

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES BOARD

4 September 2018

Present: Councillor D Wright in the Chair

Councillors Bell, Davis, N Dirveiks, Gosling, Henney, Simpson, Symonds and Waters

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Moss (Substitute Councillor Bell).

Councillors Clews, D Humphreys, M Humphreys, Jarvis, Phillips and Smith were also in attendance.

17 **Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

Councillor Henney declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute 19 – Atherstone Sports Club and Royal Meadow Drive Recreation Ground, left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

Councillors Davis, Henney and D Wright declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute 24 – CCTV Partnership and Systems Upgrade, by virtue of being Atherstone Town Councillors.

18 **Minutes of the Resources Board meetings held on 19 March 2018 and 21 May 2018**

The minutes of the meetings of the Board held on 19 March 2018 and 21 May 2018, copies having previously been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

19 **Atherstone Sports Club and Royal Meadow Drive Recreation Ground – Report of the Director of Leisure and Community Development**

Summary

The Director of Leisure and Community Development presented a request from Atherstone Sports Club to enter into a Tenancy at Will in respect of its use of Royal Meadow Drive Recreation Ground, Atherstone.

Resolved:

That, subject to the agreement of the terms by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Resources and Community and Environment Boards, the request from Atherstone Sports Club to enter into a Tenancy at Will in respect of its use of Royal Meadow Drive Recreation Ground be approved.

- 20 **Capital Programme 2018/2019 Period Ended 31 July 2018** – Report of the Corporate Director - Resources

Summary

The Corporate Director – Resources updated Members on the progress of the 2018/19 Capital Programme in terms of expenditure up to the end of July 2018.

Resolved:

- a **That the progress made against the 2018/19 Capital Programme be noted; and**
- b **That the proposed revisions to the 2018/2019 HRA Capital Programme, set out in Column C of Appendix A, be approved.**

- 21 **General Fund Budgetary Control Report 2018/19 Period Ended 31 July 2018**

The Corporate Director – Resources reported on the revenue expenditure and income for the period from 1 April 2018 to 31 July 2018. The 2018/19 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.

- 22 **Housing Revenue Account Budgetary Control Report 2018/19 – Period Ended 31 July 2018**

The Corporate Director – Resources reported on the total Housing Revenue Account revenue expenditure and income for the period from 1 April to 31 July 2018.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

- 23 **Progress Report on Achievement of Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator Targets April – June 2018**

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 2018.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

24 CCTV Partnership and System Upgrade – Report of the Director of Housing

The Director of Housing provided information for the Board about the Council's CCTV service and proposed the purchase of new equipment to provide for an upgrade from an analogue to a digital service.

Resolved:

- a That the contents of the report be noted;**
- b That the appointment of a CCTV technical consultant to provide an options report and technical specification for the replacement of CCTV equipment used by the Borough Council and Atherstone Town Council be approved;**
- c That the request from Coleshill Town Council to become part of the CCTV partnership be supported; and**
- d That, in order for Coleshill Town Council to join the CCTV partnership, the technical requirements be included in the specialist options appraisal.**

25 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.

26 Irrecoverable Local Taxation Debts – Report of the Corporate Director – Community

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

Resolved:

- a That the write off of a balance over £5,750 totalling £9,503.76 in respect of one debtor as part of an insolvency action as outlined in Appendix A, be approved; and**
- b That the total amount of write-offs in the year to date and over the last 6 years which include those written off by**

the Corporate Director – Community under delegated powers, summarised in Appendix B, be noted.

27 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 request to purchase the piece of land in Old Arley shown at Appendix B to the report of the Director of Housing be declined.

28 Condition of Council Flats – Long Street and Coleshill Road, Atherstone

The Director of Housing provided the Board with information about the condition of Council owned flats at Long Street and Coleshill Road, Atherstone and set out options for addressing the repair issues reported.

Resolved:

- a That an Architect to provide plans for the sites be appointed;**
- b That individual occupants and neighbouring residents be consulted about the proposals; and**
- c That the flats identified in the report be demolished and replaced with new build developments which are a good design and enhance the local area and that the Chair of the Board be consulted before the final designs are submitted for planning approval.**

29 Long Term Empty Home – Coleshill

The Director of Housing made the Board aware of a property which had been empty for several years and its deteriorating condition was causing concern for neighbours and subsequent detriment to other properties within the block.

Resolved:

That if the leaseholder does not carry out the required repairs, the Council acts to undertake the repairs in default, putting a charge against the property , and seeking to enforce its sale or a Compulsory Purchase Order.

30 Land Issues – Update

The Director of Streetscape updated Members on issues relating to land ownership at Sheepy Road, Atherstone and the outcome of discussions with

the owner and developer of the neighbouring sites. The report also set out details of a land swap agreement which had been reached with the developer and Members were asked to endorse the proposal in order to bring matters to a conclusion.

Resolved:

- a That the contents of this report be noted;**
- b That the parcels of land identified in the report be declared surplus to requirements of the Council;**
- c That the proposed land exchange and rights of access outlined in the report of the Director of Streetscape be agreed;**
- d That, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board, the Director of Streetscape be authorised to finalise the details of the agreement so long as they are in line with the proposals set out in the report; and**
- e That, should the agreement not reach a satisfactory conclusion, the Board would revert to the action previously agreed and take possession of the land to the rear of Mancetter Manor (known as the deer field).**

D Wright
Chairman