

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

4 NOVEMBER 2014 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: MR JG BANNISTER - MAYOR
MR K NICHOLS – DEPUTY MAYOR

Mr RG Allen, Mr PR Batty, Mr Bessant, Mr DC Bill MBE,
Mr CW Boothby, Mr SL Bray, Mrs R Camamile, Mr MB Cartwright,
Mrs T Chastney, Mr WJ Crooks, Mr DM Gould, Mr PAS Hall,
Mrs WA Hall, Mrs L Hodgkins, Mr MS Hulbert, Mr DW Inman,
Mr C Ladkin, Mr KWP Lynch, Mr R Mayne, Mr JS Moore, Mr K Morrell,
Mr MT Mullaney, Mrs J Richards, Mrs S Sprason, Mr BE Sutton,
Miss DM Taylor and Ms BM Witherford

Officers in attendance: Steve Atkinson, Bill Cullen, Sanjiv Kohli, Rosemary Leach,
Darren Moore, Rebecca Owen, Sally Smith and Shilpa Thakrar

240 PRAYER

Reverend John Whittaker offered prayer.

241 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Cope, Lay, O'Shea,
Smith and Ward.

242 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

On the motion of Councillor Bray, seconded by Councillor Mayne, it was

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 23 September be
confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

243 ADDITIONAL URGENT BUSINESS BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Council was informed that the Mayor had agreed to accept an item of urgent business
'Appointment of Monitoring Officer' due to the need to make the appointment prior to the
next Council meeting. It was agreed that the report would be taken as item 13.

244 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

245 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor reported on the recent visit to Hinckley by guests from Grand Quevilly and
the links that had been created between the Concordia Theatre and the theatre in Grand
Quevilly as a result.

246 QUESTIONS

Question from Councillor Hulbert:

“Could the Executive Member for Cultural Services tell me how he envisages Leicestershire County Council's cuts to children and young people's services will impact in Hinckley and Bosworth?”

Response from Councillor Cope:

“As reported in the public report to Leicestershire's County Council's Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Monday, 1 September 2014 the Children & Families Department needs to make savings of £3.6m, representing a 33% budgetary reduction.

Because of the significant cuts that need to be achieved by LCC this will involve whole service redesign. This includes a management re-structure at LCC. At present the Sure Start Children Centres, which we have 7, will remain operational. However, the service delivered from these Centres, which targets families in need, is likely to be reduced. It is highly likely that the delegated budget which HBBC administers for Sure Start programme along with locality based grant aid programmes will be cease.

The County Council is currently consulting the Local Authorities and voluntary sector on how it intends to make these significant savings this year and over the next 3 years.

The exact impact on services will not be known for some time. Following the consultation period, the County Council's Cabinet is due to consider proposals in December 2014, with many of the changes commencing in April 2015.

To minimise the impact the Borough Council is working collaboratively with Senior Management representatives at LCC and is liaising with other Districts over the budgetary position.

It must be stressed that the Borough Councils commitment to providing all children from within the Borough the best possible start in life remains a key corporate aim.”

247 LEADER OF THE COUNCIL'S POSITION STATEMENT

In his position statement, the Leader highlighted the additional recommendation with regard to the Green Waste Consultation report, the progress made on the Bus Station and Leisure Centre and the likelihood of a sound budget for 2015/16 which would hopefully allow for a freeze in Council Tax. He also sent his thanks and best wishes to Louisa Horton who was leaving the authority. Members wished to congratulate everyone involved in Earl Shilton's shortlisting for the Great British High Street Awards.

248 MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY COMMISSION

The minutes of the Scrutiny Commission on 2 October were noted.

249 CAR PARKING PLACES ORDER

A report was presented to members which sought approval of an Off-Street Parking Places Order for various car parks in the Hinckley area. It was moved by Councillor Bray, seconded by Councillor Bill and unanimously

RESOLVED –

- (i) The Off Street Parking Places (Hinckley and Bosworth) Order 2014 be approved;
- (ii) Authority be delegated to the Head of Street Scene Services to publish a notice of proposals in relation to the Order;
- (iii) Subject to there being no objections received within the relevant statutory period, authority be delegated to the Head of Street Scene Services to make the Order and publish the notice of making;
- (iv) Where objections are received, a written report be produced detailing the objections and authority be delegated to the Chief Officer (Environmental Health) and the Executive Member with responsibility for Car Parks in conjunction with the Legal Services Manager to consider such objections and consider whether the Order be confirmed.

250 INTRODUCTION OF CHARGES FOR GREEN WASTE COLLECTION

Council was advised of the reduction in funding from Leicestershire County Council in relation to recycling credits for green waste collections from 2015/16. Councillor Bray, seconded by Councillor Taylor, moved an additional recommendation that the Scrutiny Commission be asked to consider the detailed questions at its next meeting, which was accepted without debate. It was agreed that the following points would be incorporated into the discussion at the Scrutiny Commission meeting:

- Whether the Borough Council could take on the responsibility of the Waste Disposal Authority
- Provision within the consultation to gauge the views of the elderly
- The possibility of discounts for those in receipt of benefits
- The options with regard to additional bins.

It was moved by Councillor Crooks, seconded by Councillor Bray and

RESOLVED –

- (i) Council agrees to a consultation on the introduction of charges for green waste collections from 2015/16;
- (ii) The Scrutiny Commission be asked to consider the detailed questions at its next meeting on 13 November, along with any longer-term implications, and review the response prior to any final recommendations to Council.

251 HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH LOCAL PLAN (2006- 2026): SITE ALLOCATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICIES DPD - PRE-SUBMISSION MODIFICATIONS CONSULTATION

A report was presented to Council which sought agreement to consult on the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Development Plan Document (DPD) Pre-Submission Modification, Sustainability Appraisal Addendum and supporting documents, and also sought agreement for subsequent submission of the DPD to the Secretary of State for Examination in Public. Members mentioned the lengthy process and in response the Leader highlighted the significant national changes since the

adoption of the Core Strategy which had impacted on speed of progress of the document, including the publication of the National Planning Policy Framework and abolition of Regional Spatial Strategies. The Leader thanked members for their comments and the time they had given to the process. It was moved by Councillor Bray, seconded by Councillor Bill and unanimously

RESOLVED –

- (i) Publication of the pre-submission modifications of the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD and sustainability appraisal including addendum be approved;
- (ii) The submission of the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD including modifications, sustainability appraisal including addendum, statement of consultation responses and supporting documents to the Secretary of State for Examination in Public following analysis of the representations received during the consultation period be approved.

252 REDUCING EXCESS WINTER DEATHS - PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING

Council was advised of external funding received from Public Health to address the issue of excess winter deaths from cold through a countywide project which resulted in the need to appoint three Warm Home Officers plus additional part time bank staff to carry out temperature and humidity audits across the County.

A member emphasised the need to liaise with parish councils to aid communication, and it was agreed that this would be addressed.

It was moved by Councillor Gould, seconded by Councillor Mullaney and

RESOLVED –

- (i) The project to deliver strategically targeted advice and practical support to residents within the County in order to reduce the number of excess winter deaths be approved;
- (ii) The receipt of public health funding to support the project and to act as the lead authority on behalf of the other Leicestershire authorities for the recruitment of the Warm Homes Officers be approved;
- (iii) The creation of income and expenditure budgets totalling £59,033 be approved.

253 APPOINTMENT OF MONITORING OFFICER

Following indication of the current Monitoring Officer of her intention to leave the authority, a report was presented to Council in accordance with Section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 in order to designate a new Monitoring Officer. It was moved by Councillor Bray, seconded by Councillor Witherford and

RESOLVED – Julie Kenny be appointed as the authority's designated Monitoring Officer.

254 MOTIONS RECEIVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES 13.1 AND 13.2

- (a) Motion received from Councillor Bill, seconded by Councillor Mullaney:

“This Council endorses the letter sent to the three national party leaders on the need for a genuine local voice in planning and agrees that this should also be sent to the DCLG, the Local Government Association and the Royal Town Planning Institute for their information and for a response”. The letter was attached as an appendix.

RESOLVED – the motion be approved.

- (b) Urgent motion received from Councillor Gould, seconded by Councillor Hulbert:

“This Council deplores the notion that the Earl Shilton branch of NatWest should close and requests that the Chief Executive write to RBS raising the following points:

- Limited opening during weekdays has undermined the business case; why has consideration not been given to weekend opening
- There is a strong community need for local banking services in Earl Shilton; NatWest now sits as the last branch
- NatWest has constantly given reassurances that it will not close branches; why has the folly of City Bankers been used to punish customers?”

During discussion, members referred to the range of services that would now be available at the relocated Earl Shilton Post Office and the sound financial institution of the Earl Shilton Building Society.

It was unanimously

RESOLVED – the motion be approved.

(The Meeting closed at 7.32 pm)

MAYOR