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.

312 FEES AND CHARGES 2018-2019

Consideration was given to the fees and charges for 2018/19. During discussion, the following points were raised:

- The decrease in the charge for collecting bulky waste to attempt to discourage fly tipping. A member suggested that it was mostly building supplies that were fly tipped, and in response it was noted that it was an issue across all categories of waste and that a countywide campaign was planned
- The need to be flexible in charging for replacement bins as it wasn't always the resident's fault that the bin was damaged. It was also noted that theft of bins can be a problem
- Co-mingled recycling would commence from 1 April. Members would be briefed before commencement
- Gambling Act licensing fees were nationally set, hence them not increasing in line with other fees
- There was a change to the way hackney carriage licensing fees were paid in that
 the MOT fee was now paid direct to the garage and not paid via the local
 authority, so although the fee appeared to have reduced, this was due to a
 change in the charging regime.