

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

19 July 2023

Present: Councillor D Wright in the Chair

Councillors Bell, Clews, Gosling, H Phillips, O Phillips, Reilly, Ridley, Turley, Simpson, Symonds and Whapples

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dirveiks (Substitute O Phillips) and Parsons (Substitute Turley)

Also in attendance was Councillor Stuart

10 **Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest**

None were declared at the meeting.

11 **Minutes of the Executive Board held on 20 June 2023**

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 20 June 2023, copies having been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

12 **External Auditors' Report**

The Corporate Director - Resources presented the 2020/21 Draft Annual Audit Letter received from the Council's external auditors, Ernst & Young LLP.

Recommended to Council:

That the report be noted.

13 **Transformation Team Updates**

The Chief Executive provided Members with an update to the work that the Transformation team is undertaking.

Resolved:

a That the report is acknowledged; and

b That the report be noted.

14 Budgetary Control Report 2023/24 Period Ended 30 June 2023

The Corporate Director - Resources updated the Board on revenue expenditure and income for the period from 1 April 2023 to 30 June 2023. The 2023/24 budget and the actual position for the period, compared with the estimate at that date together with an estimate of the out-turn position for services.

Recommendation to Council:

To consider if any further information is required.

15 The West Midlands Combined Authority

The Chief Executive updated Members with regard to some recent developments concerning the West Midlands Combined Authority ('WMCA').

Resolved:

- a That the report be noted;**
- b That the Council confirms its opposition to the timescale proposed for the decision with regard to the Warwickshire County Council joining the WMCA;**
- c That the Leader be authorised to convey the Council's very serious concerns about the prospect of joining the WMCA and in particular the shortened timescale for the proper consideration of this decision;**
- d That the Council opposes any proposal that would or could lead to the abolition of North Warwickshire Borough Council and the creation of a unitary council for Warwickshire; and**
- e That the Chief Executive be given delegated powers in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Opposition should any action be needed to be taken prior to the next meeting of this Board and/or Council and to take part in the exercise being undertaken by Warwickshire County Council and the WMCA.**

16 North Warwickshire Local Plan – Process for Review

The Chief Executive brought Members information on the process for review of a Local Plan which was considered by the Local Development Framework Sub-Committee on 4 July 2023.

Resolved:

- a That the Local Development Scheme be updated to reflect the continued production of the Employment and Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Documents; and**
- b That following the publication of the AMR 2022/23 a further report be brought to Board to consider the next steps in terms of plan making.**

17 Local Development Scheme (LDS) July 2023

The Chief Executive brought Members a revised up to date Local Development Scheme which was considered by the Local Development Framework Sub-Committee on 4 July 2023.

Resolved:

That the Local Development Scheme be approved.

18 Food and Health and Safety Enforcement Plan

The Chief Executive sought Members approval for the Food and Health and Safety Enforcement Plan.

Resolved:

That the Food and Health and Safety Enforcement Plan be adopted.

19 Electoral Review – Local Government Boundary Commission

The Chief Executive informed Members about the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's (LGBCE) review of the Ward Boundaries in North Warwickshire, which will take place from Autumn 2023 until 2025.

Resolved:

- a That the contents of the report be noted; and**

Recommendation to Council:

- b That an Advisory Committee be appointed in order to consider the Borough Council's response to the consultations undertaken by LGBCE as part of the review, with the proposed terms of reference as set out at Appendix 1 to the report of the Chief Executive.**

20 **Minutes of the Safer Communities Sub-Committee held on 16 March 2023**

That the minutes of the Safer Communities Sub-Committee Meeting held on 16 March 2023 were received and noted.

21 **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.

22 **Staffing Matter**

The Chief Executive updated Members regarding a staffing matter.

Resolved:

- a **That Members consider recruitment to the vacant post;**
- b **That the Financial Services Manager and Deputy section 151 officer be appointed as the Council's section 151 officer until the interim arrangements become effective; and**

Recommendation to Council

- c **That the Senior Management Recruitment Sub-Committee be re-established with six Councillors, 3 Conservatives and 3 Labour with the Chairman of the Executive Board appointed as Chairman.**

23 **Exempt Extract of the minutes of the Executive Board held on 20 June 2023**

The Exempt minutes of the Executive Board held on 20 June 2023, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

D Wright
CHAIR