

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT BOARD

23 January 2017

Present: Councillor Smith in the Chair

Councillors Bell, Chambers, Ferro, Gosling, Hanratty, Hayfield, Humphreys, Jarvis, Lewis, Moss, Smitten and A Wright.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ingram (Substitute Councillor A Wright), Jones (Substitute Councillor Humphreys) and Phillips (Substitute Councillor Moss).

28 **Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

None were declared at the meeting.

29 **Public Participation**

Prior to the meeting, a set of questions was received from a local resident in respect of Arley Sports Centre. A response from the Chairman was circulated at the meeting. The resident was not present.

30 **Minutes of the Meeting of the Board held on 17 October 2016**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2016 copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

31 **Corporate Plan 2017 -18**

The Board's approval was sought for the Corporate Plan targets for which it was responsible and to agree 2017 -18 Service Plans for the Leisure and Community Development, Streetscape and Environmental Divisions.

Recommendation to Executive Board

a **That subject to the inclusion of the additional targets set out below;**

- **Priority 3 - Protecting our Countryside & Heritage (page 4)**

“(d) To continue to work with North Warwickshire Heritage Forum to protect, promote and develop the heritage and tourism of North Warwickshire” and;

- **Promoting Sustainable & Vibrant Communities – (page 12)**

“Work with partners across Warwickshire to improve transport to health services for North Warwickshire residents.”

Those Corporate Plan Targets as set out in Appendix A to the report for which the Community and Environment Board is responsible be agreed; and

Resolved:

- b That with the addition of the following;**

Appendix B(iii)c, page 3– Planning Consultations - column 2 “in particular, giving consideration to the cumulative effect of adjacent developments”.

the Service Plans as set out in Appendix B to the report be agreed.

32 General Fund Fees and Charges 2017/2018

The Board was asked to consider the fees and charges for 2016/17 and the proposed fees and charges for 2017/18.

Resolved:

That the schedule of fees and charges for 2017/18, as set out in the report be accepted.

33 General Fund Revenue Estimates 2017/18

The Deputy Chief Executive presented the revised budget for 2016/17 and an estimate of expenditure for 2017/18, together with forward commitments for 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21.

Resolved:

- a That the revised budget for 2016/17 be accepted, and**

Recommendation to Executive Board

- b That the Estimates of Expenditure for 2017/18, as submitted to the Board be included in the budget to be brought before the meeting of Executive Board on 7 February 2017.**

34 Capital Programme 2017/18 to 2019/20

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) presented proposals for schemes to be included within the Council's capital programme over the next three years.

Resolved:

- a That the replacement of the leisure equipment and Easyline schemes previously approved within the Council's three-year capital programme, be supported; and**
- b That the schemes which will not be included within the capital programme, be noted.**

35 Leisure Facilities – 2017/18 Bank Holiday Closures

The Board's approval was sought for the Bank Holiday closure of leisure facilities during the 2017/18 financial year.

Resolved:

That the schedule of leisure facility closures, as set out in paragraph 4.1 of the report of the Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development), be approved, subject to the need to give further consideration to the schedule closures after receipt of the Strategic Leisure Review report from external consultants.

36 Strategic Review of Leisure and Community Development Services

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) updated the Board on the progress made by external consultants in respect of the commission to undertake a Strategic Review of Leisure and Community Development Services and prepare associated supporting strategies and delivery plans. Additionally, the Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) detailed the outcome of the consultant's "light touch" review of the Authority's Community and Development service.

Resolved:

- a That progress being made by external consultants in respect of the commission to undertake a Strategic Review of Leisure and Community Development Services and their preparation of supporting strategies and delivery plans, be noted; and**

- b That the new long-term, locality based delivery model for future community development activity within the Borough, as identified within Appendix A to the report of the Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development), be adopted.**

37 Health Improvement Action Plan (2017 to 2010)

The Board was presented with an update on the progress being made in respect of the production of a corporate Health Improvement Action Plan (2017 to 2020) by the Health and Well-being Working Party.

Resolved:

That the progress being made by the Health and Well-being Working Party in respect of its production of a corporate Health Improvement Action Plan (2017 to 2020), be noted.

38 Minutes of the Health and Well-being Working Party meeting held on 15 December 2016

The minutes of the Health and Well-being Working Party held on 15 December 2016 were received and noted.

39 Coventry and Warwickshire Sustainability and Transformation Plan – Use of Urgent Business Powers

Members were informed of the action taken by the Chief Executive under his Urgent Business Powers in responding to the Coventry and Warwickshire Sustainability and Transformation Plan.

Resolved:

That the action taken by the Chief Executive under his Urgent Business Powers be noted and endorsed.

40 Prosecutions Taken by The Environmental Health Division 2016

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council provided details of the prosecutions taken by the Environmental Health Division during the calendar year 2016.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

41 Progress Report on Achievement of Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator Targets April – September 2016

The Board was informed of the progress with the achievement of the Corporate Plan and Performance indicator targets relevant to the Community and Environment Board for April to September 2016.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

42 Waste Management – Joint Working Opportunities

Members were updated a recent workshop coordinated by Warwickshire County Council and involving officers and members of the Warwickshire Waste Partnership. The Assistant Director (Streetscape) presented a summary of the outcome of the workshop and suggested areas where the partners may wish to look in more detail at closer working arrangements which could be delivered over the short, medium and longer term.

Resolved:

a That the contents of the report and appendices be noted; and

b That the Board's comments and observations on the report and its findings be fed into the Recycling Task and Finish Group (to comprise of 4 Members of the Conservative Group and 2 Members of the Labour Group) around joint working in waste management services.

43 Glass Recycling

The Assistant Director (Streetscape) reported on the issues which the recycling of glass caused as it was currently undertaken within North Warwickshire and presented options which are open to the Council to address those issues and what the impact might be on recycling operations, resources and the Council's recycling rate.

Resolved:

a That the report be noted; and

b That the glass recycling issues as set out in the report be considered by the Recycling Task and Finish Group and that a further report be brought back to a future meeting of the Board.

44 **Green Waste and Food Recycling Service**

The Assistant Director (Streetscape) reported on the way in which the Council currently recycled food and garden waste and the likely implications of changing various aspects of how the service was delivered in future in order to try and increase efficiency and reduce the costs and pressures on the service.

Resolved:

- a **That the contents of the report and appendices be noted; and**
- b **That the way in which the Council currently operates the food and green waste recycling service be considered by the Recycling Task and Finish Group and that a further report be brought back to the next meeting of the Board giving additional details on the potential service changes.**

45 **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.

46 **Recycling Options**

The Assistant Director (Streetscape) detailed the likely cost implications of instigating the various options set out in the previous reports on glass recycling and the green and food waste recycling service.

Resolved:

- a **That the report be noted; and**
- b **That the recycling options and possible resource implications be considered by the Recycling Task and Finish Group and a further report be brought back to a future meeting of the Board.**

Councillor Smith
Chairman