

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES BOARD

3 September 2019

Present: Councillor Symonds in the Chair

Councillors T Clews, Davey, Dirveiks, Farrow, O Phillips, McLauchlan, Singh, Simpson and Symonds.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor D Wright (Substitute Councillor D Humphreys).

12 **Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

None were declared at the meeting.

13 **Minutes of the Resources Board meeting held on 3 June 2019**

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 3 June 2019, a copy having previously been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

14 **Progress Report on Achievement of Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator Targets April – June 2019**

The Chief Executive informed Members of the progress with the achievement of the Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator targets relevant to the Resources Board for April to June 2019.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

15 **Capital Programme 2019/2020 Period Ended 31 July 2019**

The Corporate Director – Resources updated Members on the progress of the 2019/20 Capital Programme in terms of expenditure up to the end of July 2019.

Resolved:

That the progress made against the 2019/20 Capital Programme be noted.

16 Homelessness Reduction Act 2017

The Assistant Director (Housing) provided the Board with an update on progress being made to deliver the Council's Homelessness Strategy and Action Plan and its legal duties to deliver the requirements of the Homelessness Reduction Act (HRA) 2017.

Resolved:

- a That the progress being made to deliver the requirements of the Homelessness Reduction Act be noted; and**
- b That the update on progress to deliver the actions identified in the Homelessness Strategy Action Plan, as outlined in Appendix 2 to the report of the Assistant Director (Housing), be noted.**

17 General Fund Budgetary Control Report 2019/20 Period Ended 31 July 2019

The Corporate Director – Resources reported on the revenue expenditure and income for the period from 1 April 2019 to 31 July 2019. The 2019/20 budget and the actual position for the period, compared with the estimate at that date were given, together with an estimate of the out-turn position for services reporting to the Board.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

18 Housing Revenue Account Budgetary Control Report 2019/20 – Period Ended 31 July 2019

The Corporate Director – Resources reported on the total Housing Revenue Account revenue expenditure and income for the period from 1 April to 31 July 2019.

Resolved:

That the budget for Rent Income from Dwellings be reduced by £217,570, giving an overall use of balances of £13,880 for 2019/20.

19 **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.

20 **Irrecoverable Local Taxation Debts**

The Corporate Director – Community detailed the amounts recommended for write-off in accordance with the write-off policy agreed by the Resources Board on 23 May 2016.

Resolved:

- a That the write off of balances over £5,750 totalling £16,057.03 in respect of 2 unpaid Non Domestic Rate accounts as outlined in Appendix A to the report of the Corporate Director – Community, be ratified; and**
- b That the total amount of write-offs in the year to date and over the last 8 years which include those written off by the Assistant Chief Executive (Community Services) under delegated powers, summarised in Appendix B, be noted.**

21 **Condition of Council Property – Grendon Road, Polesworth**

The Director of Housing provided the Board with information about the condition of a Council owned house in Polesworth and set out options for consideration.

Resolved:

That the renovation work be undertaken.

22 **Scheme for Young Parents, Meadow House – Atherstone**

The Director of Housing provided the Board with information about a proposal for the Housing Division to support the provision of a support scheme for young parents at Meadow House, Atherstone.

Resolved:

That the Council enter into a lease for 3 years with Bromford Housing Group for Meadow House, Atherstone, and act as the Managing Agent for the premises.

23 Garage Site – Church Lane, Middleton

The Director of Housing provided Members of the Board with information and future options for its garage site at Church Lane, Middleton.

Resolved:

- a That the occupation of the land be offered again to the Parish Council; and**
- b That should the Parish Council decline the offer to occupy the land the Director of Housing be authorised to consider and pursue the most appropriate option.**

24 Request to Purchase Land

The Director of Housing informed the Board about a request to purchase land in the Council's ownership in Old Arley.

Resolved:

That the piece of land in Old Arley, shown at Appendix A of the report of the Director of Housing, be offered to the interested party on a leased basis.

CHAIRMAN