

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

FINANCE & PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY

19 AUGUST 2019 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Mr C Ladkin - Chairman
Mr P Williams – Vice-Chairman
Mr JMT Collett, Mrs MJ Crooks (for Mr DS Cope), Mr SM Gibbens, Mr K Morrell,
Mrs LJ Mullaney, Mr MC Sheppard-Bools and Mr R Webber-Jones

Members in attendance: Councillors Mr KWP Lynch

Officers in attendance: Tan Ashraf, Rebecca Owen and Ashley Wilson

105 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Cope with the substitution of Councillor MJ Crooks authorised in accordance with council procedure rule 10.

106 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Councillor P Williams, seconded by Councillor Sheppard-Bools and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 24 June be confirmed and signed by the chairman.

107 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

108 PERFORMANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK 1ST QUARTER SUMMARY FOR 2019/20

Members received the first quarter outturn report in relation to performance indicators, service improvement plans, corporate risks and service area risks. During discussion, the previous points were raised:

- Historical data should be provided to show performance over time
- The risk information should outline the actual risk and the likelihood and impact of it
- The financial implications of the ICT-related risks should be highlighted
- The report should be more user-friendly with fewer acronyms and jargon.

Some members expressed concern about the changes to targets, particular where the target was lower than the previous year's outturn (for example, leisure centre footfall). Officers asked members to let them know of particular target changes that they wished to receive further information on.

RESOLVED – the report be noted and abovementioned comments be taken into consideration.

109 FINANCIAL OUTTURN JUNE 2019

The financial outturn position at the end of the first quarter was presented to the group. There was discussion on the way the figures were presented when taken from reserves

in terms of showing negatively or positively. Some concerns about unknown costs were discussed, including fair funding, business rates and the government's suggestion of mandatory food waste collection.

It was suggested that another session be arranged for members to look at local government finance.

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

110 TREASURY MANAGEMENT QUARTER 1 2019/20

Consideration was given to the council's treasury management activity in the first quarter of 2019/20.

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

111 BUSINESS RATES AND POOLING UPDATE QUARTER 1 - 2019/20

Members received a report on business rates performance. It was anticipated that county councils may be favoured over districts in the business rates review due to their need to fund social care. It was felt that a one year settlement may be announced in advance of permanent arrangements.

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

112 SUNDRY DEBTS - QUARTER 1 - 2019/2020

Consideration was given to the position on sundry debts.

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

(The Meeting closed at 7.45 pm)

CHAIRMAN