

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE
RESOURCES BOARD**

11 November 2024

Present: Councillor Symonds in the Chair

Councillors Barnett, Chapman, Davey, Jenns, Parsons, H Phillips, Smith, Stuart, Taylor and Watson

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Clews (Substitute Councillor Smith), Humphreys, O Phillips (Substitute Councillor H Phillips), Simpson (Substitute Councillor Jenns) and Taylor (Substitute Councillor Whapples)

Councillor Osborne was also in attendance and, with the consent of the Chair, spoke on Minute No 37 (Grenfell Tower Inquiry)

31 Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None were declared at the meeting.

32 Minutes of the Resources Board held on 3 September 2024.

The minutes of the Resources Board held on 3 September 2024, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

33 Capital Programme – 2024/25 Position at 30 September 2024

The Interim Corporate Director – Resources (Section 151 Officer) provided Members with progress on the 2024/25 Capital Programme in terms of expenditure up to the end of September 2024 and detailed changes to the budget during the year.

Resolved:

- a That the progress made against the 2024/25 Capital Programme be noted; and**
- b That a supplementary estimate of £263,520 to the programme – fully funded through the UKSPF Grant, be approved.**

34 General Fund Budgetary Control Report 2024/25 (Apr-Sep)

The Interim Corporate Director – Resources (Section 151 Officer) reported on the revenue expenditure and income for the period from 1 April 2024 to 30 September 2024. The 2024/25 approved budget and the actual position for the period were given, together with an estimate of the outturn position for services reporting to the Board.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

35 Supplementary Estimate – Development Control Appeal Costs

The Interim Corporate Director – Resources (Section 151 Officer) sought approval for a supplementary estimate of £225,000, to fund the costs of appeals in the current year.

Resolved:

That the supplementary estimate of £225,000, to fund the costs of appeals in the current year be approved.

36 Homelessness Strategy

The Director of Housing provided the Board with a draft Homelessness Strategy for approval.

Resolved:

That the final draft of the Homelessness Strategy, attached at Appendix A to the report of the Director of Housing, be approved.

37 Grenfell Tower Inquiry

The Director of Housing reported on the summary findings of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry and advised the Board about implications for the Council.

Resolved:

a That the information provided from the Grenfell Tower Inquiry Executive Summary be noted;

b That the implications for the Council of the findings for its domestic stock be noted;

c That the policy on dealing with fire risks in the Council's domestic stock be approved; and

d That a budget of £800,000, to support the continuation of a programme to provide new fire doors for flats, be approved.

38 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 items of business, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by Schedule 12A to the Act.

39 Council Offices Lift – Use of Urgent Business Powers

The Chief Executive informed Members of the action taken by the Chief Executive under his urgent Business Powers with regard to the Lift in the Council Offices at Atherstone.

Resolved:

That the action taken by the Chief Executive under his Urgent Business Powers be noted and endorsed.

40 Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme and Development Opportunities

The Director of Housing provided information in respect of the Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme and development opportunities.

Resolved:

That recommendations a – c set out in the report of the Director of Housing be approved.

41 Internal Audit Service

The Interim Corporate Director – Resources (Section 151) Officer sought approval for a proposal in respect of the Internal Audit Service

Resolved:

That recommendations a and b, as set out in the report of the Interim Corporate Director – Resources (Section 151 Officer) be approved.

42 **Irrecoverable Debts**

The Interim Corporate Director – Resources (Section 151 Officer) provided Members with details of debts considered to be irrecoverable.

Resolved:

That the recommendations set out in the report of the Interim Corporate Director – Resources (Section 151 Officer,) be approved.

43 **Exempt Extract of the Minutes of the meeting of the Resources Board held on 3 September 2024**

The exempt extract of the minutes of the Resources Board held on 3 September 2024, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Councillor Symonds
Chair