

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
15 APRIL 2008 AT 6.30 P.M.

PRESENT: MR. K.W.P. LYNCH - MAYOR
MR. J.G. BANNISTER - DEPUTY MAYOR

Mrs. M. Aldridge, Mr. P.R. Batty, Mr. P.S. Bessant, Mr. D.C. Bill, Mr. S.L. Bray, Mrs. R. Camamile, Mr. M.B. Cartwright, Mr. W.J. Crooks, Mrs. S. Francks, Mr. D.M. Gould, Mrs. A. Hall, Mr. P.A.S. Hall, Mr. D.W. Inman, Mr. C.G. Joyce, Mr. M.R. Lay, Mr. R. Mayne, Dr. J.R. Moore, W.A. Moore, Mr. K. Morrell, Mr. K. Nichols, Mrs. J. Richards, Mr. B.E. Sutton, Mr. R. Ward and Mr. D.O. Wright.

Also in attendance: Messrs. R. Birch and M.D. Clarricoats, Independent Members of the Standards Committee.

Officers in attendance: Mr. S.J. Atkinson, Mr. Michael Brymer, Mr. B. Cullen, Miss L. Horton, Mr. S. Kohli, Mrs. P.I. Pitt, Mr. T.M. Prowse and Mrs. J. Puffett.

557 PRAYER

The Reverend Canon F.D. Jennings offered prayer, following which a minute's silence was observed in memory of Mr. Ron Dickens (a former leader of the Authority), Councillor Tom McClure (a serving Member of the Authority) and Gary Morris (the Council's Town Centre Manager).

558 PRESENTATION

Members of H.M.S. Triumph, a "C" class submarine, who were assisting Hinckley Sea Cadets in improving their unit in Coventry Road, attended to present the Mayor with a photograph and a plaque of H.M.S. Triumph.

At this juncture the Mayor indicated that Item 11(b) (Children & Young People's Strategy) on this evening's agenda had been withdrawn. It was intended that instead this report would be considered by Council in August 2008.

559 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Messrs. C.W. Boothby, J.C. Bown, D.S. Cope, J.D. Cort, C. Ladkin, L.J.P. O'Shea and A.J. Smith.

560 MINUTES (C71)

It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Lay and

RESOLVED - the minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2008 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

561 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

562 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor announced that at 6:10 pm on the day of the next scheduled Council meeting (Wednesday 7 May 2008) a photographer would attend to take a group photograph of Members of the Council. The Mayor then reminded everyone of the Civic Service to be held at 10:30 am on Sunday 27 April at St Catherine's Church, Burbage.

563 PETITION

W.A. Moore presented a petition signed by some 2553 residents objecting to proposals to replace one of the two ambulances based at Hinckley Ambulance Station with a paramedic car. The Chief Executive undertook to refer this petition to the East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS).

Mrs. Francks entered the meeting at 6:42 pm.

564 MINUTES OF SCRUTINY COMMISSION MEETINGS 19 FEBRUARY AND 27 MARCH 2008 (C72 AND C73)

In presenting these the Commission Chairman highlighted:-

- The conclusion of the review on poverty.
- Discussions on the concrete structural survey and refurbishment of Argents Mead.
- The 6-monthly review of the introduction of civil parking enforcement.
- A presentation by EMAS on revised ambulance provision in the Hinckley area.
- The intended examination of out-of-hours healthcare provision.

The Chief Executive undertook to arrange a response to the Member concerned as to the cost of refurbishment of the reception area and contact centre.

On the motion of Mr. Lay seconded by Mrs. Camamile it was

RESOLVED – the minutes of the Scrutiny Commission meeting held on 19 February and 27 March 2008 be received.

565 POSITION STATEMENT BY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Leader referred to the intention tonight that Members agree the Council's Business Delivery Plans 2008-2011 as part of the Corporate Planning and Performance Management Framework.

The Leader then informed Members of recent decisions taken by the Executive, namely to agree the Cultural Facilities Action Plan and a Private Sector Leasing Scheme/Empty Homes Strategy. In common with other Borough/District Council leaders in Leicestershire the Leader had made a strong representation to the Secretary of State regarding the implications for the Council of any decision to reissue council tax bills in consequence of the “capping” of the Police Authority.

With North Warwickshire and Hinckley College the Authority, now that the news had been received that the Learning & Skills Council had confirmed financial support to the College, was moving forward on the development of the “Atkins site”. Following an exhibition from 7-11 May of detailed plans for the development of the bus station site, the Council would be called upon on 10 June to confirm the preferred developer.

In conclusion the Leader referred to the success of the Council, with other partners, in achieving Beacon status by reducing re-offending by some 16% and to the acceptance by the Audit Commission of the Council’s submission for CPA re-categorisation.

566 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE – SETTING OF PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS, TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT STRATEGIES 2008/09 (C74)

In accordance with a Code of Practice on Treasury Management presented to Council were the Authority’s prudential indicators for 2008/09 to 2010/11, together with the expected treasury operation for that period.

On the motion of Mr. Bill seconded by Mr. Bray it was

RESOLVED –

- (i) the prudential indicators and limits for 2008/09-2010/11 contained within paragraph 3A of the report of the Director of Finance be adopted; and
- (ii) approval be given to the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement contained within paragraph 3A, the Treasury Management Strategy 2008/09, and the Treasury Prudential Indicators contained within paragraph 3B and the Investment Strategy 2008/09 contained in the Treasury Management Strategy (paragraph 3C).

567 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE’S STRATEGY (C75)

As indicated at the commencement of the meeting the Mayor reminded Members that this item had been withdrawn and would be submitted to the August 2008 Council meeting.

568 SUSTAINABLE DESIGN AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS – VERSIONS FOR ADOPTION (C76 AND C77)

These two documents, having been widely consulted upon, were presented to Council for adoption, following which it was moved by Mr. Bray seconded by Mr. Bill and

RESOLVED – The Sustainable Design and Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Documents and accompanying Sustainability Appraisals be adopted as part of the Hinckley & Bosworth Local Development Framework.

569 BUSINESS DELIVERY PLANS 2008/2011 (C78)

Following the agreement of a new Corporate Plan at the last Council meeting, Members were now requested to agree the four Business Delivery Plans as part of the Corporate Planning and Corporate Management Framework. These represented how each service/directorate would contribute towards the achievement of the Council's vision and Corporate Strategic Aims over a three-year period.

It was moved by Mr. Bill, seconded by Mr. Bray and

RESOLVED – the Business Delivery Plans for the following areas for the period 2008/11 be agreed:-

Community and Planning
Corporate and Scrutiny Services
Finance
Street Scene Services

570 ADDITIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Mayor reminded everyone that additional Council meetings had been arranged for 7 May and 10 June 2008.

(The meeting closed at 7.32 p.m.)