HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL



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AGENDA FOR THE

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

TO BE HELD ON

THURSDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2014

at 6.30 pm

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Steve Atkinson MA(Oxon) MBA FloD FRSA Chief Executive

Date: 12 February 2014



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Dear Sir/Madam

I hereby summon you to attend a meeting of the Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council in the Council Chamber at these offices on **THURSDAY**, **20 FEBRUARY 2014** at **6.30 pm**

Yours faithfully

Miss RK Owen Democratic Services Officer

<u>A G E N D A</u>

- 1. Apologies
- 2. Minutes of the previous meetings (Pages 1 16)

To confirm the minutes of the meetings held on 3 December 2013 and 21 January 2014.

3. Additional urgent business by reason of special circumstances

To be advised of any additional items of business which the Mayor decides by reason of special circumstances shall be taken as matters of urgency at this meeting.

4. Declarations of interest

To receive verbally from Members any disclosures which they are required to make in accordance with the Council's code of conduct or in pursuance of Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992. This is in addition to the need for such disclosure to be also given when the relevant matter is reached on the Agenda.

5. Mayor's Communications

To receive such communications as the Mayor may decide to lay before the Council.

6. Petitions

To receive petitions in accordance with the Council's Petitions' Scheme.

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7. Questions

To deal with questions under Council Procedure Rule number 11.1

8. Leader of the Council's Position Statement

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

9. Minutes of the Scrutiny Commission (Pages 17 - 26)

To receive for information only the minutes of the Scrutiny Commission meetings held on 21 November 2013 and 16 January 2014.

10. Community Campaign to save the former Regent Cinema

More information on this item to follow.

11. The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 (Pages 27 - 30)

Report of the Monitoring Officer informing members of the new Standing Orders Regulations and requesting approval of the necessary amendment to the Council's Constitution.

12. General Fund budget 2014/15 (Pages 31 - 46)

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Corporate Direction), prepared taking into account the capital and HRA budgets. The capital and HRA budgets are presented separately but should be read in conjunction with this report.

13. Council Tax Setting 2014/15 (Pages 47 - 52)

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Corporate Direction) seeking approval of the Council Tax setting for 2014/15.

14. Housing Revenue Account Budget 2014/15 (Pages 53 - 66)

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Corporate Direction) seeking approval of the Housing Revenue Account budget for 2014/15, including Housing Repairs.

15. Capital Programme 2014/15 (Pages 67 - 82)

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Corporate Direction) seeking approval of the Capital Programme 2013/2014 – 2016/2017.

16. Treasury Management Policy & Prudential Code 2014/15 (Pages 83 - 104)

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Corporate Direction) outlining the Council's prudential indicators for 2013/14 - 2016/17 and setting out the expected treasury operations for this period.

17. Local Government Declaration on tobacco control (Pages 105 - 116)

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Community Direction) regarding signing the Local Government Declaration on Tobacco Control and joining the Smokefree Action Coalition.

18. Calendar of meetings 2014/15 (Pages 117 - 118)

Members are asked to consider and approve the proposed calendar of statutory meetings for 2014/15.

19. To consider the following motions, notice of which have been received in accordance with Council Procedure Rules 13.1 and 13.2:-

Motion from Councillor Mullaney, seconded by Councillor Gould:

This Council asks that the Chief Executive Officer writes to Andy Cooper, Managing Director Cross Country Trains (A Deutsche Bahn subsidiary) and the Secretary of State for Transport calling for the restoration of a twice-hourly rail service between Hinckley and Birmingham and Leicester.

Council believes that Hinckley needs a twice hourly rail service because;

- This was the previous level of service before the West Coast upgrade, and we had more and later trains under BR
- That Hinckley has suffered particularly badly given the significant levels of growth across the network, and whilst other stations have seen increases, we've had a marked decrease
- That Hinckley forms part of the largest urban area in the East Midlands to have anything less than this level of service (Mansfield had its service upgraded in the 1990s through the "Robin Hood Line")
- As a growing area, with thousands more jobs coming locally there is a strong case for an increased level of rail service.