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Borough Council

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Chief Executive

Date: 17 April 2018

To: **All Members of Council**

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Dear Councillor,

Please see overleaf a Supplementary Agenda for the meeting of the **COUNCIL** on **TUESDAY, 17 APRIL 2018 at 6.30 pm.**

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Owen'.

Rebecca Owen
Democratic Services Officer

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SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

8. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL'S POSITION STATEMENT

Last week we held our first **Executive meetings** away from The Hub when we met in Bagworth Community Centre. The meeting was followed by 90 minutes of questions and discussions with local residents who had joined us for the meeting. As a result Members and Officers are now progressing with a number of new strands of work with the Parish Council and local community.

Members will know that Planning Committee recently approved a major industrial development south of the M69. This development will bring nearly 3,000 new jobs and boost economic growth in ours and neighbouring boroughs. With some of the site reserved for hi-tech and industrial uses we should see a good mix of job types and our employment levels should rise even further.

Along with this new development, Mira Technology Institute is due to open later this year, and with indications from other businesses of significant growth plans, and new businesses wanting to relocate to locations across the borough, Hinckley and Bosworth is rapidly becoming one of the most popular places for business. We still need to make available more facilities for business start-ups, and this is something that we are working to achieve.

Our main business on tonight's agenda should receive members' broad support as I will be presenting Council's **Digital and Prevention Strategies**.

The **Digital Strategy** is probably long overdue but sets out how we, and our partner councils, will work to use technology so that our services become more accessible and even more efficient.

Our **Prevention Strategy** shows how we will deliver our most important, and rapidly growing services, of providing improved health and wellbeing for our Borough. There is no question that investing in prevention relieves pressure on front line services, most notably in the NHS, Police and Social Services. With the adoption of our prevention strategy this Council will be accepting its duty to play a leading role in helping residents to make better life choices so that we can all live healthier, safer, and hopefully happier and longer lives.

We also have on our agenda a motion from Councillor Bill. These are important matters which we have discussed at many meetings over the past two years, including briefings to the Planning Policy forum, Scrutiny meetings, and full Council towards the end of 2016 when we agreed to the Strategic Growth Statement and in 2017 when we agreed to the draft Growth Strategy being issued for public consultation.

Whilst I understand the reasons for Councillor Bill bringing his concerns to Council, I do not feel that he has rightly captured what this council should be doing, and I am therefore proposing an amendment to the motion. This amendment will give members the opportunity to discuss the issues raised by Councillor Bill, and proposes positive responses to be included in this Council's full reply to the Strategic Growth Plan Consultation.

Finally, just a reminder for members that there is still time for people to nominate individuals and groups in their communities for our **Making a Difference Awards**. This year we shall be holding the event at Cineworld, and I'm looking forward to announcing some new winners this year.

11. MOTIONS RECEIVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 17

Correction to motion printed in the agenda:

Point 2 should refer to the B4669 (not 4469).

Amendment to be proposed by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Allen:

This Council resolves to include the following in its response to the consultation on the Leicestershire Strategic Growth Plan.

1. The proposed A5 Expressway should take priority over the delivery of the A46 Expressway, as this will go a long way to alleviate the traffic problems associated with the immediate level of development that is planned along its length. Failure to deliver on the A5 improvements could mean that some planned development cannot be achieved and could lead to the possibility of redistribution of planned growth to other areas.

2. The A46 Expressway, if delivered, should only connect to the M69 by way of a dedicated route from A46 southbound to M69 and from M69 northbound to the A46. It is not required to support growth in the Hinckley and Bosworth area and should not connect to any existing junctions of the M69.

3. The Strategic Growth Plan should be clear that industrial and housing growth beyond 2031 should largely focus on the primary growth area along the Leicester (inner) side of the A46 Expressway. It should specifically state that growth around the Greater Hinckley Urban Area (to include Burbage, Barwell and Earl Shilton), should have minimal additional growth determined only through Local Plan allocations,

Additional final wording of the Council response, to all consultation questions, is to be agreed with the Leader of the Council in conjunction with the Executive members for Planning and Regeneration following review of a draft document, which is to be provided to members of the Planning Policy Working Group.

Council also resolves to;-

- a) Respond to any consultation on the rail freight interchange proposals, on land adjacent to Burbage Common, in a timely and professional manner.
- b) Make Councils concerns known in any discussions about the impact that this proposal would have, in particular on Burbage Common and the road network around the site.

NOTE - This motion retains the intent of the original motion, without adding to it. More comments on the Strategic Growth Plan have been raised by members, and these will also be included in the Councils response.

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