

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES BOARD

6 September 2010

Present: Councillor Smith in the Chair

Councillors Bowden, Butcher, N Dirveiks, Forwood, Fowler, Fox, Johnston, Moore and Winter

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lea, Payne, Smitten and Y Stanley.

Councillors Lewis, B Moss, Pickard and Phillips were also in attendance.

35 **Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests**

Any personal interests arising from the membership of Warwickshire County Council of Councillors Fowler and Fox, and membership of various Parish Councils of Councillors Butcher (Polesworth), Fox (Shustoke) and Moore (Baddesley Ensor) were deemed to be declared at the meeting.

36 **Progress Report on Achievement of Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator Targets April – June 2010**

The Chief Executive and Director of Resources informed Members of the actual performance and achievement against the Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator targets relevant to the Resources Board for April – June 2010.

Resolved:

That the actual performance and achievement against the Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator targets relevant to the Resources Board for the quarter April 2010 to June 2010 be noted.

37 **Voice Telecommunications Contract**

The Assistant Director (Corporate Services) detailed the process followed to evaluate the suppliers of telephone line rental and call costs and recommended the award of the contract to Global Crossing for the next 2 years with the option to extend for a further year provided costs were still competitive.

Resolved:

That the award of the telephone voice contract to Global Crossing for a period of 2 years from October 2010, with the option to extend for a further year if costs remain competitive, be approved.

38 Consultation on Local Referendum to Veto Excessive Council Tax Increases

The Deputy Chief Executive gave details of a consultation paper issued by the Department of Communities and Local Government on Local Referendum to Veto Excessive Council Tax increases. The Board was asked to consider a draft response to the consultation.

Resolved:

a That point 2 of the draft response be amended as follows:

“We would extend this also to the triggering of a referendum which requires a petition of 5% of the local tax paying electorate”; and

b That subject to the amendment (a) above, the draft response be approved;

39 Tenant Services Authority Regulation – Annual Report for Tenants

The Assistant Director (Housing) updated Members on the work of the Tenant Services Authority and presented a consultation document for consideration and response.

Resolved

a That the requirements for the publication of an annual report to tenants be noted; and

b That the content of the Draft Annual Report for Tenants 2010 be agreed.

40 Capital Programme 2010/11 – Period Ending July 2010

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) updated Members on the progress of the 2010/11 Capital Programme in terms of both expenditure and outcomes.

Resolved:

a That the progress made against the 2010/11 Capital Programme be noted; and

b That recommendation (b) of the report of the Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) be deleted.

41 Internal Audit – Performance for First Quarter 2010-11

The Deputy Chief Executive gave details of the progress of the Council's Internal Audit function against the agreed plan of work for 2010-11.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

42 International Financial Reporting Standards – Progress Update

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) reported on the progress being made on implementing the new International Financial Reporting Standards that had been introduced from the 2010/11 accounts onwards.

Resolved:

That the progress made on implementing International Financial Reporting Standards be noted.

43 Treasury Management Update Quarter 1 2010/11

The Deputy Chief Executive reported on the Treasury Management activity during the first quarter of 2010/11.

Resolved:

That the Treasury Management Update Report for Quarter 1 be noted.

44 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 item of business, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by Schedule 12A to the Act.

45 Irrecoverable Housing and Local Taxation Debts

The Assistant Chief Executive (Community Services) detailed the amounts recommended for write-off, in accordance with the write-off policy agreed by the former Finance Sub-Committee in September 2000.

Resolved:

- a That the write-off of 6 balances over £1,250 totalling £9,554.16 in respect of unpaid Council Tax be approved;**
- b That the write-off of 11 balances over £1,250 totalling £38,833.75 in respect of unpaid Non Domestic Rates be approved;**
- c That the write-off of 1 balance over £1,250 totalling £1,424.81 in respect of overpaid Housing Benefit be approved;**
- d That the write-off of 8 balances over £1,250 totalling £15,019.15 in respect of unpaid former tenant rent arrears be approved;**
- e That the write-off of 77 balances under £1,250 totalling £20,124.37 in respect of unpaid Council Tax be noted;**
- f That the write-off of 10 balances under £1,250 totalling £3,384.02 in respect of unpaid Non Domestic Rates be noted;**
- g That the write-off of 61 balances under £1,250 totalling £8,207.53 in respect of overpaid Housing Benefit be noted;**
- h That the write-off of 47 balances under £1,250 totalling £10,611.57 in respect of unpaid former tenant rent arrears be noted;**
- i That the write-back of 1 balance totalling £36.44 in respect of unpaid Council Tax be noted;**
- j That the write-back of 11 balances totalling £28,230.96 in respect of unpaid Non Domestic Rates be noted; and**
- k That the write-back of 2 balances totalling £0.59 in respect of unpaid former tenant rent arrears be noted.**

L Smith
CHAIRMAN