

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT BOARD

22 October 2012

Present: Councillor Phillips in the Chair

Councillors Ferro, Humphreys, Lewis, Moore, B Moss, Payne and Wykes

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Freer and M Moss (substitute Councillor Moore).

Also in attendance were Councillors Barber, Fowler and Smith.

With the consent of the Chairman Councillors Fowler and Smith spoke on Minute No. 26 (Proposed Replacement of Indoor Facilities in Coleshill). Councillor Fowler also spoke on Minute No. 27 (Green Space Management Plans Progress Report).

20 **Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

Councillor Moore declared a Pecuniary Interest in Minute No 28 and 33 by reason of being a member of Baddesley Church.

21 **Minutes of the Meeting of the Board held on 23 July 2012**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 July 2012, copies having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

22 **Budgetary Control Report 2012/13 Period Ended 30 September 2012**

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) reported on the expenditure and income from 1 April 2012 to 30 September 2012.

Recommendation to Executive Board:

That a supplementary estimate of £40,000, to cover the additional costs on refuse collection and horticulture and the reduction in income from recycling and refuse, be approved.

23 Leisure and Community Development Division – Proposed 2013/14 Revenue Savings

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) highlighted potential areas for revenue budget savings within the Leisure and Community Development Division for inclusion in the 2013/14 revenue estimates.

Recommendation to Executive Board:

That, subject to the removal of the proposed savings as set out in paragraphs 4.3 and 4.4 of the report, the remaining proposed budget savings within the Leisure and Community Development Division be included in the 2013/14 revenue estimates.

24 Leisure Facilities – 2013/14 Bank Holiday Closures

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) sought the Board's approval for the Bank Holiday closure of leisure facilities during 2013/14.

Resolved:

That the schedule of leisure facility closures, as set out in paragraph 4.1 of the report of the Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development), be approved.

25 Atherstone Leisure Complex – Development of a Free Weights Facility

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) outlined a proposal to develop a Free Weights facility within Atherstone Leisure Complex and to relocate the current Easyline Studio into the adjacent Memorial Hall.

Resolved:

That, on the basis of the financial and usage projections detailed in the report of the Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development), the proposal to develop a Free Weights facility within Atherstone Leisure Complex and to relocate the Easyline Studio into the Memorial Hall, be approved.

26 Proposed Replacement of Indoor Leisure Facilities in Coleshill

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) provided feedback on the progress of early discussions with representatives of The Coleshill School, further to The School having been identified as the preferred location for any future replacement of Coleshill Leisure Centre.

Resolved:

- a That, in noting the progress of discussions to date, Officers be instructed to continue negotiations with representatives of The Coleshill School in order to reach an agreement in relation to the future provision, development and subsequent management of a new dual use leisure facility at The School; and**
- b That the Solicitor to the Council be authorised to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with The Coleshill School in relation to the proposed development of a new leisure facility at this location, subject to prior approval of its final content by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board, and that the Memorandum of Understanding be brought to a subsequent meeting of the Board for information.**

27 Green Space Management Plans Progress Report

Members of the Board were informed of progress in respect of the preparation and implementation plans for key sites across the Borough, in accordance with the priorities identified in the North Warwickshire Green Space Strategy.

Resolved:

- a That the progress in respect of the preparation of Green Space Management Plans, be noted;**
- b That the proposal to proceed to tender on the projects in Polesworth and Dordon, be approved;**
- c That the objectives and short and medium-term actions in respect of Bretts Hall Recreation Ground, Ansley Common, as set out in Appendix A to the report of the Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development), be approved;**
- d That the proposals in respect of tree management at Cole End Park in Coleshill, as set out in Appendix C to the report of the Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development), be approved; and**

Recommendation to Executive Board:

- e That the Executive Board be requested to consider a scheme for Bretts Hall Recreation Ground in Ansley Common, including the development of the play area, so that a capital bid can be put forward, to be considered for inclusion in the 2013/14 capital programme.**

28 Birch Coppice Section 106 Agreement – Proposed Use of Funding

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) sought approval for the proposed use of Birch Coppice Section 106 funding to advance priorities identified in the North Warwickshire Green Space Strategy.

Resolved:

- a That the proposals for the use of Birch Coppice Section 106 funding, as set out in the report of the Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development), be approved; and**
- b That IM Properties, as a party to the Section 106 agreements, be formally consulted on the proposals identified in the report.**

29 Refuse and Recycling Services

The Assistant Director (Streetscape) provided an update for Members on the work being undertaken in preparation for the implementation of the new Alternate Week Collection (AWC) Service in October 2013.

Resolved:

- a That the work being undertaken in preparation for the implementation of the new Alternate Week Collection (AWC) service, be noted; and**
- b That the Revised Waste Framework Directive, be noted.**

30 Minutes of the Recycling Task and Finish Group held on 19 July 2012

The minutes of the Recycling Task and Finish Group held on 19 July 2012 were received and noted.

31 Progress Report on Achievement of Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator Targets April – June 2012

The Board were informed of progress with the achievement of the Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator targets relevant to the Community and Environment Board for April to June 2012.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

32 **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.

33 **Birch Coppice Section 106 Agreement – Financial Implications of the Proposed Use of Funding**

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) highlighted the financial implications of the proposed use of Birch Coppice Section 106 funding to advance priorities identified in the North Warwickshire Green Space Strategy and sought Members approval thereof.

Resolved:

That the financial implications of the proposed use of Birch Coppice Section 106 funding, as set out in the report of the Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development), be approved.

H Phillips
Chairman