

HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE MEETING
13 MAY 2009 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Mr. D.C. Bill - Chairman

Mr. S. L. Bray, Mr. D.S. Cope, Mr. W. J. Crooks, Mrs. S. Francks,
Mr. K. W. P. Lynch, Ms. W. A. Moore and Mr. D. O. Wright.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.4 Mr. M. R. Lay also
attended the meeting.

Officers in attendance: Mr. B. Cullen, Mr. S. Curtis, Mr. M. Evans, Mr. S.
Jones, Mr. S. Kohli, Mrs. P.I. Pitt, Mr. T.M. Prowse and Mrs. S. Stacey

565 MINUTES (EXEC 66)

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

RESOLVED - the minutes of the meeting held on 8 April 2009 be
confirmed and signed by the Chairman

566 ADDITIONAL URGENT BUSINESS BY REASON OF SPECIAL
CIRCUMSTANCES

The Chairman indicated that he had agreed to take as a matter of urgency
a report relating to an advance payment to Hinckley Business Improvement
District (BID), the reason for the urgency being the need to bridge the funding
gap pending the collection of additional business rates.

567 COMMERCIAL ESTATES REVIEW (EXEC 67)

Members were provided with the review and critique of the commercial
property portfolio within the Council's ownership. Although these assets were
generally healthy the plots at Harrowbrook Industrial Estate offered little by way
of rental growth and it was suggested that a current practice of selling off plots
when enquiries were made should be continued, though with cases being
reviewed on a plot by plot basis. Discussions took place on the various areas
within the portfolio, with strong support for the Greenfields Park project in that it
would provide the Council with an important revenue stream.

On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mrs. Francks it was

RESOLVED - this positive report on the Council's commercial assets be
noted.

568 HEALTH AND SAFETY FLEXIBLE WARRANTING SCHEME (EXEC 68)

Members were called upon to support the concept of inter-agency working, so as to safeguard the safety of those visiting and working within the district.

The proposed arrangements being considered mutually acceptable, it was moved by Mrs. Francks, seconded by Mr. Lynch and

RESOLVED -

- (i) the principles of entering into flexible warranty arrangements with the Health and Safety Executive and the other local authorities in Leicestershire and Rutland be endorsed' and
- (ii) the Director of Community and Planning Services be authorised to agree the terms of and enter into the memorandum of understanding relating to the flexible warranting scheme between the Council, the Health and Safety Executive and the other Leicestershire authorities.

569 HOUSING STRATEGY 2009/12 - CONSULTATION (EXEC 69)

The previous strategy having expired in 2008, approval was now sought to consult on the revised Housing Strategy.

At this juncture Mr. Bray declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Report Number EXEC 72, on the basis that he was a board member on the Hinckley Town Centre Partnership.

Whilst being conscious of the need to update the strategy the suggestion was made that, since news on housing subsidy was expected from the Government, the proposed period of consultation on the new Strategy should be extended to the end of August 2009.

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

RESOLVED the following be approved:

- (i) the undertaking of a period of consultation on the housing strategy from 8 June to the end of August 2009; and
- (ii) the result of the consultation be reported to a future Council meeting, together with any amendments proposed to the Housing Strategy for approval and adoption of the new Strategy.

570 EXTERNAL FUNDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MASTERPLANNING CONSULTANTS (EXEC 70)

Prior to consideration by Council the Executive was informed of progress with regard to the successful bids for funding towards the cost of support for the sustainable urban extensions for Barwell and Earl Shilton and the Masterplanning Consultant selection.

Having received clarification from the Director of Community and Planning Services that funding for this initiative had been secured it was moved by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Crooks and

RECOMMENDED - the financial implications be noted and the appointment of the Masterplanning Consultants be agreed.

Mr. Bray, having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following item left the meeting at 6.59 pm whilst this was considered.

571 BID SUPPORT - ADVANCE PAYMENT (EXEC 72)

Approval was sought to an advance payment of £45,000 to the Hinckley Business Improvement District to assist with short-term funding arrangements.

On the motion of Mr. Bill, seconded by Mr. Cope it was

RESOLVED - an advance payment of £45,000 to Hinckley Business Improvement District for the reasons outlined in section 3 of the report of the Deputy Chief Executive be approved.

Mr. Bray returned to the meeting at 7.01 pm.

572 MATTERS FROM WHICH THE PUBLIC MAY BE EXCLUDED

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

RESOLVED - in accordance with section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the remaining item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 10 of part 1 of schedule 12A of that Act.

573 APPOINTMENT OF MASTERPLANNERS, EARL SHILTON AND BARWELL SUSTAINABLE URBAN EXTENSIONS AREA ACTION PLAN (EXEC 71)

Members having been advised of the Council's preferred partner to produce the Earl Shilton and Barwell Sustainable Urban Extensions Area Action Plan, it was moved by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mrs. Francks and

RESOLVED - the selection of the Council's preferred partner in this initiative be endorsed.

574 VOTE OF THANKS TO MRS S. FRANCKS

The Chairman paid tribute to Mrs. Francks for her work as a member of the Executive over the last two years.

(the meeting closed at 7.10 pm)

Chairman