

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT BOARD

17 March 2014

Present: Councillor Phillips in the Chair.

Councillors Barber, Ferro, Freer, Lewis, B Moss, Smith and Winter.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Fowler and M Moss (Substitute Winter).

Councillor Pickard was also in attendance.

48 **Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

Councillor Freer declared a Non-Pecuniary interest in Minute 55 North Warwickshire Green Space Strategy Progress report by reason of being a member of Atherstone Town Council.

49 **Minutes of the Meetings of the Board held on 20 January 2014**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2014, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

50 **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.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

51 **Health Improvement Action Plan**

Further to the Director of Public Health's presentation to the Board at its meeting held in January 2014, the Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) presented a draft three-year Health Improvement Action Plan for Members consideration.

Resolved:

That the draft Health Improvement Action Plan (2014 to 2017), be approved.

52 Financial Assistance to Outside Organisations

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

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 second 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 be approved for further negotiation with NW CAB and that the proposed financial award for 2014/15 be approved and administered as indicated in the report, including the provision for the second instalment to be made subject to the prior agreement of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board; and**
- c That the work undertaken by Live & Local in assisting local promoters to deliver professional arts performances in local venues be noted and the proposed grant award towards the third year of its three-year countywide Key Client Agreement, be approved.**

53 Proposed Closure of Atherstone Skate Park

Atherstone Indoor Skate Park was opened as a pilot project in March 2012. The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) reported that efforts to secure a sustainable future for the facility had not materialised and that the facility was no longer financially viable. Members were asked to consider a proposal to close the facility with effect from 31 March 2014.

Resolved:

That the Atherstone Indoor Skate Park be closed with effect from 31 March 2014.

54 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.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

55 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 7 of the Strategy for approval.

Resolved:

- a That progress in respect of the implementation of the provisions of Year 6 of the North Warwickshire Green Space Strategy Action Plan be noted and that the Action Plan for Year 7, be approved;**
- b That the proposal to lease the bowling green at Abbey Green Park to Polesworth Bowls Association, be approved;**
- c That the proposal to support Atherstone Town Council in the development of play facilities at the recreation ground in Westwood Road be approved and that the Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) be authorised to continue negotiations with the Town Council in this respect;**
- d That, subject and subsequent to the installation of improved play facilities at Westwood Road, the proposal to remove play equipment from Minions Close Open Space, be approved;**
- e That the Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) be authorised to continue discussions with Coleshill Town Council in respect of potential improvements at the Memorial Park; and**
- f That action taken under the Chief Executive's Urgent Business Powers to advance the project at Baddesley Ensor Church and Community Hall grounds, be endorsed.**

56 **Progress Report on Achievement of Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator Targets April – December 2013**

Members were informed of progress with the achievement of the Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator targets relevant to the Board for April to December 2013.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

H Phillips
Chairman