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To: Members of the Hinckley Area Committee

Mrs J Kirby (Chairman)	Mrs GAW Cope
Mrs L Hodgkins (Vice-Chairman)	Mr KWP Lynch
Mr SL Bray	Mr K Nichols
Mr DC Bill MBE	Miss DM Taylor
Mr DS Cope	Ms BM Witherford

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Dear Councillor,

There will be a meeting of the **HINCKLEY AREA COMMITTEE** in G10, Ground Floor, Hinckley Hub on **THURSDAY, 25 JUNE 2015 at 6.30 pm** and your attendance is required.

The agenda for the meeting is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely

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

Rebecca Owen
Democratic Services Officer

HINCKLEY AREA COMMITTEE - 25 JUNE 2015

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 1 - 2)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2015.

3. ADDITIONAL URGENT BUSINESS BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

To be advised of any additional items of business which the Chairman decides by reason of special circumstances shall be taken as matters of urgency at this meeting (to be considered at the relevant point at the end of this agenda).

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive verbally from Members any disclosures which they are required to make in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct or in pursuance of Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992. **This is in addition to the need for such disclosure to be also given when the relevant matter is reached on the agenda.**

5. QUESTIONS

To hear any questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.

6. OUTTURN 2014-15 (Pages 3 - 8)

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Corporate Direction).

7. GRIT BINS (Verbal Report)

8. GREEN SPACE DELIVERY PLAN UPDATE (Verbal Report)

9. ANY OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH AS MATTERS OF URGENCY

Urgent items agreed under item 3.

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

HINCKLEY AREA COMMITTEE

28 JANUARY 2015 AT 5.30 PM

PRESENT: Mr SL Bray - Chairman
Mrs L Hodgkins – Vice-Chairman
Mr JG Bannister, Mr DC Bill MBE, Mr KWP Lynch, Mr MT Mullaney, Mr K Nichols and Ms BM Witherford

Officers in attendance: Rebecca Owen, Ian Pinfold, Katherine Plummer and Caroline Roffey

337 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Taylor.

338 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Witherford, seconded by Councillor Nichols and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 28 May 2014 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

339 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

340 SPECIAL EXPENSES AREA BUDGET

The committee was presented with the proposed revenue budget and council tax precept for 2015/16 for the special expenses area of Hinckley prior to consideration by Council.

A member asked if the £25,000 contribution to car parks in Hinckley was still realistic due to the reduction in the number of car parks. In response it was confirmed that the figure was still required. It was noted that in future car parking in the town centre may have to be reviewed depending on the uptake of the proposed free parking on the Crescent site. Concern was also expressed that the car park near Holliers Walk School would be underused if the school moved premises so this would need to be reviewed.

It was moved by Councillor Bray, seconded by Councillor Hodgkins and

RESOLVED – the revenue budget and council tax for 2015/16 for the special expenses area of Hinckley be endorsed and RECOMMENDED to Council.

341 HINCKLEY COMMUNITY INITIATIVE FUND

The Committee was presented with an update on the Hinckley Community Initiative Fund which was in its first year, along with information on grant applications for approval. Members were disappointed that, despite issuing a press release, using the HBBC website and sending out letters to over a hundred community groups, only three applications had been received, and two of those had been subsequently withdrawn.

A member stated that the Voluntary & Community Sector Commissioning Board had been oversubscribed with regard to grant applications and it was suggested that HBBC

creates a link with the VCS and asks them to make applicants aware of the Hinckley Community Initiative Fund. Members discussed this suggestion at some length and agreed that officers should be asked to commence exploratory discussions with the VCS. A member also suggested contacting Next Generation as they had contacts for more community groups who may wish to apply for funding.

Members were extremely concerned to hear that the budget for the Hinckley Community Initiative Fund in 2015/16 had been removed and therefore a supplementary budget would be required to fund the £419, should members approve the one remaining application. The committee asked that the budget be reinstated as originally agreed. It was also requested that applications for funding be received continuously throughout the year with the only cut-off date being the end of the financial year in order to encourage applications with the decision on applications being delegated to the Strategic Leadership Board in order to process them in a timely manner.

It was moved by Councillor Bray, seconded by Councillor Witherford and

RESOLVED –

- (i) The application for funding of £419 from the Hinckley Community Initiative Fund be approved;
- (ii) The Hinckley Community Initiative Fund budget be reinstated at the originally agreed amount of £20,000;
- (iii) Applications for funding be received throughout the financial year rather than to an in-year deadline;
- (iv) Officers be recommended to look into working with the VCS Commissioning Board to link with community groups who have made applications to them for funding and to contact Next Generation for details of community groups.

342 DOG CONTROL ORDERS

It was reported that a working group was being set up to look at introducing dog control orders on council-owned land and that a member from the Hinckley area was required to sit on the group, along with Councillor Crooks as Executive Member. Councillor Bray, seconded by Councillor Nichols, moved that Councillor Hodgkins should sit on the group. The Committee accepted this proposal and it was

RESOLVED – Councillor Hodgkins sit on the working group as representative of the Hinckley wards.

(The Meeting closed at 5.57 pm)

CHAIRMAN



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HINCKLEY AREA COMMITTEE – 25th JUNE 2015

2014/2015 OUTTURN

REPORT OF DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE – CORPORATE DIRECTION

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present the 2014/2015 revenue and capital outturn for the Hinckley (Special Expenses) area.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the draft outturn (i.e. subject to audit) for 2014/2015 for the Hinckley (Special Expenses) Area accounts be noted.
- 2.2 The requested capital carry forwards of £81,978 as detailed in Appendix 2 are approved.

3. BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT

- 3.1 The revenue and capital draft outturn position for the Hinckley (Special Expenses) Area for 2014/2015 have now been determined and are attached to this report as Appendices 1 and 2. These figures will be included in the final outturn reports which are presented to Council.

Revenue Outturn

- 3.2 The draft revenue outturn for the Special Expenses Area is contained in Appendix 1 along with the approved original and revised estimates for 2014/2015. As at 31st March 2015, the Special Expense Area service budget shows a marginal overspend of £249.

Balances and Reserves

- 3.3 The estimated outturn position shows that balances will be £70,444 which is close to that budgeted for. The estimated position is summarised below

	£
Balance at 1 st April 2014	56,270
Contribution to Balances	14,174
Balance at 31 st March 2015	70,444

- 3.4 Earmarked reserves have been set aside for the Special Expense Area to meet the cost of Green Space projects within Hinckley. Taking into account in year spend, it is forecast that this reserve will have a balance of £300,700 compared to a budgeted position of £248,938. The difference of £51,762 will be required to fund capital projects that will be carried forward.

Capital Outturn

- 3.5 The draft capital outturn for the Special Expense Area is detailed in Appendix 2. The Capital budget for the Special Expense Area is £81,517 under budget. The primary reason is due to delays in projects for which a carry forward of budget is requested. A verbal update for these schemes will be given at the meeting.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS [IB]

Considered in the body of the report

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS [MR]

None

6. CORPORATE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Expenditure incurred to achieve an attractive 'green' borough that minimises its impact on the environment.

7. CONSULTATION

None

8. RISK IMPLICATIONS

It is the Council's policy to proactively identify and manage significant risks which may prevent delivery of business objectives.

It is not possible to eliminate or manage all risks all of the time and risks will remain which have not been identified. However, it is the officer's opinion based on the information available, that the significant risks associated with this decision / project have been identified, assessed and that controls are in place to manage them effectively.

The following significant risks associated with this report / decisions were identified from this assessment:

Management of significant (Net Red) Risks		
Risk Description	Mitigating actions	Owner
None	None	None

9. KNOWING YOUR COMMUNITY – EQUALITY AND RURAL IMPLICATIONS

All expenditure and income relates to the urban area of Hinckley.

10. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

By submitting this report, the report author has taken the following into account:

- Community Safety implications
- Environmental implications
- ICT implications
- Asset Management implications
- Human Resources implications

Background papers: Civica Authority Financials Reports
Contact Officer: Ilyas Bham ext 5924

Appendix 1

	2014/15 ORIGINAL ESTIMATE £	2014/15 REVISED ESTIMATE £	2014/15 DRAFT OUT TURN £
SPECIAL EXPENSES (HINCKLEY)			
Urban parks (bez)	437,448	437,448	444,002
Cemeteries (cba)	148,492	148,492	142,187
Hinckley Car Parks	25,000	25,000	25,000
Hinckley Town Centre Christmas Lights	2,000	2,000	2,000
Hinckley West Neighbourhood Watch	4,000	4,000	4,000
	616,940	616,940	617,189
Contribution to/(from) Reserves	61,467	56,044	56,044
Contribution to/(from) Balances	9,000	14,423	14,174
Net Expenditure	687,407	687,407	687,407
New Homes Bonus	(127,343)	(127,343)	(127,343)
Budget Requirement	560,064	560,064	560,064
<u>Balances</u>			
Balance B/Fwd	56,000	56,270	56,270
Cont to Balances	9,000	14,423	14,174
Balance (Deficit) C/fwd	65,000	70,693	70,444
<u>Reserves</u>			
Balance B/Fwd	308,394	317,664	317,664
Cont to/(from) Reserves	61,467	56,044	56,044
Use of Reserves (capital)	(50,000)	(124,770)	(73,008)
Balance (Deficit) C/fwd	319,861	248,938	300,700

HINCKLEY AREA COMMITTEE CAPITAL PROJECTS 2014/15

	Budget £	Draft Outturn £	Variance £	
<u>Old Schemes</u>				
Richmond Park Play Area	22,220	21,644	576	complete
Memorial Safety Programme	7,595	5,625	1,970	cfwd
Clarendon Park	15,173	15,200	-27	complete
	44,988	42,468	2,520	
<u>Green Spaces Delivery Plan</u>				
Netherley Court	10,000	10,000	0	complete
Gowrie Close	15,000	12,276	2,724	cfwd
Stoneygate Estate	25,000	9,626	15,374	cfwd
Rock Gardens	39,000	38,959	41	complete
Queens Park	64,690	6,965	57,725	cfwd
Richmond Park Phase 2	5,000	6,052	-1,052	complete
Battling Brook	15,000	10,815	4,185	cfwd
	173,690	94,693	78,997	
Total	218,678	137,161	81,517	
Carry Forwards Requests	127,285	45,307	81,978	

	Budget £	Draft Outturn £	Variance £	
<u>Financing</u>				
<u>Old Schemes</u>				
Capital Receipts	29,815	27,268	2,547	
S106 contributions	15,173	15,200	-27	
	44,988	42,468	2,520	
<u>Green Spaces Delivery Plan</u>				
S106	48,920	21,685	27,235	
SEA reserve	124,770	73,008	51,762	
	173,690	94,693	78,997	
Total	218,678	137,161	81,517	

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