

## NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

12 October 2022

Present: Councillor D Wright in the Chair

Councillors Bell, Chambers, Dirveiks, Hayfield, D Humphreys, Jenns, Morson, H Phillips, Reilly, Simpson and Symonds.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Gosling (substitute Dirveiks).

#### 19 **Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest**

None were declared at the meeting.

#### 20 **Minutes of the Executive Board held on 20 July 2022**

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 20 July 2022, copies having been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 21 **A5 Consultation on Dordon to Atherstone by National Highways**

The Chief Executive reported on a consultation which was taking place between 5 September and 16 October 2022 by National Highways on proposed works to the A5 between Dordon and Atherstone.

##### **Resolved:**

**That delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive to submit the Council's response incorporating comments from this Board and the Local Development Forum Sub-Committee.**

#### 22 **Capital Accounts 2021/22**

Following preparation of the capital accounts for 2021/22, the Corporate Director – Resources detailed expenditure for the year, together with the methods of funding used.

**Recommended:**

**That the methods of funding to meet capital expenditure incurred in 2021/22 be approved.**

**23 Capital Programme – 2021/22 Final Position**

The Corporate Director – Resources updated Members on the position of the 2021/22 Capital Programme at the end of March 2022.

**Recommended:**

- a That the level of expenditure incurred to the end of March 2022 against the 2021/22 Revised Capital Programme be noted; and**
- b That the requests to carry forward schemes identified in column 6 of Appendix A, to the report of the Corporate Director – Resources, be approved and added to the 2022/23 Capital Programme.**

**24 Earmarked Reserves 2022/23**

The Corporate Director – Resources informed Members of the balances on reserves, other than the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account, at 31 March 2022 which were subject to audit.

It was proposed by Councillor Morson and seconded by Councillor Chambers that a Task and Finish Group be established to look at financial risks.

On being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

It was proposed by Councillor D Wright and seconded by Councillor Symonds and

**Resolved:**

**That the reserves held at 31 March 2022 be noted.**

**25 Financial Strategy 2022 – 2027**

The Corporate Director – Resources summarised the Authority's Financial strategy, projected forward the Authority's General Fund budgets to 2026/27, and suggested a budget approach for the 2023/24 General Fund Budget.

**Recommended:**

- a That the Financial Strategy shown as Appendix A, to the report of the Corporate Director – Resources, be approved;**
- b That the General Fund budget projections for 2022/23 to 2026/27 be noted; and**

- c That the budget approach, set out in section 8 of the report of the Corporate Director – Resources, be adopted.**

**26 Partnership Framework and Significance Scorecard**

The Corporate Director – Resources sought approval for a Framework which would formalise and extend the process which the Council had had in place for some time with regards to partnerships. It would provide a process which protected the Council's interests and helped it to engage in a process which was open and transparent.

**Resolved:**

**That the Partnership Framework and Scorecard be approved.**

**27 Asylum Seeker Accommodation Dispersal Arrangements**

The Director of Housing provided information about the Government's arrangements for accommodating Asylum Seekers. The implications of the change to a plan for the full dispersal for accommodation provision were detailed.

**Resolved:**

**That the Board is minded to support the model proposed by the West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership as set out at Table 2, in the report of the Director of Housing, and delegated powers be given to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Leader of the Opposition to respond to any further developments.**

**28 Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman Annual Review 2021/22**

The Chief Executive informed the Board about the results of the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman Annual Review 2021/22. The number of complaints and enquiries considered by the Ombudsman relating to the Council were highlighted and the outcome of their determinations. Contextual information about the compliments and complaints received via the Council's corporate Compliments and Complaints Procedure were provided.

**Resolved:**

**That the report be noted.**

**29 Rural England Prosperity Fund**

The Chief Executive advised Members of the new Rural England Prosperity Fund and sought delegated powers to submit the required addendum to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund ('UKSPF') Investment Plan.

**Resolved:**

- a That the report be noted; and**
- b That the Chief Executive be given delegated powers, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Leader of the Opposition to finalise and submit the addendum to the UK SPF Investment Plan as set out in his report.**

**30 Leisure Facilities Local Authority Trading Company: Business Case**

Management Team and the Director of Leisure and Community Development presented a business case for Members' consideration which was required before a Local Authority Trading Company (LATCo) could start to trade, pursuant to the Council's powers (under Section 1 of the Localism Act and Section 95 of the Local Government Act 2003).

**Recommended:**

It was proposed by Councillor Chambers and seconded by Councillor Morson that a Member Working Party be established to look at the business case.

On being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

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

- a That the corporate business case to establish a wholly owned Leisure Facilities Local Authority Trading Company be approved; and**
- b That the establishment and registration of the wholly owned Leisure Facilities Local Authority Trading Company be approved, on the basis of it being a Company Limited by Guarantee.**

**(The Chief Executive has subsequently received a notice signed by Councillors Morson, H Phillips, Chambers and Dirveiks) under Standing Order No 30(1)(b) (Minority Report) with regard to the decision of the Board on this matter and it is therefore referred to Council for confirmation.)**

31 **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.**

32 **Confidential Extract of the Minutes of the Executive Board held on 20 July 2022**

The confidential extract of the minutes of the Executive Board held on 20 July 2022, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

David Wright  
CHAIRMAN

*Please note that due to the sad passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II the meeting of Executive Board due to take place on 19 September 2022, was rearranged to take place on 12 October 2022.*