HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE

26 APRIL 2017 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Mr MA Hall - Chairman Mr K Morrell – Vice-Chairman Mr M Nickerson, Mr SL Rooney and Mrs MJ Surtees

Members in attendance: Councillor Mrs MA Cook

Officers in attendance: Bill Cullen, Rebecca Owen and Ashley Wilson

461 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Boothby, Ladkin and Wright.

Apologies were also received from Julie Kenny, Director (Corporate Services); Rob Parkinson, Director (Environment & Planning); and Sharon Stacey (Director, Community Services).

462 <u>MINUTES</u>

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

<u>RESOLVED</u> – the minutes of the meeting held on 21 December 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Leader.

463 <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

No interests were declared at this stage.

464 COUNCIL TAX, NNDR AND OVERPAID HOUSING BENEFIT WRITE-OFFS

The Executive received a report seeking to write off debts over £10,000 in respect of outstanding business rates. It was noted that extensive attempts were made to recover debts prior to being written off and that, whilst being written off for accounting purposes, recovery would still be pursued.

Members asked whether the level of debt being written off had been increasing year on year and it was agreed that this would be investigated. Information was also requested on past trends in relation to write offs and it was agreed that this would be reported in future.

In relation to business rates, it was noted that whilst there was debt to be written off, there had been a positive amount of growth in business rates in Hinckley & Bosworth at a time when some other authorities had seen little growth.

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

<u>RESOLVED</u> – the write-offs listed in the report be approved and amounts written off under delegated authority be noted.

(The Meeting closed at 6.47 pm)

CHAIRMAN