NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES BOARD

19 March 2018

Present: Councillor D Wright in the Chair

Councillors Chambers, Davey, Davis, Henney, Lea, Moss, Simpson and Waters.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor N Dirveiks.

Councillors Bell, Clews, Jarvis and Symonds were also in attendance.

82 Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None were declared at the meeting.

83 Minutes of the Resources Board held on 29 January 2018

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 29 January 2018, copies having previously been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

84 Homelessness Strategy and Action Plan 2018

The Assistant Director (Housing) submitted a Homelessness Strategy and Action Plan 2018 to the Board for consideration.

Resolved:

a That the Homelessness Strategy and Action Plan 2018 be approved; and

Recommendation to Special Sub Group:

b That the staffing proposals set out in the report of the Assistant Director (Housing) be considered and approved.

85 Financial Inclusion Update

The Assistant Chief Executive (Community Services) provided Members with an update on the Financial Inclusion activity undertaken by the Council.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

86 Asset Management Plan – Council Stock

The Assistant Director (Housing) submitted a revised Asset Management Plan to the Board for consideration and comment.

Resolved:

That the Asset Management Plan for the Council's stock be approved.

87 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.

88 Irrecoverable Local Taxation Debts

The Assistant Chief Executive (Community Services) detailed the amounts recommended for write-offs in accordance with the write-off policy agreed by the Resources Board on 23 May 2016. The Assistant Chief Executive (Community Services) also tabled an additional write-off amount for consideration by the Board.

Resolved:

a That the write off of a balance over £5,500 totalling £16,106.46 in respect of 2 Non Domestic Rates Account, £27,300.16 in respect of 4 unpaid Council Tax accounts and £18, 801.46 in respect of 3 Housing Benefit Overpayments, as outlined in Appendix A and the tabled Appendix A(i) of the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Community Services), be noted; and

b That the total amount of write-offs in the year to date and over the last 6 years, including those written off by the Assistant Chief Executive (Community Services) under delegated powers, as detailed in Appendix B to the report, be noted.

89 Chris Brewer - Deputy Chief Executive

The Chair of Resources Board reported that Chris Brewer was retiring from the Council at the end of March and this was his last Council meeting. The Chair wished to place on record his thanks to Chris for all the work undertaken during his time with North Warwickshire and asked Members to join him in wishing him well for a long and happy retirement.

D Wright CHAIRMAN