

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT BOARD

10 October 2022

Present: Councillor Bell in the Chair.

Councillors Chambers, Gosling, Hancocks, M Humphreys, Jenns, Jordan, McLauchlan, K Parker, H Phillips, Singh, Symonds and A Wright.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Rose, L Smith (substitute Hancocks) and S Smith (substitute Symonds).

18 **Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

None were declared at the meeting.

19 **Minutes of the Meeting of the Board held on 25 July 2022**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2022, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

20 **Budgetary Control Report 2022/23 Period Ended 31 August 2022**

The Corporate Director – Resources detailed the revenue expenditure and income for the period from 1 April 2022 to 31 August 2022. The 2022/23 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.

21 **National Food Hygiene Rating Scheme – Increase to Charging for Requested Re-inspections**

The Chief Executive asked the Board to consider an increase to the recovery charges for re-inspections requested by food businesses under the National Food Hygiene Rating Scheme.

Resolved:

That the introduction of increased charges, on a cost recovery basis, for re-inspections requested by food businesses be approved and that the charges be subject to an annual review.

22 **Climate Change Action Plan Update**

The Corporate Director – Streetscape updated Members on the responses to the public consultation on the Council’s Climate Change Action Plan and recommended that the plan be reviewed in light of the comments received.

Resolved:

That the Member Climate Change Group considers the responses to the public consultation, amends the Action Plan accordingly and a final version be brought back to a future meeting of the Executive Board for approval and adoption.

23 **North Warwickshire Green Space and Playing Pitch Strategies – Progress Report**

The Director of Leisure and Community Development informed Members of the progress made in respect of delivery against the priorities set out in the North Warwickshire Green Space Strategy (2020 to 2033) and the adopted Playing Pitch Strategy (2018 to 2031).

Resolved:

- a That the progress made in respect of the implementation of the priorities of the North Warwickshire Green Space Strategy (2020 to 2033) and the Playing Pitch Strategy (2018 to 2031) be noted; and**
- b That the principle of the Authority entering into a service level agreement with Baxterley in Bloom to create and manage a sensory garden and wildflower meadow within Baxterley Recreation Ground be approved, subject to the terms of that agreement being approved by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Opposition Spokesperson for the Board**

24 **Sports Pitch Provision in Atherstone**

The Director of Leisure and Community Development updated the Board about recent developments in respect of sports pitch provision in Atherstone and sought guidance concerning the most appropriate location for any future provision of an artificial grass pitch in the town.

Resolved:

- a That the outlined recent developments in respect of sports pitch provision in Atherstone be noted; and**
- b That, in principle, Royal Meadow Drive Recreation Ground be recognised as the Borough Council's preferred location for a 3G artificial grass pitch in Atherstone, with the power to approve the required project and business plans to be developed in conjunction with Atherstone Sports Club delegated to the Director of Leisure and Community Development, in consultation with Chair, Vice-Chair and Opposition Spokesperson of the Board**

25 **Leisure Facilities: Service Improvement Plan**

The Director of Leisure and Community Development presented to Members the approved 2022/23 Service Improvement Plan (SIP) detailing activity through to the end of August 2022, through which the Board had agreed to monitor the operational performance of the leisure facilities at each of its meetings.

Resolved:

- a That the progress made against the requirements identified in the approved 2022/23 Leisure Facilities Service Improvement Plan through which operational performance is monitored be noted; and**
- b That the revised leisure facilities Christmas / New Year opening hours, as detailed at paragraph 4.7 of the report of the Director of Leisure and Community Development, be approved.**

26 **Leisure Facilities Local Authority Trading Company: Service Specification**

Following the decision of the Community and Environment Board, at its meeting held on 14 March 2022, to establish a wholly owned Leisure Facilities Local Authority Trading Company (LATCo), a service specification was required, which would be used to identify the outputs to be achieved in the operation of the service. The Director of Leisure and

Community Development presented a draft service specification for Members' consideration.

Resolved:

That the content of the service specification, attached as an appendix to the report of the Director of Leisure and Community Development, which would frame the service to be provided by the wholly owned Leisure Facilities Local Authority Trading Company, be approved; and

That a more practical version of the specification, linked to the previously adopted strategic objectives for the Leisure Facilities service, be prepared for consideration at a future meeting of the Board.

Margaret Bell
Chairman