

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT BOARD

22 January 2024

Present: Councillor Bell in the Chair.

Councillors Chapman, Fowler, Jackson, Jarvis, Jenns, Melia, H Phillips, Ririe, Singh, Smith, Turley, Whapples and A Wright.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hobley (Substitute Ririe) and Councillor Gosling (Substitute Chapman).

Councillor D Clews was also in attendance and, with the consent of the Chair, spoken on Minute No 30 (North Warwickshire Playing Pitch Strategy (2018 to 2031)).

23 **Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

None were declared at the meeting.

24 **Minutes of the Meeting of the Board held on 16 October 2023**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 October 2023, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

25 **General Fund Revenue Budget – 2023/24 Revised and 2024/25 Estimates and Fees and Charges**

The Interim Corporate Director – Resources (Section 151 Officer) detailed the revised budget for 2023/24 and an estimate of expenditure for 2024/25, together with forward commitments for 2025/26, 2026/27 and 2027/28. A review of the fees and charges was also detailed, with recommendations for increases.

Resolved:

- a That the revised budget for 2023/24 be accepted;**
- b That the fees and charges, as detailed in Appendix C to the report of the Corporate Director – Resources (Section 151 Officer) be approved; and**

- c That the Chief Executive be given delegated powers to implement the increase in Garden Waste Collection charges from £40.00 to £43.00 per annum.

Recommendation to Executive Board:

- b That the 2024/25 estimates, as detailed in the report of the Interim Corporate Director – Resources (Section 151 Officer) be included in the overall Tax Set 2024/25 report for Executive Board on 12 February 2024;

26 Capital Programme 2024/25 to 2026/27

The Interim Corporate Director – Resources (Section 151 Officer) identified proposals for Community and Environment capital schemes to be included within the Council's capital programme over the next three years.

Recommendation to Executive Board:

That the schemes detailed in Appendix A to the report of the Interim Corporate Director – Resources (Section 151 Officer), be supported as the Council's current three-year capital programme for Community and Environment.

27 Contaminated Land Update

The Chief Executive provided Members with an update on the work that Environmental Health had undertaken to update the contaminated land strategy.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

28 Leisure Facilities: Service Improvement Plan

The Director of Leisure and Community Development reported on the approved 2023/24 Service Improvement Plan (SIP), through which the Board had agreed to monitor the operational performance of the leisure facilities.

Resolved:

- a That the progress made against the requirements identified in the approved 2023/24 Leisure Facilities Service Improvement Plan be noted; and

- b That the proposed schedule of closures of the Borough Council's leisure facilities, as set out in paragraph 5.2 of the report of the Director of Leisure and Community Development, be approved.**

29 Leisure Facilities Provision in Coleshill

The Director of Leisure and Community Development gave an outline appraisal of, and sought the Board's view on, current leisure facilities provision in Coleshill.

Resolved:

That the current position in respect of leisure facilities provision in Coleshill be noted.

30 North Warwickshire Playing Pitch Strategy (2018 to 2031)

The Director of Leisure and Community Development presented a revised draft of the North Warwickshire Playing Pitch Strategy (2018 to 2031), further to a process of review undertaken by external consultants.

Resolved:

That the revised draft of the North Warwickshire Playing Pitch Strategy (2018 to 2031) be adopted.

31 Regeneration Activity in Atherstone, Coleshill and Polesworth

The Director of Leisure and Community Development updated Members on the regeneration work taking place in Atherstone, Coleshill and Polesworth. The report detailed the work being undertaken by the Community Development section, as well as the work of the Institute of Place Management and the consultant undertaking the role of Market Towns Officer.

Resolved:

That the regeneration work being undertaken in Atherstone, Coleshill and Polesworth, including the progress being made by the Market Towns Officer, be noted, and that Officers be instructed to ensure the engagement of Ward Members in the development of regeneration activity in the town centres.

32 **Minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Working Party**

The minutes of the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Working Party held on 13 December 2023, copies having been previously circulated, were noted.

Margaret Bell
Chair