ahead of full Council that evening and this represents an excellent opportunity to raise matters such as these with them.



**33 Minutes of Planning and Development Board – 8 July, 5 August, 2 September and 7 October 2024**

It was proposed by Councillor Simpson, seconded by Councillor Jarvis and

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the meetings of the Planning and Development Board held on 8 July, 5 August, 2 September and 7 October 2024 be approved and adopted.**

**34 Minutes of Executive Board – 17 July and 16 September 2024**

It was proposed by Councillor D Wright, seconded by Councillor Simpson and

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Board held on 17 July 2024 be approved and adopted, subject to:**

**a Environmental Crime Delegations**

- i That delegated powers be given to the Environmental Health Manager, the Senior Pollution Control Officer and the Environmental Crime Officer, to act in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act 1990; and**
- ii That regular update reports be submitted to the Community and Environment Board.**

**That the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Board held on 16 September 2024 be approved and adopted, with the addition of it being noted that in respect of Minute No 28 (Local Councils' Charter) thanks were expressed to Richard Habgood, Chair of the North Warwickshire Area Committee for all his sterling work and help in producing the Charter and to Councillor Reilly who started the work across the County on the Charter, and subject to:**

**b Budgetary Control Report 2024/25 Period Ended 31 August 2024**

**That the Budgetary Control Report 2024/25 Period Ended 31 August 2024 be noted.**

**35 Minutes of Local Development Framework Sub-Committee held on – 24 July and 10 September 2024**

It was proposed by Councillor Watson, seconded by Councillor Osborne and

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the meetings of the Local Development Framework Sub-Committee held on 24 July and 10 September 2024 be approved and adopted;**

**36 Minutes of Community and Environment Board – 20 August and 14 October 2024**

It was proposed by Councillor A Wright, seconded by Councillor Melia and

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the meetings of the Community and Environment Board held on 20 August and 14 October 2024 be approved and adopted.**

**37 Minutes of Resources Board – 3 September 2024**

It was proposed by Councillor Symonds, seconded by Councillor Davey and

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the meeting of the Resources Board held on 3 September 2024 be approved and adopted.**

**38 Minutes of Taxi and General Licensing Committee – 2 October 2024**

It was proposed by Councillor Jenns, seconded by Councillor Turley and

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the meeting of the Resources Board held on 3 September 2024 be approved and adopted, subject to:**

**Adoption of Taxi Licensing Policy and consultation on Pavement Licensing Policy**

**a That the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy be adopted; and**

**b That a consultation be carried out to introduce a Pavement Licensing Policy.**

**39 Minutes of Special Sub-Group – 8 October 2024**

It was proposed by Councillor Clews, seconded by Councillor Watson and

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the meeting of the Special Sub-Group held on 8 October 2024 be approved and adopted.**

**40 Notice of Motion under Standing Order No 10**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor D Wright and seconded by Councillor Davey

That the Council :

- Confirms its opposition to the reduction in winter fuel allowance which will have a significant impact on the elderly residents of the Borough;
- Endorses the work of the Financial Inclusion team with those residents who may be eligible for Pension Credit but who are not currently claiming it, as reported to this month's Executive Board; and
- Resolves to repurpose the remaining money in the Hardship Fund to projects by the Financial Inclusion team to assist elderly residents impacted by heating costs this winter

It was then proposed by Councillor D Wright and seconded by Councillor Davey by way of amendment

That the Council :

- Confirms its opposition to the reduction in winter fuel allowance which will have a significant impact on the elderly residents of the Borough and that the Leader of the Council writes to the Government setting out this Council's opposition to this decision;
- Endorses the work of the Financial Inclusion team with those residents who may be eligible for Pension Credit but who are not currently claiming it, as reported to September's Executive Board;
- Resolves to repurpose the remaining money in the Hardship Fund to assist elderly residents impacted by heating costs this winter by way of a direct payment of £100 to residents who are over 66 years old, will not receive the winter fuel payment, that are unable to qualify for pension credit or universal credit but are on a sufficiently low income so as to be in receipt of Council Tax Support and who have less than £3000 in savings;
- That an additional sum of £35,000 be made available from the New Burdens funding reserve for projects proposed by Councillors in Wards that have yet to use their full allocation under the existing Financial Hardship Fund scheme;
- That a Member Panel consisting of 3 Conservative Members, 2 Labour Members and 1 Dordon Independent Member be established to consider bids to that Fund;
- That revised criterion be considered by that Panel in order to ensure the Fund is used directly for the relief of financial hardship; and

- The Council acknowledges that these will have to be one off payments given the Council does not have the finances to permanently rectify the extremely regrettable decision to remove Winter Fuel allowances to so many elderly residents of the Borough.

It was then proposed by Councillor Stuart and seconded by Councillor Whapples, in accordance with Standing Order No 19b that the vote now be taken without discussion or right of reply.

**Upon being put to the vote the Mayor declared Councillor Stuart's motion to be lost.**

In accordance with Standing Order No 11(1) the recorded vote on the substantive motion was as follows:

**For** – Bates, Clews, Davey, Hayfield, Humphreys, Jarvis, Jenns, Melia, Reilly, Ridley, Simpson, Singh, Smith, Symonds, Watson, A Wright and D Wright.

**Abstain** – Barnett, Dirveiks, Farrow, Hobley, Jackson, Osborne, Parsons, H Phillips, O Phillips, Ririe, Stuart, Turley and Whapples.

**Upon being put to the vote the Mayor declared the motion to be carried.**

#### 41 **Common Seal**

It was proposed by Councillor Hayfield and seconded by Councillor Simpson and

**Resolved:**

**That the Chief Executive be authorised to affix the Common Seal to any Orders, Deeds and Documents as necessary to give effect to the decisions of the Council, including any passed during part of the meeting which is held in private, in accordance with Article 11.05 of the Articles of the Constitution.**

#### 42 **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.**

#### 43 **Exempt Extract of the Minutes of the Executive Board – 17 July 2024**

It was proposed by Councillor D Wright, seconded by Councillor Humphreys and

**Resolved:**

**That the exempt extract of the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Board held on 17 July 2024, be approved and adopted.**

**44 Exempt Extract of the Minutes of the Resources Board – 3 September 2024**

It was proposed by Councillor Symonds, seconded by Councillor Davey and

**Resolved:**

**That the exempt extract of the minutes of the meeting of the Resources Board held on 3 September 2024 be approved and adopted.**

**45 Exempt Extract of the Minutes of the Planning and Development Board held on 7 October 2024**

It was proposed by Councillor Simpson, seconded by Councillor Ridley and

**Resolved:**

**That the exempt extract of the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Development Board held on 7 October 2024 be approved and adopted.**

**46 Exempt Extract of the Minutes of the Special Sub-Group held on 8 October 2024**

It was proposed by Councillor Clews, seconded by Councillor Jenns and

**Resolved:**

**That the exempt extract of the minutes of the meeting of the Special Sub-Group held on 8 October 2024 be approved and adopted.**

**Chairman of the next ensuing meeting  
of the Council**

**NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE  
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

**4 November 2024**

Present: Councillor Simpson in the Chair

Councillors Bates, Chapman, Clews, Dirveiks, Hayfield, Hobley, Jackson, Jarvis, Jenns, Parsons, O Phillips, Smith and Ridley

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bell, Fowler (Substitute Clews), Gosling (Substitute Councillor O Phillips), Humphreys (Substitute Councillor Jenns), Reilly (Substitute Councillor Smith) and Ririe (Substitute Councillor Jackson)

Also in attendance was Councillor Melia

**38 Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

Councillor Ridley declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No 40b (Application No PAP/2024/0418 Dordon Village Hall, Browns Lane, Dordon, B78 1TL) by reason of being a Dordon Parish Councillor involved in the application and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

Councillor Jenns declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No 43 (The Former Daw Mill Colliery) by reason of being a member of the Regulatory Committee at Warwickshire County Council.

**39 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Development Board held on 7 October 2024, copies having previously been circulated, were approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

**40 Planning Applications**

The Head of Development Control submitted a report for the consideration of the Board.

**Resolved:**

- a That in respect of Application No PAP/2018/0755 (Land to the east of the former Tamworth Golf Course and north of the B5000 at Robeys Lane, Alvecote) the Board noted the confirmation of the Heads of Terms for this Agreement as set out in the report of the Head of Development Control;**

- b That Application No PAP/2024/0418 (Dordon Village Hall, Browns Lane, Dordon, B78 1TL) be granted subject to the conditions set out in the report of the Head of Development Control; and**
- c That Application No PAP/2024/0189 (Sunnyview, Dingle Lane, Nether Whitacre, Coleshill, B46 2EG) be granted subject to the amendment, to the submitted Unilateral Undertaking, being made to the satisfaction of the Head of Legal Services and the conditions outlined in the appendix of the report of the Head of Development Control.**

**41 Tree Preservation Order Millfield House, Common Lane, Corley**

The Head of Development Control informed the Board that no objections were received during the consultation period following formal notice being served and that, in consultation with the Chairman, the Opposition Spokesperson and the local Members, the Order was made permanent on 2 October 2024.

**Resolved:**

**That the confirmation of the permanent Tree Preservation Order at Millfield House, Common Lane, Corley, as made, be noted.**

**42 Appeal Updates**

The Head of Development Control brought Members up to date with recent appeal decisions.

**Resolved:**

**That the report be noted.**

**43 The Former Daw Mill Colliery**

The Head of Development Control described a proposed restoration scheme for the former Daw Mill Colliery site.

**Resolved:**

**That the County Council be informed that the Council has no objection to the proposal recognising that it accords with the Parameters as set out in the Section 106 Agreement, but that the County be informed that it is concerned about the impact of the potential number of HGV movements involved and the routes that these HGV's might take through the local rural highway network.**

44 **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

**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 paragraphs 5 and 6 of Schedule 12A to the Act.**

45 **Tree Preservation Order**

The Head of Development Control informed Members that a request had been received to consider whether the trees could be afforded protection.

**Resolved:**

**That a Tree Preservation Order be made with immediate effect.**

46 **Exempt Extract of the minutes of the Planning and Development Board held on 7 October 2024**

The exempt extract of the minutes of the Planning and Development Board held on 7 October 2024, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

M Simpson  
Chairman



**NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SUB-GROUP**

**5 November 2024**

Present: Councillor Clews in the Chair

Councillors Chapman, Jenns, H Phillips, Turley and Watson

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ririe (Substitute Councillor Turley) and Councillor Farrow (Substitute Councillor H Phillips)

**4 Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

None were declared at the meeting.

**5 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.**

**6 Staffing Matter**

The Director of Housing sought consideration of a proposal relating to a staffing matter.

**Resolved:**

**That recommendations a – c, as set out in the report of the Director of Housing be approved.**

**7 Staffing Matter**

The Chief Executive sought consideration of a proposal relating to a staffing matter.

**Resolved:**

**That the recommendation set out in the report of the Chief Executive be approved.**

CHAIRMAN

**NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE  
RESOURCES BOARD**

**11 November 2024**

Present: Councillor Symonds in the Chair

Councillors Barnett, Chapman, Davey, Jenns, Parsons, H Phillips, Smith, Stuart, Taylor and Watson

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Clews (Substitute Councillor Smith), Humphreys, O Phillips (Substitute Councillor H Phillips), Simpson (Substitute Councillor Jenns) and Taylor (Substitute Councillor Whapples)

Councillor Osborne was also in attendance and, with the consent of the Chair, spoke on Minute No 37 (Grenfell Tower Inquiry)

**31 Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

None were declared at the meeting.

**32 Minutes of the Resources Board held on 3 September 2024.**

The minutes of the Resources Board held on 3 September 2024, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**33 Capital Programme – 2024/25 Position at 30 September 2024**

The Interim Corporate Director – Resources (Section 151 Officer) provided Members with progress on the 2024/25 Capital Programme in terms of expenditure up to the end of September 2024 and detailed changes to the budget during the year.

**Resolved:**

- a That the progress made against the 2024/25 Capital Programme be noted; and**
- b That a supplementary estimate of £263,520 to the programme – fully funded through the UKSPF Grant, be approved.**

**34 General Fund Budgetary Control Report 2024/25 (Apr-Sep)**

The Interim Corporate Director – Resources (Section 151 Officer) reported on the revenue expenditure and income for the period from 1 April 2024 to 30 September 2024. The 2024/25 approved budget and the actual position for the period were given, together with an estimate of the outturn position for services reporting to the Board.

**Resolved:**

**That the report be noted.**

**35 Supplementary Estimate – Development Control Appeal Costs**

The Interim Corporate Director – Resources (Section 151 Officer) sought approval for a supplementary estimate of £225,000, to fund the costs of appeals in the current year.

**Resolved:**

**That the supplementary estimate of £225,000, to fund the costs of appeals in the current year be approved.**

**36 Homelessness Strategy**

The Director of Housing provided the Board with a draft Homelessness Strategy for approval.

**Resolved:**

**That the final draft of the Homelessness Strategy, attached at Appendix A to the report of the Director of Housing, be approved.**

**37 Grenfell Tower Inquiry**

The Director of Housing reported on the summary findings of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry and advised the Board about implications for the Council.

**Resolved:**

**a That the information provided from the Grenfell Tower Inquiry Executive Summary be noted;**

**b That the implications for the Council of the findings for its domestic stock be noted;**

**c That the policy on dealing with fire risks in the Council's domestic stock be approved; and**

- d That a budget of £800,000, to support the continuation of a programme to provide new fire doors for flats, be approved.

38 **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.**

39 **Council Offices Lift – Use of Urgent Business Powers**

The Chief Executive informed Members of the action taken by the Chief Executive under his urgent Business Powers with regard to the Lift in the Council Offices at Atherstone.

**Resolved:**

**That the action taken by the Chief Executive under his Urgent Business Powers be noted and endorsed.**

40 **Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme and Development Opportunities**

The Director of Housing provided information in respect of the Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme and development opportunities.

**Resolved:**

**That recommendations a – c set out in the report of the Director of Housing be approved.**

41 **Internal Audit Service**

The Interim Corporate Director – Resources (Section 151) Officer sought approval for a proposal in respect of the Internal Audit Service

**Resolved:**

**That recommendations a and b, as set out in the report of the Interim Corporate Director – Resources (Section 151 Officer) be approved.**

42 **Irrecoverable Debts**

The Interim Corporate Director – Resources (Section 151 Officer) provided Members with details of debts considered to be irrecoverable.

**Resolved:**

**That the recommendations set out in the report of the Interim Corporate Director – Resources (Section 151 Officer,) be approved.**

43 **Exempt Extract of the Minutes of the meeting of the Resources Board held on 3 September 2024**

The exempt extract of the minutes of the Resources Board held on 3 September 2024, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Councillor Symonds  
Chair

**NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE LOCAL  
DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK SUB-COMMITTEE**

**19 November 2024**

Present: Councillor Watson in the Chair

Councillors Humphreys, Jarvis, Osborne, Ridley and Turley.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Taylor (Substitute Councillor Turley) and Councillor Simpson (Substitute Councillor Jarvis)

**14 Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests.**

There were none declared at the meeting.

**15 Minutes of the meeting of the Local Development Framework Sub-Committee held on 10 September 2024.**

The minutes of the meeting of the Local Development Framework Sub-Committee held on 10 September 2024, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**16 Update on Progress of Employment Development Plan Document.**

The Chief Executive provided an update for Members on the progress of the Employment Development Plan Document (EDPD).

**Resolved:**

**a That the progress and timetable of production for the Employment Development Plan Document be noted; and**

**b That Member workshops be organised.**

**17 Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull Local Authorities Natural Capital Investment Strategy**

The Chief Executive brought a report that sought the adoption of the Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull Natural Capital Investment Strategy as the basis for utilising natural capital funding across the sub-region, and detailed that the strategy aligned closely with the Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) and had the potential to support the delivery of the BAP. Members support was sought for the strategy to assist in how monies received for the natural capital could be invested. In addition, the report proposed governance arrangements be put in place to oversee the delivery of the strategy, including developing an implementation.

**Recommendation to the Executive Board**

- a That the Natural Capital Investment Strategy be adopted;**
- b That the progress towards developing a Natural Capital Investment Implementation Plan be noted;**
- c That the approach to the governance of the Strategy and the establishment of a Capital Investment Board be agreed; and**
- d That a member be appointed to the Board.**

Councillor Watson  
Chairman

**Agenda Item No 15**

**Council**

**4 December 2024**

**Report of the  
Chief Executive**

**Exclusion of the Public and Press**

**Recommendation to the Board**

**To consider, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, whether it is in the public interest that 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.**

**Agenda Item No 16**

**Tree Preservation Order** – Report of the Head of Development Control

Paragraph 6 – by reason of the need to consider the making of an order.

**Agenda Item No 17**

**Housing Direct Works Appointment** – Report of the Director of Housing

Paragraph 3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

**Staffing Matters** - Report of the Chief Executive

Paragraph 1 - Information relating to an individual.

**Agenda Item No 18**

**Use of Urgent Business Powers** – Report of the Chief Executive

Paragraph 3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).



**Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme and Development Opportunities** - Report of the Director of Housing

Paragraph 3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

**Internal Audit Service** – Report of the Interim Corporate Director – Resources (Section 151 Officer)

Paragraph 1 - Information relating to an individual; and

Paragraph 3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

**Irrecoverable Debts** - Report of the Interim Corporate Director – Resources (Section 151 Officer)

Paragraph 1 - Information relating to an individual.

**Agenda Item No 19**

**Supplementary Estimate for Corporate Services** – Report of the Chief Executive

Paragraph 1 - Information relating to an individual.

**In-Cab Report** – Report of the Interim Corporate Director – Streetscape

Paragraph No 3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

**Agenda Item No 20**

**Leisure Project Update and Options** – Report of the Interim Corporate Director – Streetscape.

Paragraph 3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

**In-Cab Report-** Report of the Interim Corporate Director – Streetscape.

Paragraph 3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

In relation to the item listed above members should only exclude the public if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, giving their reasons as to why that is the case.

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