

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT BOARD

11 October 2021

Present: Councillor Bell in the Chair.

Councillors Chambers, Gosling, M Humphreys, Jenns, Jordan, Parker, H Phillips, Macdonald, McLauchlan, Rose, L Smith, S Smith and A Wright.

Councillor D Humphreys was also in attendance.

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

None were declared at the meeting.

13 **Minutes of the Meeting of the Board held on 26 July 2021**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2021, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

14 **Budgetary Control Report 2021/22 Period Ended 31 August 2021**

The Corporate Director – Resources reported on the revenue expenditure and income for the period from 1 April to 31 August 2021. The 2021/22 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:

- a That the report be noted.**
- b That a further report be brought to a future meeting of the Board on the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic on the Refuse and Recycling Service, the recovery of the service and the effect of the HGV driver shortage.**

15 **Leisure Facilities: Service Improvement Plan**

The Director of Leisure and Community Development sought consideration of the Service Improvement Plan (SIP), which detailed activity through to the end of August 2021, 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 2021/22 Leisure Facilities Service Improvement Plan, through which operational performance was monitored, be noted; and
- b That authority be delegated to the Director of Leisure and Community Development, in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-chairman and Opposition Spokesperson for the Board, to amend the Christmas / New Year opening hours of the leisure facilities, subject to there being no significant adverse implications for levels of community use of the centres.

16 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebratory Grant Scheme

The Director of Leisure and Community Development proposed the development and delivery of a scheme of financial assistance for community-based activities organised to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Resolved:

That the use of monies from the One-Off Growth Fund to provide celebratory Queen's Platinum Jubilee grants in the manner identified in the report be approved, and that the proposed action to engage in the Queen's Green Canopy programme be undertaken by the Director of Leisure and Community Development, in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-chairman and Opposition Spokesperson for the Board.

17 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;
- b That the principle of the Borough Council entering into a long-term (30 year) lease agreement with Atherstone Sports Club, through which it could assume responsibility for the management and maintenance of part of Royal Meadow Drive Recreation Ground, Atherstone, be approved, prior to consideration of this matter at a future meeting of the Resources Board; and

- c That the principle of the Authority entering into a Licence Agreement with Shuttington Parish Council, through which it could assume responsibility for the management and maintenance of a wildflower meadow on Borough Council-owned land in Milner Drive, Shuttington, be approved, prior to the Chief Executive giving consideration to the use of his urgent business powers to grant the Licence and the subsequent reporting of this matter to a future meeting of the Resources Board.**

18 Health and Wellbeing Action Plan

The Director of Leisure and Community Development provided Members with an update on the progress being made in respect of the actions identified in the approved Health and Wellbeing Action Plan (2020 to 2023).

Resolved:

- a That the progress made in respect of the delivery of those commitments identified in the Health and Wellbeing Action Plan (2020 to 2023) be noted; and**
- b That a report on the Indigo Scheme be brought to a future meeting of the Board; and**
- c That the Health and Wellbeing Working Party be asked to review the work being undertaken by partners in respect of teenage conceptions and the Definitive Rights of Way network.**

19 Minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Working Party Meeting held on 16 September 2021

The minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Working Party meeting held on 16 September 2021 were received and noted.

20 In-cab Technology

The Corporate Director – Streetscape asked Members to approve the purchase and introduction of in-cab technology for waste and recycling collection vehicles.

Resolved:

- a That the purchase and implementation of in-cab technology for all waste and recycling collection vehicles be approved, on the condition that it is within the allocated budget; and**
- b That if further budget is required it will be referred to a future meeting of the Resources Board; and**
- c That the Climate Change Group take up the issue of the reduction in carbon emissions.**

21 **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

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, namely it is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

22 **Confidential Minutes of the Community and Environment Board meeting held on 26 July 2021**

The confidential minutes of the Community and Environment Board meeting held on 26 July 2021 were received and noted.

Margaret Bell
Chairman