

# NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

20 June 2023

Present: Councillor D Wright in the Chair

Councillors Bell, Clews, Dirveiks, Gosling, Jarvis, Parsons, H Phillips, Reilly, Ridley, Symonds and Whapples

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Simpson (Substitute Councillor Jarvis).

### 1 **Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest**

None were declared at the meeting.

### 2 **Minutes of the Executive Board held on 21 March 2023**

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 21 March 2023, copies having been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 3 **The Chief Executive gave an overview of the services and issues reported to the Board, including a summary of the terms of reference.**

### 4 **Safeguarding Policy and Procedure**

The Director of Leisure and Community Development presented a slightly revised Safeguarding Policy and Procedure for the Board's consideration.

**Resolved:**

**That the revised Safeguarding Policy and Procedure (2022 to 2025), attached at Appendix A to the report, be approved and implemented with immediate effect.**

### 5 **Natural Environment including Biodiversity Net Gain**

The Chief Executive provided information on a range of initiatives and activities taking place around the natural environment.

**Resolved:**

**a That Member training be provided on BNG;**

**b That the introduction of BNG in relation to planning applications be noted;**

- c That Council land be explored to assess its suitability for being put forward as land within the natural capital market, including Biodiversity Net Gain: and
- d To explore with partners their involvement in these opportunities.

**6 A5 and A5 Partnership, including consultation on Shaping the future of England's strategic roads by Department for Transport**

The Chief Executive updated the Board on the work of the A5 Partnership and the A5 generally.

**Resolved:**

- a That the Elevator Pitch document, prepared by the A5 Partnership, be used to seek additional funding to improve the A5;
- b That representation be made on both the DfT's Strategic Road Network Initial Report and National Highways Route Strategy Initial Overview Report for the South Midlands; and
- c That the Chief Executive agrees the final detail of these representations in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Leader of the Opposition.

**7 The Serious Violence Duty**

The Chief Executive provided a summary of the requirements of the Council in meeting the Serious Violence duty and proposed suitable governance arrangements to meet those responsibilities.

**Resolved:**

- a That the Council agree to adopt the Serious Violence Strategy;
- b That the Chief Executive be authorised to sign the Partnership Agreement to discharge the Duty; and
- c That a commitment is given to participate and contribute to the development of the countywide delivery plan, develop the Local Delivery Plan, and contribute to the implementation of the Local Delivery Plan to reduce serious violence in North Warwickshire.

## **Recommendations to Council**

- d To adopt the Serious Violence Strategy, and to include it in the Council's Constitution in the list of Council Plans and Strategies; and**
- e To amend the Terms of Reference for the Safer Communities Sub Committee to include a specific reference to scrutiny of crime and disorder and serious violence duties.**

### **8 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.**

### **9 Honorary Aldermen**

The Chief Executive asked Members to consider recommending that Council confer the title of Alderman on a number of former Councillors.

**Resolved:**

- a That the recommendations for conferring the title of Honorary Alderman on the former Members mentioned in the report be agreed; and**
- b That a meeting of the Council convened for the purpose of appointing Honorary Aldermen be arranged.**

D Wright  
CHAIR