

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT BOARD

5 February 2025

Present: Councillor Bell in the Chair.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hobley (Substitute Councillor Chapman), Councillor Singh (Substitute Councillor Simpson), and Whapples (Substitute Councillor Barnett).

38 Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None were declared at the meeting.

39 Minutes of the Meeting of the Board held on 20 January 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2025, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

40 Fly Tipping Update

The Chief Executive updated Members on the work that the Environmental Health, Transformation and Streetscape Teams had undertaken in order to try and reduce fly tipping across the Borough.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

41 Commercial Food Waste Collections

The Interim Corporate Director – Streetscape advised Members that following the introduction of the new Simpler Recycling Policy introduced by government, the Council is required to offer a trade food waste collection service from April 2025, and detailed a proposal to provide a straightforward solution to this obligation.

Resolved:

- a That the legal requirement to offer a commercial food waste service from April 2025 be noted;**

- b That the use of the existing garden waste service as a means to providing a commercial food waste service in-house be approved; and**
- c That the new recommended charges for the commercial food waste service be approved.**

42 Street Cleansing – Request for Additional Funding Revenue

Further to a request at the last Board meeting, the Interim Corporate Director – Streetscape provided Members with details of how the growth bid money to the street cleansing budget for the period 25/26 would be spent.

Resolved:

- a That the enhanced street cleaning work undertaken across the borough in 24/25 be noted; and**

Recommendation to Council:

- b That the additional services proposed for 25/26 in line with the Board’s decision to ask Full Council for £125,000 growth bid for the street cleaning services in 2025/26 be agreed.**

43 Replacement Vehicles – Capital Programme 2024/25

The Interim Corporate Director – Streetscape provided Members with an update on the proposed changes to the capital programme to reflect the revised vehicle replacement costs.

Resolved:

- a That the revised Vehicle Replacement Capital programme be supported;**
- b That the recommended switch to electric vehicles for all of the fleet under 7.5 tonnes be approved;**

Recommendation to Executive Board:

- c That a capital funding provision of an additional £871,380 goes into the general fund capital budget and £286,000 goes into the HRA capital budget to fund the replacement of new vehicles from 2025/26 to 2027/28;**

Recommendation to Council:

- d That a one off capital growth bid for £57,000 for the phased installation of EV charging points at Sheepy Road Depot and the Council House be approved in consultation with the Chair, Vice Chair and Opposition Spokesperson: and**

- e **That a one-off capital bid of £45,000 for the purchase of a new fleet transport system as set out in the Audit report to Resources Board in September 2024 be approved.**

44 Exclusion of the Public and Press

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, namely it is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

45 Leisure Project

The Interim Corporate Director – Streetscape detailed the preferred Design and Build/Developer partner for the proposed Leisure Project.

Resolved:

That recommendations a and b, as set out in the report of the Interim Corporate Director – Streetscape, be approved.

46 Waste Collection Round Optimisation

The Interim Corporate Director – Streetscape detailed a proposal to optimise the waste collections round.

Resolved:

That the recommendations, as set out in the report of the Interim Corporate Director – Streetscape, be approved.

Margaret Bell
Chair