MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL HOUSE ON WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY 2025

Present: Councillor Hayfield in the Chair

Councillors Barnett, Bell, Chapman, Clews, Davey, Dirveiks, Fowler, Hobley, Humphreys, Jackson, Jarvis, Melia, Osborne, Parsons, H Phillips, O Phillips, Ridley, Ririe, Singh, Smith, Stuart, Symonds, Turley, Watson, Whapples, A Wright and D Wright.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bates, Farrow, Gosling Jenns, Reilly, Simpson and Taylor.

65 **Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

None were declared at the meeting.

66 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor would be hosting a Dinner Dance at Grimscote Manor Hotel in Coleshill on 21 March 2025.

The Leader of the Council read out a letter that had been received from a resident of Hurley thanking the Council for the £100 heating allowance they had recently received.

67 Electoral Review – Stage 2 Consultation

It was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow the Head of Elections to present his report to Members.

The Chief Executive asked the Council to approve a response to the Local Government Boundary Commission's review of ward boundaries in North Warwickshire.

Resolved:

- a That the consultation response appended to the report of the Chief Executive be approved for Submission;
- b That the Council's views be take into consideration with any suggested changes to the proposed scheme of wards; and
- c That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leaders of the Political Groups be given delegated authority, following feedback from Full Council, to make minor amendments to the proposed scheme before submission.

68 Verbal Update from the Leader of the Council on the Devolution White Paper

It was proposed by Councillor D Wright, seconded by Councillor Ririe and

Resolved:

That a Devolution working party be formed, consisting of 5 Conservatives, 3 Labour, 1 Independent and Councillor Stuart, to meet soon and then regularly.

69 **Common Seal**

It was proposed by Councillor Hayfield and seconded by Councillor Hobley and

Resolved:

That the Chief Executive be authorised to affix the Common Seal to any Orders, Deeds and Documents as necessary to give effect to the decisions of the Council, including any passed during part of the meeting which is held in private, in accordance with Article 11.05 of the Articles of the Constitution.

Chairman of the next ensuing meeting of the Council