

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT BOARD

16 March 2015

Present: Councillor Phillips in the Chair.

Councillors Barber, Fowler, Fox, Freer, Hayfield, Lewis, B Moss, M Moss, Pickard, Smith, Winter and Wykes.

34 **Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

Councillor Fowler declared a Non-Pecuniary interest in Minute 37, Financial Assistance to Outside Organisations by reason of being the Vice-Chairman of North Warwickshire Citizens Advice Bureau and Minute 39, LEADER – Outcome of Funding Application by reason of being a representative on the Local Action Group.

35 **Minutes of the Meeting of the Board held on 20 January 2014.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2015, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

36 **Financial Inclusion Activity Update.**

The Assistant Chief Executive (Community Services) provided Members with an update of the Financial Inclusion activity undertaken by the Council and some of its partners in the last twelve months. Rachel Robinson, Public Health Warwickshire, gave an update on the partnership work being undertaken to address public health issues in North Warwickshire.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

37 **Financial Assistance to Outside Organisations.**

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) detailed four requests for assistance through the provision of an annual grant; from Warwickshire Community and Voluntary Action (WCAVA) for funding towards a third year extension to its initial three-year countywide agreement, from North Warwickshire Citizens Advice Bureau (NWCAB), from Live and Local

for support towards a new countywide Key Client Agreement and from the North Warwickshire Allotments Federation.

Resolved:

- a That the progress made by WCAVA in its delivery of Volunteer and Third Sector Support Services (VATS Support Services) in Warwickshire be noted and that the financial assistance for a third year extension to the current countywide agreement, as identified in the main body of the report of the Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development), be approved;**
- b That the draft Service Level Agreement with NWCAB be used as the basis for further negotiation and the proposed financial award for 2015/16 be approved and administered as indicated in the report, and that subject to the prior agreement of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board the provision for the second instalment be made; and**
- c That the work undertaken by Live and Local in assisting local promoters to deliver professional arts performances in local venues be noted and the proposed grant award towards a new countywide Key Client Agreement, be approved; and**
- d That the work undertaken by the North Warwickshire Allotments Federation be noted and that subject to the successful conclusion of negotiations in respect of the appended draft Service Level Agreement the proposed annual grant award, be approved.**

38 North Warwickshire Green Space Strategy Progress Report.

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) informed Members of progress in respect of delivery against the priorities set out in the North Warwickshire Green Space Strategy and presented the supporting Action Plan for Year 8 of the Strategy for approval.

Resolved:

- a That progress in respect of the implementation of Year 7 of the North Warwickshire Green Space Strategy be noted and that the Action Plan for Year 8 be approved;**
- b That, subject to the availability of resources within the existing revenue budget, the proposed amendment to the Management Agreement with Warwickshire Wildlife**

Trust, to include a minimum payment for the three years to 2017/18 in respect of its management of the Local Nature Reserves, be approved;

- c That the Piccadilly Sports Field be dedicated as a Centenary Field; and**

Recommendation to the Executive Board

- d That subject to both a successful external funding bid and an associated planning application, the proposal to include the project at Hurley Daw Mill Sports Ground in the 2015/16 capital programme be approved.**

39 LEADER - Outcome of Funding Application.

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) notified the Board of the outcome of the North Warwickshire and Hinckley and Bosworth application for funding within the new LEADER programme (2015 to 2020) and updated Members on the anticipated future of the programme.

Resolved:

- a That the successful outcome of the North Warwickshire and Hinckley and Bosworth application for funding within the new LEADER programme (2015 to 2020), be noted; and**
- b That the proposed delivery mechanism for the programme, and the partnership arrangements with Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, be noted.**

40 Development of New Indoor Leisure Facilities in Coleshill.

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) updated the Board on progress in respect of the development of new indoor leisure facilities in Coleshill, most particularly in respect of the capital finance implications of the project.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

41 Progress Report on Achievement of Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator Targets April – December 2014.

Members were informed of progress with the achievement of the Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator targets relevant to the Board for April to December 2014.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

42 **Notes of the North Warwickshire Financial Inclusion, Consumer Empowerment and Community Workers Forum held on 14 January 2015.**

The notes of the meeting of the North Warwickshire Financial Inclusion, Consumer Empowerment Community Workers Forum held on 14 January 2015 were received and noted.

43 **Notes of the Hub Task and Finish Group held on 15 January 2015.**

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H Phillips
Chairman