

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY BOARD

19 September 2011

Present: Councillor Pickard in the Chair

Councillors Barber, Butcher, Davis, N Dirveiks, Fowler, Freer, Humphreys, Johnston, Y Stanley, Turley and Winter.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hayfield, B Moss and M Moss.

5 **Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests**

Any personal interests arising from the membership of Warwickshire County Council of Councillor Fowler and membership of the various Town or Parish Councils of Councillors Barber (Ansley), Davis, Freer and Pickard (Atherstone), Winter (Dordon), Butcher and Y Stanley (Polesworth) were deemed to be declared at this meeting.

6 **Petitions Scheme**

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council sought approval for an amendment to the Council's Petitions Scheme.

Recommendation to the Executive Board:

That the amendment to the Council's Petitions Scheme as detailed in the report of the Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council be adopted.

7 **Dog Warden Service - Update**

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council updated Members on the operation of the dog warden function.

Resolved:

- a **That the report be noted; and**
- b **That a small Task and Finish Group be set up to consider improvements to the Dog Warden Service, particularly dog fouling within the Borough. The Group would comprise the following Members: Councillors Barber, Freer and Pickard.**

8 Update on Detailed Scrutiny Projects

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council updated the Board on the progress made with the detailed Scrutiny project relating to industrial units and consultation with the public.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

9 Council Vision, Priorities and Corporate Plan Key Actions

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council advised the Board on changes to the Corporate Plan.

Resolved:

That the revised Corporate Plan be noted.

10 Changes to Boards and Speaking at Planning and Development Board

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council advised the Board on a number of proposed changes to the Council's Constitution and proposals to introduce public speaking at Planning and Development Board meetings.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

11 Scrutiny Handbook

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council sought approval for the amended Scrutiny Handbook.

Resolved:

a That the amended Scrutiny Handbook be adopted;

Recommendation to Executive Board:

b That the revised Scrutiny Handbook be added to the Council's Constitution in Part 5 – Codes and Protocols.

12 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.

13 Notes of the Retail and Industrial Units Scrutiny Workshop held on 23 August 2011

The notes of the Retail and Industrial Units Scrutiny Workshop held on 23 August 2011 were noted.

D PICKARD
Chairman