HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL



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AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

TO BE HELD ON

THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2017

at 6.30 pm

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Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Dear Sir/Madam

I hereby summon you to attend a meeting of the Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council in the Council Chamber at these offices on **THURSDAY**, **7 DECEMBER 2017** at **6.30 pm**

Yours faithfully

Miss RK Owen Democratic Services Officer

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies
- 2. Minutes of the previous meeting (Pages 1 4)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2017.

3. Additional urgent business by reason of special circumstances

To be advised of any additional items of business which the Mayor decides by reason of special circumstances shall be taken as matters of urgency at this meeting. Items will be considered at the end of the 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. Mayor's Communications

To receive such communications as the Mayor may decide to lay before the Council.

6. Questions

To deal with questions under Council Procedure Rule number 14.

7. Petitions

To deal with petitions from members submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.

8. Leader of the Council's Position Statement

To receive the Leader of the Council's Position Statement.

9. Minutes of the Scrutiny Commission (Pages 5 - 8)

To receive for information only the minutes of the Scrutiny Commission meeting held on 9 October 2017.

10. Petition against development on the site of the Big Pit (Pages 9 - 12)

Petition received under the council's petitions scheme.

11. Homeless Reduction Act and Flexible Homelessness Grant (Pages 13 - 18)

To advise members of the new duties arising from the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 and potential implications for the council and to advise on DCLG funding through a flexible homelessness grant and new burdens funding.

12. Directions for growth - issues scope and options local plan review, local development scheme and statement of community involvement (Pages 19 - 24)

To seek endorsement of the new directions for growth – local plan review document, revised local development scheme and statement of community involvement.

- (a) Directions for growth scope, issues and options consultation (Pages 25 102)
- (b) Local development scheme (Pages 103 126)
- (c) Statement of community involvement (Pages 127 148)
- 13. Strategic Growth Plan (Pages 149 180)

To inform Council of work undertaken to date and approve the consultation process and timetable.

14. Heritage Strategy (Pages 181 - 242)

To seek approval of the heritage strategy 2018 – 2023.

15. Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel on Members' Allowances (Pages 243 - 252)

To present the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel on members' allowances and recommend adoption of a scheme of allowances.

16. Appointments to Council bodies

Members are asked to note that the Chief Executive exercised his delegated authority under paragraph 3.2 of part 2 of the council's constitution to appoint Councillor MacDonald to the Audit Committee, Finance & Performance Scrutiny and the Scrutiny Commission.

17. Appointment to outside body - Community Safety Partnership

Members are asked to agree the appointment of Councillor P Wallace to the Community Safety Partnership.

18. Motions received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17

Motion proposed by Councillor Lay and seconded by Councillor Crooks:

"Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council notes that:

- Most workers employed by local authorities including HBBC are paid using nationally agreed rates of pay referred to as NJC rates
- Basic pay for local government workers on NJC scales has fallen by 21% since 2010 in real terms due to the government's public sector pay policy
- Local government workers covered by NJC scales also had a three-year pay freeze from 2010-2012
- Local terms and conditions of many local government NJC employees have also been cut, impacting on their overall earnings
- NJC pay is the lowest in the public sector
- Job evaluated pay structures are being squeezed and distorted by bottomloaded NJC pay settlements needed to reflect the increased National Living Wage and the Foundation Living Wage
- There are growing equal and fair pay risks resulting from this situation.

This council therefore supports the NJC pay claim for 2018, submitted by the local government employee unions; UNISON, GMB and Unite on behalf of council and school workers and calls for the immediate end of public sector pay restraint. NJC pay cannot be allowed to fall further behind other parts of the public sector. This council also welcomes the joint review of the NJC pay spine to remedy the turbulence caused by bottom-loaded pay settlements.

This council also notes the drastic ongoing cuts to local government funding and calls on the Government to provide additional funding to fund a decent pay rise for NJC employees and the pay spine review. Without extra funding, measures to address pay restraint will not be possible.

This council therefore resolves to:

- Call immediately on the LGA to make urgent representations to Government to fund the NJC claim and the pay spine review and notify us of their action in this regard
- Write to the Prime Minister and Chancellor supporting the NJC pay claim and seeking additional funding to fund a decent pay rise and the pay spine review
- Meet with local NJC union representatives to convey support for the pay claim and the pay spine review."
- 19. Matters from which the public may be excluded

To consider the passing of a resolution under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 excluding the public from the undermentioned item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 10 of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Act.

20. Investment (Pages 253 - 318)

Report of Director, Environment and Planning.

21. Partnership Support (Pages 319 - 324)

Report of Chief Executive.

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