

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT BOARD

20 January 2025

Present: Councillor Bell in the Chair.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ririe (Substitute Councillor Osborne).

28 **Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

None were declared at the meeting.

29 **Minutes of the Meeting of the Board held on 27 November 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2024, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

30 **General Fund Revenue Budget – 2024/25 Outturn and 2025/26 Estimates, Fees and Charges**

The Interim Corporate Director – Resources (Section 151 Officer) detailed the outturn position for 2024/25 and an estimate for 2025/26, together with future estimates for 2026/27, 2027/28 and 2028/29. A review of the fees and charges for Community and Environment was also detailed, as set out in Appendix C to the report of the Interim Corporate Director – Resources (Section 151 Officer).

Resolved:

- a That the estimated outturn for 2024/25 be approved;**
- 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**

Recommendation to Executive Board:

- c That the 2025/26 estimates, as detailed in the report of the Interim Corporate Director – Resources (Section 151 Officer) be included in the overall Tax Set 2025/26 report for Executive Board on 10 February 2025.**
- d That the C and E board agrees an additional Growth Bid of £125,000 to be added to the street cleansing budget for**

25/26 . This recommendation is to be approved for consideration at Council.

31 Capital Programme 2025/26 to 2027/28

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.

Resolved:

That, subject to further bids which may be considered at a meeting of the Community and Environment Board in early February 2025, 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.

32 Financial Assistance to Outside Organisations

The Interim Director of Leisure and Communities explained that the Borough Council supports outside organisations in many ways, including through its Annual Grants scheme and through wider partnership agreements. Members were asked to consider the allocation of the Annual Grants funding.

Resolved:

- a That the work undertaken by North Warwickshire Citizens' Advice in 2024 / 25 be noted; and**
- b That the grant to North Warwickshire Citizens' Advice for the next three consecutive years, be approved.**

33 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. The Councils Enforcement Officer be invited to a future meeting to give a further update on enforcement activity.

34 North Warwickshire Green Space Strategy Update

The Interim Assistant Director - Leisure and Community Services presented a revised draft of the North Warwickshire Green Space Strategy (2024 to 2033), a suggested implementation of smokefree play areas, and an amended green space hire process.

Resolved:

- a That the revised draft North Warwickshire Green Space Strategy (2024 to 2033) be adopted;
- b That the recommendations proposed by the Health and Wellbeing Working Party to create smokefree play areas be considered; and
- c That the updated hire process be noted.

35 Minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Working Party

The minutes of the meetings of the Health and Wellbeing Working Party held on 23 September and 2 December 2024, copies having been previously circulated, were noted.

36 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.

37 Confidential Extract of the minutes of the Community and Environment Board held on 27 November 2024.

The confidential minutes of the Community and Environment Board held on 27 November 2024, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Margaret Bell
Chair