

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE

19 OCTOBER 2016 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Mr MA Hall - Chairman
Mr K Morrell – Vice-Chairman
Mr CW Boothby, Mr C Ladkin, Mr M Nickerson, Mr SL Rooney, Mrs MJ Surtees and Ms AV Wright

Members in attendance: Councillors Mr RB Roberts and Mr R Ward

Officers in attendance: Bill Cullen, Rebecca Owen, Rob Parkinson, Judith Sturley, Clive Taylor, Nic Thomas and Ashley Wilson

215 MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Nickerson, seconded by Councillor Ladkin and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 24 August 2016 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

216 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

217 ECONOMIC REGENERATION STRATEGY 2016 TO 2020

The Executive received the new Economic Regeneration Strategy and accompanying action plan which was recommended for public consultation.

Councillor Morrell entered the meeting at 6.35pm.

Discussion ensued on the following points:

- NVQ level 4 and above: It was noted that the borough had lower than the national average people with this level of qualification and needed to be addressed with the promotion of higher skill opportunities. It was noted that this, in part, may be because those working in skilled roles within the borough (eg MIRA) lived outside of the borough
- Where the action plan had been updated to refer to other projects in the whole of the borough, it was asked that consideration be given to evidencing and including these in the document
- The need to look at skills-driven growth as part of the new corporate priorities
- The importance of working with businesses on improving skills in the borough, particularly with the goal of attracting more business to the area based on the skills available.

It was moved by Councillor Boothby and seconded by Councillor Ladkin that the strategy be made available for public consultation for a period of six weeks, and that, in the event that no significant issues are raised during the consultation period, approval of the strategy be delegated to the Executive Member for Regeneration in consultation with the Deputy Chief Executive. The motion was carried and it was

RESOLVED –

- (i) The Economic Regeneration Strategy 2015-2020 be made available for public consultation for a period of six weeks;
- (ii) Should no significant issues be raised during the consultation, approval of the strategy be delegated to the Executive Member for Regeneration in liaison with the Deputy Chief Executive.

218 CONTROL CENTRE RELOCATION & FACILITIES UPGRADE

A report seeking approval to relocate and upgrade the existing control centre facility was presented to the Executive. It was noted that, due to the suitability of the property, a small amount of equipment could be stored so it could be accessed expediently when required, and the building would also be suitable for meetings due to the location. It was moved by Councillor Boothby, seconded by Councillor Ladkin and

RESOLVED –

- (i) The existing control centre be relocated from its current office based at Clarendon House, Hinckley, to the former warden's house at Castle Court, Burbage;
- (ii) Improvements to IT infrastructure, staff facilities and working environment and inclusion of remote working space for HBBC staff be included within the scope of the works;
- (iii) The relocation, upgrade and associated costs be funded from the HRA – community alarm upgrade reserve.

219 CARBON MANAGEMENT

The Executive was informed of reductions in carbon and greenhouse gas emissions from council activities between 2008 and 2016, and recommended future reduction targets. It was noted that the new leisure centre would further improve efficiency and help to meet further reduced targets. It was moved by Councillor Morrell, seconded by Councillor Hall and

RESOLVED –

- (i) The achievement in reducing the council's CO₂ emissions by 25.5% compared with 2008-09 exceeding the target of 20% reduction by March 2016 be noted;
- (ii) The new target of a 35% reduction in net Greenhouse Gas emissions from the 2009-10 baseline by March 2020 as part of the council's commitment to reducing climate change be agreed.

(The Meeting closed at 6.50 pm)

CHAIRMAN