

HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

HINCKLEY AREA COMMITTEE

28 JANUARY 2008 AT 6.00 P.M.

Present: Mr. K. Nichols - Chairman
Ms. W.A. Moore - Vice-Chairman

Messrs. J.G. Bannister, D.C. Bill, C.G. Joyce and K.W.P. Lynch

Officers in attendance: Mr. M. Donovan, Mrs. P.I. Pitt and Mrs. C. Roffey.

In the absence of a quorum at the commencement of the meeting an informal discussion took place regarding the revenue budget. Mr. Joyce entered the room at 6.10 p.m., at which time the meeting became quorate.

440 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Messrs. S.L. Bray, D.S. Cope and D.O. Wright.

441 MINUTES (HAC1)

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

RESOLVED - the minutes of the meeting held on 31 January 2007 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

442 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

443 HINCKLEY (SPECIAL EXPENSES) AREA REVENUE BUDGET 2008/09 (HAC2)

Presented to Members at the meeting was an amended version of this report and the group accountant explained the difference between this and that which was circulated with the agenda, namely a lower increase in council tax for the Hinckley area. The Committee then considered three options for the revenue budgets and council tax for 2008/09 for the special expenses area of Hinckley, prior to the setting of the budget by Council on 26 January 2008. It was emphasised that with the allocation of £17,171 to Barwell Parish Council that Body was now responsible for its own budget.

Messrs Bannister and Lynch entered the meeting at 6.12 p.m. and 6.14 p.m. respectively.

In order to restrict the increase in council tax levels and still fund some growth items it was the officers' suggestion to the Committee that option 3 be recommended to Council.

A brief discussion arose with regard to the allocation of Section 106 monies and the Corporate Governance Officer undertook to examine the circulation of details of these to Members.

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

RECOMMENDED – the budget shown as option 3 in the report of the Director of Finance be approved for the special expenses area of Hinckley.

444 REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES 2008/09 (HAC3)

Prior to consideration by Council the Committee was called upon to review the proposed fees and charges for 2008/09 relating to the Hinckley special expenses area. The Green Space Manager then briefly outlined the proposed increase in cemetery charges compared to some Leicestershire Districts and neighbouring authorities. Officers having supplied information relating to parks income from fairs, the scattering of cremated remains and the simplification of figures under the heading 'other charges' on page 8 of the report of the Director of Finance it was moved by Mr. Bill seconded by Ms. Moore and

RECOMMENDED – the proposed fees and charges set out in the Appendix to the report be approved.

445 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2007/08 TO 2010/11 (HAC4)

Consideration was given to the proposed capital programme insofar as the Hinckley special expenses area was concerned. The projects included in the proposals had been submitted by project officers to reflect the outcomes of the Members' priority workshops. Concerns were expressed regarding the on-going flooding problems at Ashby Road cemetery and the Green Space Manager informed Members of measures being taken to deal with these.

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

RECOMMENDED – the capital programme for the Hinckley special expenses area for 2007/08 to 2010/11 be approved.

(The meeting closed at 6.42 p.m.)

At the conclusion of the meeting the Chairman indicated that he was examining the terms of reference of this Committee (formerly the Special Expenses Area Committee) and, if necessary, would call a meeting to discuss such terms.