

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT BOARD

9 March 2020

Present: Councillor Bell in the Chair.

Councillors Chambers, Deakin, Gosling, M Humphreys, Jarvis, Lebrun, Lees, Moss, H Phillips and A Wright.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Downes (Substitute Councillor Chambers), Rose, Singh (Substitute Councillor Jarvis) and Smith.

Councillors D Clews, D Humphreys and Symonds were also in attendance.

47 **Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

Councillor Gosling declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No. 52 Financial Assistance to Outside Organisations.

Councillor M Humphreys declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No. 52 Financial Assistance to Outside Organisations.

48 **Minutes of the Meeting of the Board held on 20 January 2020**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2020, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

49 **Leisure Facilities: Service Improvement Plan and Key Performance Indicators**

The Director of Leisure and Community Development sought Members' consideration of the Service Improvement Plan (SIP) and the associated set of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), detailing activity through to the end of January 2020, through which the Board monitors the operational and financial performance of the leisure facilities at each of its meetings, as well as its approval of the Sip for the 12 months period commencing from April 2020.

Resolved:

- a That the progress made against the requirements identified in the approved 2019/20 Leisure Facilities Service Improvement Plan and the associated set of**

Key Indicators through which operational and financial performance are monitored be noted; and

- b That the Service Improvement Plan through which operational and financial performance will be monitored through to 31 March 2021, be approved.**

50 Leisure Facilities

Further to the Authority's adoption of its Leisure Facilities Strategy, the Director of Leisure and Community Development sought the Board's approval of an approach to resolve the long-term future of this important aspect of service provision.

Resolved:

- a That the proposal to engage an external consultant to work with the Authority to undertake a Strategic Outcomes Planning Model exercise through which to identify the most appropriate long-term, sustainable portfolio of leisure facilities to serve the residents of North Warwickshire be approved; and**

Recommendation to Executive Board:

- b That the Board approves a supplementary estimate for £53,000, to enable the proposed Strategic Outcomes Planning Model to be undertaken.**

51 LEADER Programme Update

The Director of Leisure and Community Development updated Members on the progress made in respect of the delivery of the North Warwickshire and Hinckley and Bosworth LEADER programme (2015 to 2020) and provided an overview of a recent independent evaluation of the local programme.

Resolved:

That the progress made in respect of the delivery of the North Warwickshire and Hinckley and Bosworth LEADER programme (2015 to 2020), be noted.

52 Financial Assistance to Outside Organisations

The Director of Leisure and Community Development detailed requests for assistance through the provision of an annual grant received from Warwickshire Community and Voluntary Action (WCAVA), North

Warwickshire Citizens Advice (NW CA), Live and Local and the North Warwickshire Allotments Federation.

Resolved:

- a That the progress made by WCAVA in its delivery of the Third Sector Infrastructure Support Grant Agreement be noted and that financial assistance in the form of two instalments for 2020/21, as detailed in the report, be approved;**
- b That the draft Service Level Agreement be approved for further negotiation with NW CA and that the proposed financial award for 2020/21 be approved and administered as indicated in the report, including the provision for the second instalment to be made subject to the prior agreement of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board;**
- c That the work undertaken by Live and Local in assisting local promoters to deliver professional arts performances in local venues be noted and that the proposed grant award towards the countywide Key Client Agreement be approved; and**
- d That the work undertaken by the North Warwickshire Allotments Federation be noted and that, subject to the successful conclusion of negotiations in respect of the appended draft Service Level Agreement, the proposed annual grant award be approved.**

53 Community Fund

Members were informed of a proposal to establish a new Community Fund and approval was sought for the associated “Information, Advice and Arrangements” to be used in allocating the Fund to deliver projects of local importance across North Warwickshire.

Resolved:

- a That the introduction of the Community Fund in accordance with the arrangements detailed in Appendix A of the report be approved with effect from no later than 6 April 2020; and**
- b That the allocation of monies from the Fund be determined by the Director of Leisure and Community Development, in consultation with the Borough Councillors from the Ward(s) in which the proposed**

community benefits are to be realised, other than under the circumstances detailed in the appended “Information, Advice and Arrangements” documents.

54 Community Development Update

For the Board’s consideration, the Director of Leisure and Community Development presented a report and additional information relating to the progress made by the Community Development section since the targeted approach to its work was agreed in July 2015.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

55 Climate Change

Following the Council’s declaration of a Climate Emergency, the Corporate Director Streetscape set out how the Council might seek to address the issue of Climate Change and the steps which should be taken in order to reduce carbon emissions and to mitigate and adapt the effects of Climate Change in North Warwickshire.

Resolved:

- a That the report be noted; and**
- b That a Member Group (4 Conservatives, 2 Labour) be established to consider the issue of Climate Change in more detail and to report back to the Board, recommending the steps which the Council should take to address the challenges which the Borough faces in this area.**

56 North Warwickshire Green Space Strategy Progress Report

The Director of Leisure and Community Development informed Members of the progress made in respect of delivery against the priorities set out in the North Warwickshire Green Space Strategy (2008 to 2018) and introduced, for the Board’s consideration, an initial Action and Funding Plan to support delivery of the recently adopted Green Space Strategy (2020 to 2033).

Resolved:

- a That the progress made in respect of the implementation of the priorities of the North Warwickshire Green Space Strategy (2008 to 2018) be noted; and**

- b That the content of the initial Action and Funding Plan to support the delivery of the recently adopted Green Space Strategy (2020 to 2033), be adopted.**

57 Health and Wellbeing Action Plan

The Board was provided with an update on the progress being made in respect of the actions identified in the approved Health and Wellbeing Action Plan (2017 to 2020). A proposed new Action Plan (2020 to 2023) was also presented to the Board for adoption.

Resolved:

- a That the progress made in respect of the delivery of the commitments identified in the Health and Wellbeing Action Plan (2017 to 2020) be noted; and**
- b That the Health and Wellbeing Action Plan (2020 to 2023), as set out in Appendix C to the report of the Director of Leisure and Community Development, be adopted.**

58 Minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Working Party Meeting held on 11 February 2020

The minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Working Party meeting held on 11 February 2020 were received and noted.

59 Introduction of Chargeable Garden Waste Service

The Corporate Director Streetscape updated Members on the introduction of the chargeable Garden Waste Service from 1 June 2020.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

60 Progress Report on Achievement of Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator Targets April – December 2019

Members were informed of the progress with the achievement of the Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator targets relevant to the Board for April to December 2019.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

61 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.

62 Environmental Health

The Chief Executive sought approval of a proposed restructure of the Environmental Health teams to be reported to the Special Sub-Group.

Recommendation to the Special Sub-Group:

That the restructure as set out in the Chief Executive's report and Appendix, be approved.

Margaret Bell
Chairman