

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT BOARD

20 July 2015

Present: Councillor Smith in the Chair.

Councillors Chambers, Clews, Davey, Farrell, Hanratty, Hayfield, Ingram, Jones, Lewis, Phillips and Smitten.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bell (Substitute Councillor Davey) and Ferro.

1 **Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

None were declared at the meeting.

2 **Minutes of the Meeting of the Board held on 16 March 2015.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2015, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 **Overview of the Functions of the Community and Environment Board**

The Assistant Chief Executive (Community Services) gave an overview of the functions of the Community and Environment Board.

4 **Budgetary Control Report 2015/2016 Period Ended 30 June 2015**

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) reported on the revenue expenditure and income for the period from 1 April 2015 to 30 June 2015.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

5 **The Future of the Community Hub Task and Finish Group**

The Assistant Chief Executive (Community Services) sought Members views on whether they wished to continue having a Task and Finish Group to oversee the delivery and development of the Community Hub infrastructure.

Resolved:

- a **That a Task and Finish Group to oversee the delivery of the Council's Community Hubs and Customer Access Strategy be continued; and**

- b That the Task and Finish Group comprise of six Members, four Conservatives to be nominated at the meeting of Full Council on 30 September 2015 and two Labour (Councillors Farrell and Lewis).**

6 Warwickshire County Council Review of Household Waste Recycling Centres 2015

The Assistant Director (Streetscape) updated Members on a recent review by Warwickshire County Council of its network of Household Waste Recycling Centres. Members were asked to make any comments or observations on the report to be passed on for consideration by the County Council's Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee in September.

Resolved:

- a That the report of the Assistant Director (Streetscape) and its attached appendices be noted; and**
- b That the Assistant Director (Streetscape) be authorised to respond to Warwickshire County Council's Review of Household Waste Recycling Centres in order to**
- encourage the reasonable increase of opening hours to accommodate housing growth;**
 - advise against charges for non-household waste to avoid a commensurate rise in fly tipping;**
 - acknowledge that different areas of the county may have different operational requirements;**
 - identify the need for greater cross-border cooperation and integration of local authority services; and**
 - encourage greater promotion of the HWRC service by both the County and District Councils.**

7 LEADER – Update on Programme

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) updated the Board on the progress made to date in respect of the North Warwickshire and Hinckley and Bosworth LEADER programme (2015 to 2020) and provided details about the proposed activity taking place over the next twelve months.

Resolved:

- a That the progress made to date on the development of the North Warwickshire and Hinckley and Bosworth LEADER programme (2015 to 2020), be noted; and**

b That the proposed activity scheduled to take place over the next twelve months, be noted.

8 Progress Report on Achievement of Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator Targets April – March 2015

Members were informed of progress with the achievement of the Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator targets relevant to the Community and Environment Board for April to March 2015.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

9 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.

10 Atherstone Leisure Complex – Extension of the Swimming Lesson Programme

The Board's approval was sought for a proposal to extend the current swimming lesson programme at Atherstone Leisure Complex from 38 weeks to 50 weeks a year.

Resolved:

a That the swimming lesson programme at Atherstone Leisure Complex be extended from 38 weeks to 50 weeks per year with effect from January 2016 and that the programme be managed and administered in the manner identified in the main body of the report of the Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development);

b That the proposal to provide additional swimming lessons and to delay opening to the public until 10:00 on a Saturday morning be approved; and

c That the proposal to appoint a part-time Swimming Administrator be endorsed and referred to the Special Sub-Group for further consideration.

11 Staff Structure Review – Leisure and Community Development Division

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) outlined proposals to change the staff structure within and across the Leisure and Community Development Division.

Resolved:

That the proposals to amend the staff structure within the Leisure and Community Development Division be referred to the Special Sub-Group for further consideration within the context to be provided by the new Corporate Plan.

12 Markets for Recyclable Material

The Assistant Director (Streetscape) updated the Board on the costs associated with the disposal for recycling of the various materials collected through the Council's kerbside recycling service and the likely impact that changes in reprocessing costs will have on the service budgets both now and in the future.

Resolved:

- a That the report be noted; and**
- b That a further report setting out the latest financial position and projected future spending on recycling be brought back to the next meeting of this Board.**

13 Public Conveniences

The Assistant Director (Streetscape) updated Members on the cost and usage levels of the Council's three automatic public toilets and set out the one-off costs and annual revenue savings for early termination.

Resolved:

- a That the Assistant Director (Streetscape) be authorised to investigate the provision of a community toilet scheme and that a further report be brought back to this Board; and**

Recommendation to Board:

- b That the Resources Board be requested to consider the termination of the lease of the three automatic public toilets at the earliest opportunity.**

L Smith
Chairman