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Chief Executive

Date: 24 February 2017

To: **All Members of Council**

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Dear Councillor,

Please see overleaf a Supplementary Agenda for the meeting of the **COUNCIL** on **THURSDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2017** at **6.30 pm**.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Owen'.

Rebecca Owen
Democratic Services Officer

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SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

6. QUESTIONS

Questions received under Council Procedure Rule number 11.1

Amended response to question (c)

(c) From Councillor Bray to the Executive member for Town & Urban Communities:

“Would the Executive member for car parks please look again at the situation for car parking for members of Hinckley Leisure Centre? At the previous site, members were given free use of the car park whilst using the centre. Since its relocation, this is no longer the case and residents living in Mount Road, Priesthills Road and other surrounding streets, who already suffer considerable parking problems, have found an increase in cars using their street from leisure centre users. Would he look at restoring the free passes as soon as possible to help alleviate this problem?”

Response from Councillor Ladkin (amended at the meeting):

“I am aware of the problems of on-street parking in Hinckley, and Lib Dem members must take some responsibility for that. Having replaced almost 500 council run long and short stay parking places on Argents Mead, the former Bus Station site, and Brunel Road with a large single short stay car park. It is not surprising that people are turning to streets for long stay parking, and there is lots of evidence to suggest that this is the cause of the discontent across much of Hinckley Town Centre.

The parking charge for members at the Leisure centre is 50p for up to three hours, which is adequate for most leisure activities and also a shopping trip into the town centre. This charge is lower than other town centre visitors who pay 50p for 1 hour and it is therefore likely that some people parking on-street are not members of the Leisure Centre.

The introduction of free car park passes for members would not be feasible, and in my opinion, would encourage non leisure centre use causing clogging up of the car parks.

Our Town Centre car parks need to have good turnover so that there are adequate spaces for all users including shoppers. I have requested that the Leisure Centre Operator effectively communicates with its customers asking them to be respectful in where they park their vehicles to avoid inconvenience to local residents, but we have no control at present over where non leisure centre members choose to park.

Leisure Centre Members can now also park on The Castle Car Park.

There is a problem in the streets around Hinckley Town Centre with residents finding parking difficult and i have been approached by a number of them, mostly wondering why a problem that has been getting worse for years has not been acted upon.

I have already initiated a Group of officers and members to look into how we can best ameliorate this problem. As you may or may not be aware LCC are responsible for on street parking controls so we will work with them to implement Restricted Parking zones with exemptions for Resident's where appropriate. These schemes will only work with the availability of sufficient, low-cost, long-stay car parks something that Lib Dems have removed but that we will introduce where necessary.

As part of our Town Centre parking review we will be reviewing the residents parking permits and increasing the number available if appropriate.

To propose to reintroduce free parking for Leisure Centre Members is simplistic and just moves the problem around.”

8. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL'S POSITION STATEMENT

To receive the Leader of the Council's Position Statement:

Last week I attended a meeting of East Midlands Council and was pleased to hear that bids for improvement works to create an A5 expressway remain a top four infrastructure investment priority for the East Midlands. This is getting support through Midlands Connect, The Midlands Engine, Highways England, and locally from Councils along the A5 through the A5 partnership, which I chair. In January I chaired a meeting of the Partnership where we were presented with an update on Highway England's current programme, which confirms that the investment for upgrading the section between Dodwells and Longshoot will take place in 2019. It is likely to be some years away from seeing the delivery of the full expressway being considered between the M1 and M42. However, our position on the need for major improvement has significant support across the region.

I also attended a meeting with the Chief Executive of the George Eliot Hospital, which was also attended by other members. We sought assurance that the A&E department was not going to close and in fact there are plans being developed which could, subject to funding, see an expansion of services at the site. This is good news for a significant number of residents in this Borough.

In January I met with Mark Edgell (LGA Principal Adviser for the East Midlands), as a follow-up to our Peer Review, which took place in the autumn of 2016. He was encouraged to hear of the progress on actions arising from the Review and impressed with our emerging Corporate Plan.

Tonight's Council agenda sets out a new corporate plan for the four years ahead, and delivers a budget that is balanced in the medium term, and allows us to be more resilient to future shocks.

This is in contrast to the previous administration who gave my administration a £1.7 million gap in the general fund budget to fill.

I know there will be questions on the budget this evening, but they come from Councillors who gave us a deficit, who removed long stay parking from Hinckley town centre, and who approved the Barwell SUE.

Residents of Hinckley and Bosworth can be assured that plans which we create will deliver more services based on sound finances, and without leaving us with budget black holes.

13. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET 2017/18 (Pages 1 - 2)

Amended section 5 attached.

15. FEES & CHARGES (Pages 3 - 4)

Additional sheet attached.

SECTION 5
CAPITAL ESTIMATES 2016/2017 to 2019/2020 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT

Expenditure	TOTAL	ESTIMATE	ESTIMATE	ESTIMATE	ESTIMATE
	£	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
		£	£	£	£
Stock Enhancement/Investment					
Sheltered Scheme Enhancements	271,968	171,968	100,000	0	0
Kitchen Improvements	3,917,194	889,388	730,850	1,148,478	1,148,478
Boiler and Heating Replacement	2,966,900	668,700	718,200	790,000	790,000
uPVC Door Replacement	173,700	39,500	118,800	7,700	7,700
Electrical Testing / Upgrading	1,896,830	594,830	434,000	434,000	434,000
Programmed Enhancements	883,883	216,583	245,600	210,850	210,850
uPVC Window Replacement	456,500	118,600	83,900	127,000	127,000
Re-roofing	878,440	237,160	144,780	248,250	248,250
Adaptations for Disabled People	1,600,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
Major Void Enhancements	2,400,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000
Kitchens and Bathrooms Enhancements	1,208,878	252,500	336,378	310,000	310,000
Service Investment					
Housing Repairs Software system	4,633	4,633	0	0	0
Bridge Street Car Park	20,000	20,000	0	0	0
Orchard Upgrade	30,000	0	30,000	0	0
Affordable Housing					
Other Affordable Housing	6,249,995	2,349,463	2,823,822	1,076,710	0
Expenditure Total	22,958,921	6,563,325	6,766,330	5,352,988	4,276,278
Financing					
Major Repairs Reserve (Depreciation)	11,200,000	2,800,000	2,800,000	2,800,000	2,800,000
Regeneration Reserve	11,178,921	3,613,325	3,816,330	2,412,988	1,336,278
Capital Receipts	580,000	150,000	150,000	140,000	140,000
Financing Total	22,958,921	6,563,325	6,766,330	5,352,988	4,276,278

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CATEGORY	VAT	2016/17	2017/18	% increase
		£		
Street naming and numbering				
Renaming/renumbering of existing property	Non-business	40.00	40.00	0%
Naming/numbering of one to five properties	Non-business	40 each	40 each	0%
Naming/numbering of more than five properties	Non-business	20 each additional	20 each additional	0%
Naming of a street	Non-business	150 each	150 each	0%
Change to a development after notification (administration fee)	Non-business	50.00	50.00	0%
Change to a development after notification	Non-business	15 per plot	15 per plot	0%
Street re-naming at residents request	Non-business	POA	POA	0%
Written confirmation of postal address details	Non-business	25.00	25.00	0%
Numbering of new flat complex	Non-business	25 per flat	25 per flat	0%
Town Police Closures	Non-business	152	155	1.97%

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