

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

21 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: MRS J KIRBY - MAYOR  
MR P WALLACE – DEPUTY MAYOR

Mr RG Allen, Mr DC Bill MBE, Mr SL Bray, Mrs R Camamile,  
Mr MB Cartwright, Mrs MA Cook, Mr WJ Crooks, Mr MA Hall,  
Mrs L Hodgkins, Mr E Hollick, Mr C Ladkin, Mr KWP Lynch,  
Mr DW MacDonald, Mr K Morrell, Mr K Nichols, Mr M Nickerson,  
Mrs J Richards, Mr RB Roberts, Mrs MJ Surtees, Mr BE Sutton,  
Mr R Ward, Mr HG Williams and Ms AV Wright

Officers in attendance: Ilyas Bham, Bill Cullen, Rebecca Owen, Rob Parkinson and Ashley Wilson

392 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Bessant, Boothby, Mrs Cope, Mr Cope, Lay, O'Shea, Smith and Witherford.

393 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Morrell and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2019 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

394 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

395 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor reported on recent events and on a 'magic table' called the Tovertafel that she had seen in use on a recent care home visit which could provide interactive light games for people of all ages, particularly people with dementia and autism.

396 LEADER OF THE COUNCIL'S POSITION STATEMENT

In his position statement, the Leader of Council referred to:

- His recent meeting with the Secretary of State for Health and visit to Hinckley District Hospital
- NHS and CCG plans to invest in healthcare in Hinckley
- Preparations being undertaken in advance of leaving the EU
- Business rates grown from MIRA technology park
- A recent presentation by Leicestershire County Council to the Together 4 Tenants group which did not serve to address the group's concerns about the county council's intentions in relation to housing stock in the event of the creation of a unitary authority
- The reiteration by the Secretary of State that no new proposals for unitary authorities would be considered under current legislation
- Concern about Hinckley national rail freight interchange proposals

- Reassurances that Cineworld in the Crescent would not close as a result of block C being sold.

### 397 MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY COMMISSION

The minutes of the Scrutiny Commission were noted.

### 398 BUDGET REPORTS

Council gave consideration to the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS), the general fund budget, council tax setting, the housing revenue account budget, the capital programme, fees & charges, the treasury management strategy & prudential indicators and the capital strategy. The finance team was commended for putting together the complex reports in uncertain circumstances.

A member queried that, in table 5b of the MTFS report, two entries were repeated. Officers explained that these related to different studies but agreed to send the detail to members outside of the meeting.

The ward councillor thanked members and officers for working together to agree proposals for a new public toilet in Earl Shilton.

Councillor Wright left the meeting at this juncture.

Councillor Ladkin, seconded by Councillor Hall, MOVED that the recommendations in the reports on the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS), the general fund budget, council tax setting, the housing revenue account budget, the capital programme, fees & charges, the treasury management strategy & prudential indicators and the capital strategy be approved.

It was noted that, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, voting would be recorded in relation to the general fund budget and the council tax setting decisions.

Councillor Bray, along with six further members, requested that voting also be recorded on the Medium Term Financial Strategy, the capital programme and fees and charges. He requested that a single recorded vote be taken together for all five items. Members and the Mayor were supportive of this suggestion and the vote was taken as follows:

Councillors Allen, Camamile, Cook, Hall, Kirby, Ladkin, MacDonald, Morrell, Nickerson, Richards, Roberts, Surtees, Sutton, Wallace, Ward and Williams voted FOR the motion (16);

Councillors Bill, Bray, Cartwright, Crooks, Hodgkins, Hollick, Lynch and Nichols voted AGAINST the motion (8).

The motion was therefore declared CARRIED and the resolutions recorded in the following items.

#### (a) Medium Term Financial Strategy

Following a request by the requisite number of members, voting on this item was recorded. The detail of the recorded vote is contained in minute 398 above. The motion was CARRIED and it was

RESOLVED – the updated Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2019/20 to 2023/24 be approved.

(b) General Fund Budget Report

In accordance the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, voting on this item was recorded. The detail of the recorded vote is contained in minute 398 above. The motion was CARRIED and it was

RESOLVED –

- (i) the general fund budget for 2018/19 and 2019/20 be approved;
- (ii) the special expenses area budget for 2018/19 and 2019/20 be approved;
- (iii) the movement in general fund reserves and balances for 2018/19 and 2019/20 be approved.

(c) Council tax setting 2019/20

In accordance the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, voting on this item was recorded. The detail of the recorded vote is contained in minute 398 above. The motion was CARRIED and it was

RESOLVED – for the financial year 2019/20, the following be approved in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

- (i) £44,613,762 being the aggregate gross amount of expenditure;
- (ii) £37,428,361 being the aggregate gross amount of income;
- (iii) £7,185,401 being the amount by which the aggregate at (i) above exceeds (ii) above calculated by the council in accordance with the Act as its council tax requirement for the year;
- (iv) £132.09 being the amount at (iii) above divided by the tax base, calculated by the council in accordance with the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year;
- (v) a band D council tax for borough wide services, excluding special expenses and parish council precepts of £113.12;
- (vi) an average band D council tax relating to borough wide services and an average of special expenses and parish council services of £186.22;
- (vii) appendix B to the report, being the council tax for Hinckley & Bosworth borough divided by the tax base, including amounts for Leicestershire County Council, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire and Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Combined Fire Authority and for each area and valuation;
- (viii) a forecast transfer of £14,121 council tax surplus from the collection fund to the general fund.

(d) Housing Revenue Account

RESOLVED –

- (i) the rent policy for 2019/20 be approved;
- (ii) the revised housing revenue and housing repairs account budgets for 2018/19 be approved;
- (iii) the housing revenue and housing repairs account budgets for 2019/20 be approved;
- (iv) the proposed movement in reserves be approved.

(e) Capital Programme

Following a request by the requisite number of members, voting on this item was recorded. The detail of the recorded vote is contained in minute 398 above. The motion was CARRIED and it was

RESOLVED –

- (i) The capital programme for the years 2018/19 to 2021/22 be approved;
- (ii) The growth bids and savings detailed in the report be approved.

(f) Fees and Charges

Following a request by the requisite number of members, voting on this item was recorded. The detail of the recorded vote is contained in minute 398 above. The motion was CARRIED and it was

RESOLVED – the fees and charges book for 2019/20 be approved.

(g) Treasury Management Strategy 2018/19 - 2021/22 and Prudential Indicators 2018/19 - 2021/22

RESOLVED –

- (i) the prudential indicators and limits for 2018/19 to 2021/22, including the authorised limit prudential indicator, be approved;
- (ii) the minimum revenue provision (MRP) be approved;
- (iii) the treasury management strategy be approved.

(h) Capital Strategy

RESOLVED – the capital strategy be approved.

(The Meeting closed at 7.58 pm)

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MAYOR