NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

10 February 2020

Present: Councillor Humphreys in the Chair

Councillors Bell, Farrell, Gosling, Hayfield, McLauchlan, Rose, Reilly, Simpson and D Wright

Councillors Jarvis, Smith and Symonds were also in attendance.

42 Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest.

None were declared.

43 Minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 25 November 2019

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 25 November 2019, copies having been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

44 Garden Waste Service

The Corporate Director - Streetscape asked Members to introduce a charge for the collection of garden waste from 1 June 2020.

Recommendation to Council:

- a That a charge for garden waste collection from 1 June 2020, as set out at 3.1 in the report of the Corporate Director Streetscape, be agreed; and
- b That a further report detailing how the services will be promoted, introduced and delivered be brought to the next meeting of the Community and Environment Board.

(The Chief Executive has subsequently received a notice signed by Councillors Farrell, Gosling, McLauchlan and Rose) under Standing Order No 30(1)(b)(Minority Report) with regard to the decision of the Board on this matter and it is therefore referred to Council for confirmation.)

45 The Capital Strategy

The Corporate Director – Resources reported on updates to the Capital Strategy approved by the Council in February 2019.

Recommended:

That the Capital Strategy, attached at Appendix A to the report of the Corporate Director – Resources, be approved.

46 The Proposed 3 Year Capital Programme 2020/21 – 2022/23

Management Team put forward proposals for the Three Year Capital Programme and outlined the availability of capital resources and the options to meet any shortfalls.

Recommendation to Council:

- a That the Revised Capital Programme for 2019/20 as set out in Appendix A be adopted;
- b That the 3 Year Capital Programme for the period 2020/21 to 2022/23 as set out in Appendix B, be adopted; and
- c That the prudential indicators as set out in Section 9 to the report, be approved.

(The Chief Executive has subsequently received a notice signed by Councillors Farrell, Gosling, McLauchlan and Rose) under Standing Order No 30(1)(b)(Minority Report) with regard to the decision of the Board on this matter and it is therefore referred to Council for confirmation.)

47 General Fund Revenue Estimates 2020/21

The Corporate Director - Resources reported on the revised budget for 2019/20 and an estimate of expenditure for 2020/21, together with forward commitments for 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24.

Recommendation to Council:

- a That the revised budget for 2019/20 be accepted; and
- b That the Estimates of Expenditure for 2020/21, as submitted, be included in the budget to be brought before the meeting for consideration under Minute No. 48.

(The Chief Executive has subsequently received a notice signed by Councillors Farrell, Gosling, McLauchlan and Rose) under Standing Order No 30(1)(b)(Minority Report) with regard to the decision of the Board on this matter and it is therefore referred to Council for confirmation.)

48 General Fund Revenue Estimates 2020/21 and Setting the Council Tax 2020/21

The Corporate Director - Resources set out the proposed General Fund Revenue Estimate for 2020/21, and the options available when setting the 2020/21 Council Tax for the Borough in the context of the Authority's Settlement Funding Assessment, and the effect on General Fund balances.

Recommendation to Council:

- a That the savings of £409,000 shown in Appendix H of the report of the Corporate Director Resources be approved;
- b That the revised estimate for the year 2019/20, and the revenue estimates for 2020/21, including any amendment relating to Garden Waste, be approved;
- c That the Council Tax base for 2020/21, as set out in Appendix G be noted;
- d That a Council Tax increase of £5 for 2020/21 be approved;
- e That the Corporate Director Resources' comments on the minimum acceptable level of general reserves be noted;
- f That the manpower estimates for the year 2020/21 are approved; and
- g That a Council Tax resolution be prepared for consideration by the Council, using the recommendations agreed by this Board.
- 49 Progress Report on Achievement of Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator Targets April December 2019

The Chief Executive informed Members of the progress with the achievement of the Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator targets relevant to the Executive Board for April to December 2019.

Resolved:

a That the report be noted;

- b That the targets, traffic light and direction of travel from the State of the Borough indicators; and
- c That, from each Group, a Member lead for performance management from each be nominated.

50 Pay Policy Statement 2019/20

The Corporate Director - Resources reported on the requirement under Section 38 of the Localism Act 2011 for Councils to have and to publish a Pay Policy Statement, agreed by Full Council, which would be subject to review at least annually.

Recommendation to Council:

That the Pay Policy Statement 2020/21 be adopted.

51 Minutes of the Safer Communities Sub-Committee held on 18 November 2019

The minutes of the meeting of the Safer Communities Sub-Committee were received and noted.

52 Minutes of the Special Sub-Group held on 10 December 2019

The minutes of the Special Sub-Group held on 10 December 2019 were received and noted.