

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

SCRUTINY COMMISSION

1 FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Mr MR Lay - Chairman  
Mrs R Camamile and Mr KWP Lynch – Vice-Chairman

Mr DC Bill MBE, Mr SL Bray, Mr WJ Crooks, Mr DW MacDonald, Mr BE Sutton,  
Mr R Ward, Mr HG Williams, Mr DS Cope, Mrs H Smith and Miss DM Taylor

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

Officers in attendance: Rebecca Owen, Ilyas Bham, Bill Cullen, Julie Kenny, Caroline  
Roffey and Ashley Wilson

306 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

309 GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2018-2019

Members received the 2018/19 general fund revenue budget. Attention was drawn to the  
budget summary on page 44 of the agenda pack and the revised 2017/18 budget on  
page 46.

A member asked for clarification in relation to the discretionary business rate relief  
schemes as it has been suggested that the criteria used when they were agreed would  
limit the number of businesses eligible for them. In response it was noted that the criteria  
had been relaxed to enable more businesses to benefit and that a report would be  
produced to update members on this.

A member expressed concern about the recent news that the Chinese government was  
to ban importing of plastic waste and asked whether that would affect the value we  
receive for them. In response, it was explained that following Leicestershire County  
Council's direction of HBBC for dry recycling, from 1 April 2018 the county council would  
retain and recycle the materials collected so it would not affect HBBC.

In relation to the 'Homelessness prevention underspend due to capacity issues', it was  
explained that this was ring fenced grant funding intended for homelessness prevention  
work as agreed by Council on 7 December 2017 and the wording would be amended to  
more accurately reflect this.