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To: All Members of Council

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Dear Councillor,

Please see overleaf a Supplementary Agenda for the meeting of the COUNCIL on THURSDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2018 at 6.30 pm.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Owen

Democratic Services Officer

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SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

6. QUESTIONS

To deal with questions under Council Procedure Rule number 14:

(a) Question from Councillor Crooks to the Executive member for Neighbourhood Services

"Given the fact that China has now banned the importing of plastic etc from outside their country (500,000 tonnes) which apparently is some 50/60% of our waste, how will this affect our recycling efforts and what steps is our council taking to try to counter this effect?"

Response from Councillor Nickerson:

"The Council started tackling contamination in dry recycling collections nearly four years ago and because of this proactive approach we now have very low levels of contamination. This means the recycling we collect is high quality and therefore has the best chance of being recycled. China is rejecting lower quality material and there is still a demand for high quality recycling.

We will continue to work with the contractors who dispose of our dry recycling to ensure that it is recycled. The contractor we change to on 1 April has advised they are not dependent on China and the majority of the plastics HBBC collects will be reprocessed in the UK and Europe. Similarly, we will continue in our efforts to ensure that residents only recycle the correct materials in their blue lidded bin.

From 1 April, Leicestershire County Council will be responsible for the disposal of this material and we will work with them to ensure we continue to maximise residents' recycling. Global recycling markets have been volatile for a few years and are likely to remain so – maintaining high quality recycling is the best way to maximise our recycling during these uncertain times.

(b) Question from Councillor Crooks to the Executive member for Regeneration

"As the county councillor for Mallory Division which includes Barwell, I ask who is involved in the 'Barwell Town Team' and why have I not been invited as the county councillor and member of the Planning Committee to participate? Also, I have not heard it being discussed at Barwell Parish Council!"

Response from Councillor Surtees:

"I thank Councillor Crooks for his question.

The Barwell Town Team includes parish and borough councillors plus officers from the borough council along with the parish clerk. The team would be happy for the county councillor to attend and contribute to the team's discussions whilst any resource support that you can secure from LCC would be welcome. Reporting back at the parish council meetings is a matter for the parish council."

8. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL'S POSITION STATEMENT

A great deal has been achieved since Christmas in our quest to get **A5 improvements**. I submitted a response to the DfT Strategic Road Network Initial Report Consultation. David Tredinnick secured a Westminster Hall debate on 7 February to discuss the required improvements to the A5 and was supported by neighbouring MPs in his calls for further investment, and Midlands Connect is already looking to procure a desk-based study for improvement along the A5 from junction 18 of the M1 to junction 12 of the M6.

Our case for investment along the route, between the M42 and M1 in particular, is gaining traction and I have been actively seeking, and getting, the support of many MPs along with very positive endorsements from Sir John Peace, Chairman of Midlands Engine and Andy Street, Mayor of West Midlands Combined Authority.

Our next step within parliament is to try to secure the support of the Transport Secretary in order to agree the approximately £10m funding to be allocated directly in RIS 2 towards the A5 for expressway scheme development, to allow delivery to come forward as soon as possible.

Council continues to work with residents to reduce the frequency and severity of **Anti Social Behaviour** whilst also using anti social behaviour legislation where necessary. In the first nine months of this accounting year we have seen 620 reports dealt with by our Endeavour team. Many have been resolved simply by working with the individuals concerned. Our worst cases however do need stronger action and we have also secured:-

3 Closure Orders
58 Community Protection Notices
2 injunctions
5 Anti Social Behaviour Contracts
3 Notice Seeking Possessions
2 evictions.

These actions are only possible through the combined efforts of councillors, the Endeavour team and the local community. Without the help of local people to provide the necessary evidence we would not be as successful.

I am also pleased to report that council officers, with the support of the Multi Agency Traveller Unit and police, have successfully carried out **planning enforcement** on the Good Friday site in Bagworth. This follows a very lengthy court case and the occupiers have now vacated the site and all caravans and structures have been removed. Plans are now being reviewed for the restoration of the site.

Our **Local Plan review** is underway and I have personally attended many of the events which are being hosted by council officers, including a briefing given to our Older Voices Forum. These events are receiving mixed attendances, which is probably an indication of the sensitivity in some areas. We are also taking the opportunity of hearing views on the draft Strategic Growth Plan for Leicestershire, which many find is looking so far ahead that it is difficult for them to grasp what is being asked.

I recently met with a number of our **Unsung Heroes**, including our most recent SPOTY winner, Denise Larrad. I want to work with these heroes to bring forward and support a new generation of people who are committed to supporting our community to live healthier and fitter lives. The commitment of these individuals is not easy to replicate, but I do know that there are more people like them across our borough and we aim to get them involved.

Following the Government's Industrial Strategy, both CWLEP and LLEP have started

work on their local versions of the Industrial Strategy. LEPs are also responding to the Ney review and are updating their Local Assurance Framework procedures to improve transparency and to strengthen overall governance, bringing them far more in line with local government.

I was pleased to be at the opening of **Cut Price Suites** in Hinckley, and I know they will be a valuable addition to the mix of shops in the town.

Tomorrow we have a Heritage Lottery Fund team visiting Hinckley to consider the council's **Townscape Heritage Scheme** application. This will be an important visit and success would see us securing a significant contribution to further improvements to protect our heritage.

I have long held a view that we should hold some of our meetings in other parts of our borough, and I am pleased to inform members that **Executive meetings** for most of 2018 will be held in venues away from the Hub. These meetings will be followed by a public Q&A session, and I hope that we shall be able to encourage people to attend.

One of my most rewarding times as Leader of this Council is when I am able to visit the many projects that we support through our VCS commissioning process. I recently had an opportunity to attend a Burns Lunch birthday party at the **Mayflower Club** in Markfield. It gives me reassurance in my 60th year that there are still fun things to do when I am 80.

Along with the Chief Executive, I recently attended the **District Councils Network Annual Conference**. As well as future funding from business rates, the main topics of housing and health are all issues that we are dealing with every day and in some cases I believe we are setting the standard for others to follow. These are things that officers and members alike are all interested in making better across our borough, and we will continue to do our best to achieve more for all of our residents.

Last week I chaired the annual review meeting of our **Local Strategic Partnership**, where we were updated on the extensive initiatives being delivered through key partnerships including our Think Family Partnership, Town Centre Partnership, Community Safety Partnership, our Health and Wellbeing Board and Employment and Skills Taskforce. We identified key challenges that will need to be picked up going forward linked to employment and skills, an older population and maintaining the vitality and safety of our town and village centres.

As part of the general fund budget, we also include the budget for the special expenses area. Following the decision by the Hinckley Area Committee not to consider changes to the special expenses area this budget, the proportion of the council tax charge for the area has been calculated through historical methods. I disagree with the HAC on its wish to maintain its role and the special expenses area in its current format. This administration will therefore be bringing forward its own proposals to give that committee more say in the running of those council operations which affect only Hinckley.

Our business tonight is dominated by the **budget**, which once again I am pleased to be able to bring forward with no tough decisions for Council to make. We also have a number of motions to consider and several other papers to present to members, which I hope will receive wide support.

12 Medium Term Financial Strategy

(a)

Replacement table under paragraph 7 (page 57 of the agenda pack) to include a line to show 100% retention:

Table 17	2017/18	2017/18 2018/19		2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	
HBBC retain:	£	£	£	£	£	£	
HBBC share 100%	916,625	1,327,673	1,817,917	2,077,693	2,169,273	2,465,447	
HBBC share 60%	549,975	796,604	1,090,750	1,246,616	1,301,564	1,479,268	
HBBC share 40%	366,650	531,069	727,166	831,078	867,710	986,179	
HBBC share 20%	183,325	265,535	363,583	415,539	433,855	493,089	

12 Council tax setting 2018/19 (Pages 1 - 2)

(c)

Please find attached an amended appendix A due to the bottom row of the table being omitted in the version on the agenda.

12 Fees and Charges 2018-2019

(f)

Amendment to page 146 of the agenda:

Stray dogs

Kennelling per occurrence (statutory fee) should read £25.00 for both years (instead of £22.50 for 18/19 and £25.50 for 17/18).

13. OFF STREET PARKING PLACES ORDER

A report seeking variation of the Off Street Parking Places Order.

The Scrutiny Commission at its meeting on 1 February gave consideration to this item. An extract from the minutes of that meeting is attached.

Addendum to report:

An addition to the table in paragraph 3.9 of the report (page 191 of the agenda pack) showing pay and display charges requested by Market Bosworth Parish Council:

Rectory	Lane,	Market	Current	Proposed	
Bosworth					
Up to 1 ho	ur	20p	30p		
Up to 2 hours			50p	50p	
Up to 4 hours			£1	£1	
Over 4 hours			£2	£2	

NB This change is already shown in the schedule.

16. MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL AND OUTSIDE BODIES

To fill vacancies on council and outside bodies.

Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Morrell, will propose the following changes to council body memberships:

Hinckley Hub • Rugby Road • Hinckley • Leicestershire • LE10 0FR

- Appeals Panel: Councillor Smith to replace Councillor Wallace as chairman with effect from 1 March
- Finance & Performance Scrutiny: vacancy to be filled by Councillor Bessant
- Ethical Governance & Personnel Committee: vacancy to be filled by Councillor Morrell
- Planning Committee: Councillor Hall to replace Councillor Boothby.

17. MOTIONS RECEIVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 17

(a) Motion proposed by Councillor O'Shea and seconded by Councillor Hall

"Motor Neurone Disease (MND) is a fatal, rapidly progressing disease that affects people from all communities and has no cure. The MND Charter (details attached) is a "statement of respect, care and support that people living with MND and their carers deserve and should expect". The five points of the Charter are:

- 1. The right to an early diagnosis and information
- 2. The right to access quality care and treatments
- 3. The right to be treated as individuals and with dignity and respect
- 4. The right to maximise their quality of life
- 5. Carers of people with MND have the right to be valued, respected, listened to and well-supported.

This Council expresses its support for the Motor Neurone Disease Association and those people living with MND and their families. Council resolves to adopt the MND Charter and the council and individual councillors will promote the MND Charter as widely as possible."

(b) Motion proposed by Councillor Cartwright and seconded by Councillor Hollick

"Following concerns from numerous residents and issues with the delivery of the development set against the council's aspirations at the outset for the site at Martinshaw Lane, Groby, it is agreed that there is a full investigation into the procurement, administration, delivery and checks and balances in order to avoid embarrassment to the borough council."

The following amendment will be proposed by Councillor Hall and seconded by Councillor Surtees:

"This year will see the completion of two ambitious local authority housing schemes – Southfield Road in Hinckley and Martinshaw Lane in Groby. In view of the fact these are the first schemes of scale to be delivered in many years to provide new council homes in this borough, Council requests that a review of outcomes achieved and lessons learnt be reported to Scrutiny Commission".

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APPENDIX A COUNCIL TAX 2018/19

VALUATION BAND	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н
PROPORTION OF BAND D	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9
	£p							
Parish								
HINCKLEY	1,119.87	1,306.53	1,493.16	1,679.81	2,053.09	2,426.39	2,799.67	3,359.61
BAGWORTH	1,145.52	1,336.46	1,527.36	1,718.29	2,100.13	2,481.98	2,863.81	3,436.58
BARLESTONE	1,138.87	1,328.70	1,518.50	1,708.31	2,087.94	2,467.57	2,847.19	3,416.63
BARWELL	1,135.75	1,325.06	1,514.34	1,703.64	2,082.22	2,460.82	2,839.39	3,407.27
BURBAGE	1,122.58	1,309.69	1,496.77	1,683.88	2,058.07	2,432.27	2,806.46	3,367.75
CADEBY	1,103.82	1,287.81	1,471.76	1,655.74	2,023.68	2,391.63	2,759.56	3,311.47
CARLTON	1,106.79	1,291.27	1,475.72	1,660.19	2,029.12	2,398.06	2,766.98	3,320.38
DESFORD	1,129.45	1,317.71	1,505.94	1,694.18	2,070.67	2,447.16	2,823.63	3,388.36
EARL SHILTON	1,129.73	1,318.04	1,506.31	1,694.60	2,071.18	2,447.77	2,824.33	3,389.21
GROBY	1,128.81	1,316.96	1,505.08	1,693.22	2,069.49	2,445.77	2,822.02	3,386.43
HIGHAM	1,108.34	1,293.08	1,477.79	1,662.52	2,031.97	2,401.43	2,770.86	3,325.04
MARKET BOSWORTH	1,146.61	1,337.72	1,528.81	1,719.91	2,102.11	2,484.33	2,866.52	3,439.83
MARKFIELD	1,126.47	1,314.23	1,501.96	1,689.72	2,065.21	2,440.71	2,816.19	3,379.43
NAILSTONE	1,113.02	1,298.53	1,484.02	1,669.53	2,040.54	2,411.55	2,782.55	3,339.06
NEWBOLD VERDON	1,120.76	1,307.56	1,494.34	1,681.14	2,054.73	2,428.32	2,801.90	3,362.28
OSBASTON	1,108.23	1,292.94	1,477.63	1,662.34	2,031.75	2,401.17	2,770.57	3,324.69
PECKLETON	1,115.94	1,301.95	1,487.92	1,673.92	2,045.90	2,417.89	2,789.86	3,347.84
RATBY	1,119.11	1,305.64	1,492.14	1,678.67	2,051.70	2,424.75	2,797.77	3,357.33
SHACKERSTONE	1,111.71	1,297.01	1,482.28	1,667.57	2,038.14	2,408.72	2,779.29	3,335.15
SHEEPY	1,115.78	1,301.75	1,487.70	1,673.67	2,045.59	2,417.53	2,789.44	3,347.34
STANTON-U-BARDON	1,105.86	1,290.18	1,474.47	1,658.79	2,027.41	2,396.04	2,764.64	3,317.58
STOKE GOLDING	1,111.38	1,296.63	1,481.84	1,667.08	2,037.54	2,408.01	2,778.46	3,334.16
SUTTON CHENEY	1,108.57	1,293.34	1,478.09	1,662.86	2,032.38	2,401.91	2,771.42	3,325.71
TWYCROSS	1,112.71	1,298.17	1,483.61	1,669.07	2,039.97	2,410.88	2,781.77	3,338.13
WITHERLEY	1,103.96	1,287.96	1,471.94	1,655.94	2,023.93	2,391.92	2,759.90	3,311.88

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