

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES BOARD

24 January 2022

Present: Councillor Symonds in the Chair

Councillors A Clews, D Clews, Davey, Deakin, Dirveiks, D Humphreys, Morson, Moss, O Phillips, Simpson and D Wright.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lees (Substitute D Wright).

27 **Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

None were declared at the meeting.

28 **Minutes of the Resources Board held on 8 November 2021**

The minutes of the Resources Board held on 8 November 2021, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

29 **Shuttington Wildflower Meadow**

The Director of Leisure and Community Development informed the Board of the use of the Chief Executive's urgent business powers to grant a Licence to Shuttington Parish Council, through which it has assumed responsibility for the management and maintenance of a wildflower meadow on Borough Council owned land in Milner Drive, Shuttington.

Resolved:

That the Board noted the use of the Chief Executive's urgent business powers to grant a Licence to Shuttington Parish Council, through which it has assumed responsibility for the management and maintenance of a wildflower meadow on Borough Council owned land in Milner Drive, Shuttington.

30 **General Fund Fees and Charges 2022/23**

The Chief Executive, Corporate Director – Streetscape, Corporate Director – Resources and Director of Housing reported on the fees and charges for 2020/21 and the proposed fees and charges for 2022/23.

Resolved:

That the schedule of fees and charges for 2022/23, as set out in the report of the Chief Executive, Corporate Director – Streetscape, Corporate Director – Resources and Director of Housing be approved.

31 General Fund Revenue Estimates 2022/23 – Services Recharged Across All Boards

The Corporate Director – Resources reported on the revised budget for 2021/22 and gave an estimate of expenditure for 2022/23, together with forward commitments for 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26.

a That the revised budget for 2021/22 be accepted; and

Recommendation to the Executive Board:

b That the Estimates of Expenditure for 2022/23, as submitted in the report of the Corporate Director – Resources, be included in the budget to be brought before the meeting of the Executive Board on 14 February 2022.

32 General Fund Revenue Estimates 2022/23 – Services Remaining within the Board

The Corporate Director – Resources reported on the revised budget for 2021/22 and gave an estimate of expenditure for 2022/23, together with forward commitments for 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26.

Resolved:

a That the revised budget for 2021/22 be accepted; and

Recommendation to Executive Board:

b That the Estimate of Expenditure for 2022/23, as submitted in the report of the Corporate Director – Resources, be included in the budget to be brought before the meeting of the Executive Board on 14 February 2022.

33 General Fund Revenue Estimates 2022/23 - Summary

The Corporate Director – Resources reported on the revised budget for 2021/22 and gave an estimate of expenditure for 2022/23, together with forward commitments for 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26.

Recommendation to Executive Board:

That the following items be recommended to the Executive Board for consideration in setting the Council Tax of the Borough Council:

- a The revised budget for 2021/22; and**
- b The schedule of expenditure requirements totalling £8,652,800 for 2022/23.**

34 Housing Revenue Account Estimates 2022/23 and Rent Review

The Corporate Director – Resources reported on the revised budget for 2021/22 and gave an estimate of expenditure for 2022/23, together with forward commitments for 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26.

Resolved:

- a That the revised estimate for 2021/22 be accepted;**
- b That garage rents be increased by £0.50 per week in 2022/2023;**
- c That the rent be increased by 4.1% in 2022/23 in line with the social rent policy set by the Government;**
- d That the proposed fees and charges for 2022/23, as set out in Appendix D (as amended by recommendation B above) to the report of the Corporate Director – Resources, be approved;**
- e That the service charges for the cleaning of communal areas, as set out in Appendix E to the report of the Corporate Director – Resources, be approved from April 2022;**
- f That the service charges for window cleaning, as set out in Appendix F of the report of the Corporate Director – Resources, be approved from April 2022; and**
- g That the Estimates of Expenditure for 2022/23, as submitted, be accepted.**

35 Capital Programme 2021/22 to 2024/25

The Corporate Director – Resources identified changes to the Council's 2021/22 capital programme and proposals for schemes to be included within the Council's capital programme over the next three years.

Resolved:

- a That the changes to the 2021/22 revised capital programme be supported;**
- b That the proposed three-year capital programme, which includes the growth bids, set out in appendix A, be supported;**
- c That the proposed vehicle replacement schedule, shown in Appendix B, be supported;**

36 Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for 2022/23

The Corporate Director - Resources outlined the Treasury Management Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Investment Strategy for 2022/23.

Resolved:

That the proposed strategies for 2022/2023 be approved.

37 Atherstone Public Conveniences

The Corporate Director – Streetscape recommended the permanent closure of Atherstone public conveniences with effect from 1 April 2022.

Resolved:

- a That Members agree to the permanent closure of Atherstone public conveniences with effect from 1 April 2022;**
- b That, from that date, the site is declared surplus to requirements; and**
- c That the Corporate Director - Streetscape be given delegated authority to dispose of the site once the public conveniences have been permanently closed to the public.**

38 Appointment of PATROL Representative

The Corporate Director – Streetscape reported on the requirement for the Council to nominate a Member representative to sit on the joint committee of PATROL, following the implementation of Civil Parking Enforcement within the Borough of North Warwickshire from 1 February 2022.

Resolved:

That Councillor Denise Clews be nominated to sit on the Joint Committee of PATROL.

39 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 item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by Schedule 12A to the Act.

40 Property in Coleshill

The Corporate Director Streetscape asked the Board to consider the de minimus work that had been undertaken and recommended some further steps for the Board to consider in respect of the property in Coleshill.

Resolved:

That the item be deferred to a future meeting, with further information provided.

C Symonds
Chairman