

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

SCRUTINY COMMISSION

23 NOVEMBER 2017 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Mr MR Lay - Chairman  
Mrs R Camamile and Mr KWP Lynch – Vice-Chairman  
Mr SL Bray, Mr DS Cope (for Mr DC Bill MBE), Mr WJ Crooks, Mr DW MacDonald,  
Mr RB Roberts, Mr BE Sutton, Mr R Ward and Mr HG Williams

Also in attendance: Councillor MA Cook, Councillor M Hall, Councillor K Morrell and  
Councillor MJ Surtees

Officers in attendance: Bill Cullen, Nadeem Din, Paul Grundy, Simon D Jones, Julie  
Kenny, Rob Parkinson, Aftab Razzaq, Kirstie Rea and Ashley Wilson

213 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

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

215 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

217 HERITAGE STRATEGY

Members received the heritage strategy and action plan which set out the proactive  
approach going forward. During discussion, the following points were raised by  
members:

- The need to protect conservation areas and keep related documentation up to date. In response officers outlined good practice of reappraising these every five years and the need to revisit some existing documents
- The reference within the report to a 'spa town'. Officers responded that this was a reference to the historic association with the Big Pit
- The VAT costs for works to listed buildings. In response it was reported that heritage societies had been lobbying for work to listed buildings to be zero rated
- The need to retain focussed funding for heritage work.

RESOLVED – the report be endorsed.