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To: **Members of the Scrutiny Commission**

Mr MR Lay (Chairman)	Mrs L Hodgkins
Mr C Ladkin (Vice-Chairman)	Mr MS Hulbert
Miss DM Taylor (Vice-Chairman)	Mr DW Inman
Mr PR Batty	Mr JS Moore
Mr Bessant	Mr K Morrell
Mr PAS Hall	Mr K Nichols

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Dear Councillor,

There will be a meeting of the **SCRUTINY COMMISSION** in the De Montfort Suite - Hub on **THURSDAY, 28 AUGUST 2014 at 6.30 pm** and your attendance is required.

The agenda for the meeting is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely

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

Rebecca Owen  
Democratic Services Officer

## SCRUTINY COMMISSION - 28 AUGUST 2014

### A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS
2. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 6)  
To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 3 and 17 July 2014.
3. ADDITIONAL URGENT BUSINESS BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES  
To be advised of any additional items of business which the Chairman 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. QUESTIONS  
To hear any questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.
6. ECONOMIC REGENERATION STRATEGY - ACTION PLAN UPDATE (Pages 7 - 14)  
Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Community Direction).
7. PROGRESS TOWARDS DELIVERY OF NEW LEISURE CENTRE (To Follow)
8. ANY OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH AS MATTERS OF URGENCY

# Agenda Item 2

## HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

### SCRUTINY COMMISSION

3 JULY 2014 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Mr MR Lay - Chairman  
Mr C Ladkin – Vice-Chairman

Mr PR Batty, Mr PAS Hall, Mrs L Hodgkins, Mr DW Inman, Mr JS Moore and Mr K Nichols

Also in attendance: Councillor WJ Crooks and Councillor MT Mullaney

Officers in attendance: Steve Atkinson, Bill Cullen, Edwina Grant, Julie Kenny, Rebecca Owen, Sally Smith and Andrew Thompson

#### 79 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Hulbert and Morrell.

#### 80 MINUTES

On the motion of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Nichols, it was

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meetings held on 15 May and 9 June be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

#### 81 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

#### 82 RURAL AREAS REVIEW 2014

The Scrutiny Commission received the annual rural areas review which detailed services provided in the borough's rural areas. During discussion on the report, the following points were discussed:

- Fuel poverty: it was noted that work was being undertaken to provide fuel poverty advice to tenants, and also to provide advice on effective ventilation due to the apparent reluctance of residents to open windows and therefore lose heat.
- A member asked how the reduction in average household energy consumption had been measured and also the monitoring score. Officers agreed to look into this after the meeting and respond.
- Local walking groups: the popularity and growth of these was noted and it was explained that Cultural Services facilitated the groups but they were led locally.

Members felt that the report was very useful to demonstrate the level of service provision to rural areas, particularly to those residents in those areas who felt their Council Tax did not provide value for money.

RESOLVED – the report and extent of service provision be endorsed.

#### 83 HOUSING REPAIRS

Members were updated on the Housing Repairs review and progress made against the action plan. It was reported that a lot of progress had been made over the previous 18

months and a peer review by another authority had been undertaken. Whilst it was noted that customer satisfaction was high, more responses to surveys would provide a more robust view.

In relation to areas for improvement, it was reported that whilst response to repairs under priority categories 1 and 2 had improved, priority 3 and 4 cases required improved response rates.

Members were reminded that Wilmott Dixon had operated an open book system rather than schedule of rates; so, when the service was brought in-house an uplift of 20% had been applied to a former schedule of rates. A subsequent review of the schedule of rates had found that rates were still 30% lower than they should have been and a further uplift had been agreed.

Void costs remained high and additional controls had been introduced in an attempt to manage this. The additional controls would not reduce the standard of work to voids, but would enforce an audit of work necessary and undertaken. It was agreed that the performance information for 'time to re-let' would be brought back to a future meeting. In response to a member's question, it was stated that loss of rental income was not included in void costs, but was closely monitored. A member also reminded officers that the Finance, Audit & Performance Committee had asked that ward members receive updates on voids and on work undertaken to enable re-letting. It was agreed that this would be followed up. Members were also reminded that there were now tenant inspectors. It was also agreed that numbers of kitchens and bathrooms installed would be brought back, along with average costings of each, in order to assist members in understanding how much work could be undertaken within the budget.

RESOLVED –

- (i) the report be notice and progress be welcomed;
- (ii) a further report be brought back to the Commission regarding the installation of new kitchens and bathrooms.

84 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

The programme of environmental improvement projects for 2014/15 was presented to the Commission. Members reiterated the importance of the programme for communities, particularly also as it attracted external contributions in addition to capital expenditure. It was stated that this was likely to result in projects costing £59,647 being implemented at a net cost to this authority of £34,704 for the 2013/14 programme. In response to members' concerns, it was reported that continuity of staffing had been achieved due to succession planning and that the momentum would be maintained.

It was noted that many of the schemes were put into the programme as a result of Conservation Area appraisals the previous year and others were unpredicted schemes that arose during the period.

RESOLVED – the schemes programmed for 2014/15 be endorsed.

85 AFFORDABLE HOUSING DELIVERY

Members received an annual update on affordable housing permissions granted, completions and projections.

Concern was expressed that delivery wasn't much higher than prior to the 40% threshold being adopted, due to developers arguing about viability, and members asked how this

could be valid in light of increasing house/land prices. It was requested that officers from Coventry City Council, who were contracted to do viability assessments on HBBC's behalf, be asked to attend a future meeting to explain the methodology behind the recommendations made. It was agreed that thought needed to be given to how to strengthen the authority's case to argue against viability claims. The Chief Executive advised members that the District Councils' Network had made a submission to government, which included a strong reference to this particular difficulty.

Concern was expressed regarding commuted sums and off-site provision of affordable housing, and the risk of affordable housing being provided off-site as part of the SUEs.

RESOLVED –

- (i) the report be noted;
- (ii) viability assessments be discussed at a future meeting.

86 PLANNING APPEALS UPDATE

The Scrutiny Commission received a six monthly update on planning and enforcement appeal decisions made. It was reported that five appeals had been allowed and four had been dismissed. Members identified that, of those allowed, all but one had been an appeal against a member decision contrary to officer recommendation.

It was noted that, whilst there was a substantial reserve for appeal costs, this would not cover all appeals, as developers tended to appoint expensive Barristers and in the event that they won, the authority often had to cover the costs of the Barristers.

A member expressed concern that the planning committee was opening the authority up to high costs to be funded from tax payers' money. In response, however, it was suggested that the issue had already been raised, other authorities were in the same position, and that whilst the Inspectorate continued to encourage development, local authorities would continue to lose appeals. The Chairman agreed to inform the Chairman of the Planning Committee of the discussion which had taken place at this meeting.

RESOLVED – the report be noted and the Chairman of the Planning Committee be informed of the debate.

87 SCRUTINY COMMISSION WORK PROGRAMME 2014-2015

In considering the work programme, an update on capital projects was requested. It was felt that it would be useful for this update to be provided to the Extraordinary meeting scheduled for 17 July as the purpose of this was to receive an update on the Leisure Centre, which was usually combined with updates on all capital projects.

An update on planning enforcement was requested, particularly capacity of the service.

It was suggested that the Barwell & Earl Shilton Scrutiny Group should reconvene.

(The Meeting closed at 8.25 pm)

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CHAIRMAN

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HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

SCRUTINY COMMISSION

17 JULY 2014 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Mr MR Lay - Chairman

Mr PR Batty, Mrs L Hodgkins, Mr MS Hulbert, Mr DW Inman, Mr R Mayne (for Mr JS Moore), Mr K Morrell, Mr K Nichols and Mrs J Richards (for Mr Bessant)

Officers in attendance: Steve Atkinson, Matt Burns, Bill Cullen, Simon D Jones, Sanjiv Kohli, Karen Mason, Rebecca Owen and Katherine Plummer

96 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Bessant, Mr Hall, Ladkin and Moore, with the following substitutions authorised in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4:

Councillor Mayne for Councillor Moore  
Councillor Richards for Councillor Bessant.

97 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

98 CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

The Scrutiny Commission was provided with a presentation on the key capital projects over the previous few years and also gave an update on those in progress. Amongst those mentioned were industrial estates, the Atkins Building, the Crescent, the Squash Club, the former depot site, Hinckley Hub, the Jubilee Building and the leisure centre. Officers also stated they were looking at the possibility of bringing some disused factories on Wood Street back into use in partnership with the ballet school, the college and Creative Hinckley.

In relation to the Crescent bus station development, it was reported that around 150 construction jobs would be created during the development, including locally recruited apprentices, and local art work would also be used in the development. Linked to the progress on this development was also Hinckley Squash Club, who had now been supported to find alternative accommodation.

It was noted that the site of the former Council depot on Middlefield Lane was being demolished and would soon be marketed for redevelopment. It was reported that the anticipated capital receipt was £2.2m.

With regard to the leisure centre, members were reminded that the plans had been amended to meet some of the requests received, including increased spectator seating and changing room capacity for the swimming pools. It was stated that an update on the leisure centre would be given under the next item of business. In response to a member's question, it was reported that the anticipated capital receipt on the site of the current leisure centre was £2m, but that this would depend on the market and its intended purpose. Members were assured that land valuations were undertaken regularly and re-assessed each time the MTFs was updated, and as such were the most up to date available.

It was reported that there was a 1% vacancy rate at the Hub and options for filling this were currently under discussion. In response to a member's question, it was noted that about a third of HBBC staff were home workers as this had not only reduced the space requirement in the Hub, but more importantly had been proven to improve performance and output.

99 LEISURE CENTRE

Members were informed that, whilst the original reason for calling this meeting was to provide an update on the leisure centre and report the findings of ground condition assessments following demolition of the former council offices, full information was not yet available in order to hold a full debate and therefore the Extraordinary council meeting scheduled for 29 July had been cancelled and a report on the leisure centre would be brought to a Scrutiny Commission in August and Council in early September.

It was explained that the tender process had been carried out on the basis of normal ground conditions, as was the standard context in such processes. Following the demolition of the former offices on Argents Mead, initial work had showed that the ground conditions were softer than 'normal' and gas had also been found on site. Whilst the levels of CO<sub>2</sub> found were not dangerous, it was felt that, as a public authority, there was a duty of care to neutralise the area.

Officers reported that, due to the ground conditions, piling would be necessary. Due to the historic nature of the area, the piling would be of low vibration due to its drilling style and the Environmental Health service was happy that it would not create excessive noise.

Members were reminded that there was a £0.5m contingency but that it was anticipated that the work required may exceed this. All figures would be brought to the August meeting.

It was agreed that a full report would be brought to the August meeting which would answer questions asked previously by members and asked of officers outside of the meeting as well as questions raised at this meeting, including:

- the suitability of the pool for competition;
- the additional complications due to the moveable floor;
- the extension of the current contract with SLM or operating of the current leisure centre by the new contractor.

It was noted that the relevant experts would be in attendance at the August meeting.

(The Meeting closed at 7.42 pm)

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CHAIRMAN



## SCRUTINY – 28 AUGUST 2014

### ECONOMIC REGENERATION STRATEGY ACTION PLAN UPDATE

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#### REPORT OF DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE (COMMUNITY DIRECTION)

**WARDS AFFECTED: All wards**

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#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To provide Members with an update on work undertaken over the last 12 months, including ongoing initiatives, in order to fulfill the aims of the Action Plan of the Economic Regeneration Strategy 2009 – 2014

#### **2. RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 That the Scrutiny Commission:

- (i) Notes and endorses the economic regeneration work undertaken and outcomes achieved
- (ii) Endorses the ongoing programme of work

#### **3. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 3.1 The following highlights the main areas of work undertaken to fulfill the aims and objectives of the Economic Regeneration Strategy's Action Plan, mainly through the work of the Regeneration team in partnership, but also via other services within the Council and through working with external partners.

#### **3.2 Strategic Objective 1**

***Develop a targeted approach to supporting businesses, which have the potential to establish, expand and relocate within the borough:***

- In collaboration with North Warwickshire Borough Council work is progressing to submit a bid to the LEADER programme to benefit rural initiatives. LEADER (2015-2020), funded through the EU Rural Development Programme, is business focused and includes:
  - Support for micro and small enterprises and farm diversification
  - Support for increasing farm productivity
  - Support for rural tourism
  - Support for increasing forestry productivity
  - Provision of rural services
  - Support for cultural and heritage activity

Potentially there is £1.6 million available per Local Action Group area across the two boroughs. The Local Development Strategy will be submitted on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

- The Cross-border Employment & Skills Partnership has developed its three Task & Finish Groups, one to match skills to jobs, one to ensure work readiness and the other to look at physical accessibility to jobs and training. In terms of the latter initially a mapping exercise has been undertaken to establish what facilities currently exist within the cross-border area. In addition the partnership has linked with Leicester & Leicestershire Local Enterprise Partnership (LLEP) and Job Centre Plus (who are providing the funding) to research access to employment. The aim of this research project is to explore transport issues and potential site-specific solutions around the provision of employment vacancies and the location of job seekers within Leicestershire County; Leicester City; Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough and North Warwickshire Borough. Transport & Travel Research Ltd are undertaking the research and will report back in August 2014
- The Cross-border Delivery Partnership (comprising the Boroughs of Hinckley & Bosworth, North Warwickshire and Nuneaton and Bedworth) has procured £7,000 towards the Local Government Association Economic Advisors Programme. The key principal behind the scheme is to provide local authorities with access to high quality advice and expertise in order that they can take forward their own plans for economic growth, operating in an advisory capacity to provide expertise, know how, contacts and mentoring
- Working in partnership in respect to buildings at 23 Wood Street in Hinckley to unlock the heritage potential of the buildings, The project is a partnership between the current site owners, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council and The School of Ballet Theatre (Ballet Homes) and initially we are seeking financial support through Heritage Lottery funding. The project focuses on accommodating creative industry workspace within the mid-20th century building, using the printing business as anchor tenants for the project. The early 20<sup>th</sup> century building would make suitable accommodation for the ballet school including a dance floor, studio and classrooms. The cleared element of the site offers the opportunity for a new building to provide ballet school student accommodation.
- Working with MIRA and the A5 Strategy Partnership to promote A5 road improvements through the organisation of a cross-region business network event held at MIRA on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2013. Facilitation of meetings such as RGF Board meetings, Crescent Board meetings
- An 'Info2Grow' free business event supported by the Council; Stewart, Fletcher & Barratt; Hinckley Business Improvement District; Lloyds TSB; LDJ Solicitors and the Federation of Small Businesses was held on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2014. It was the first external event held in the DeMontfort suite at The Hub. Experienced business advisors provided advice and tips on running a successful business with information on finance, achieving goals, minimising business risk and business growth. Over forty people attended the event and feedback was very good and businesses were particularly impressed with the venue.
- A second 'Info2Grow' well attended business event was held again at the Hub on the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014. The title of the event was 'Maximising Local Opportunities'. A presentation was delivered by council officers in respect to major developments in the borough and the opportunities for local businesses explained. A presentation was also given by Hinckley BID to outline its achievements and ongoing projects.
- The Economic Initiatives budget has paid a sponsorship towards the Hinckley BID Business Centre and contributed to the shop front grant improvement initiative

- Hinckley Business Improvement District, Business forums and associations have been supported throughout the year.
- In partnership, investigating sustainable means of transporting shoppers around Hinckley town centre
- Helped in the facilitation of Hinckley Business Association quarterly evening business events.

#### ***Summary of Outcomes Achieved***

- In partnership with North Warwickshire Borough Council established a robust LEADER bid that has the potential to enable a grant of £1.6million for rural projects across the two boroughs
- Enabled a research project to take place that is looking in detail at the problems that local people face with respect to journeys to work and which will establish solutions to problems identified
- When Heritage Lottery Fund released its Heritage Enterprise Fund a meeting was immediately set up to look at the potential for obtaining funding to unlock the enterprise potential of heritage buildings in Hinckley
- Worked with staff from the Coventry & Warwickshire LEP Clearing House to enable a business support and grant programme to be available to advanced manufacturing companies in Hinckley & Bosworth
- Continued strong partnership working to include the Cross Border Partnership, MIRA, the A5 Strategy Partnership, Hinckley BID
- Two 'info2Grow' business events held at the Hub and quarterly Hinckley Business Association events supported

### **3.3 Strategic Objective 2**

***Develop an effective portfolio of sites and premises to meet the demands of business:***

- Promotion of the Investor Prospectus sites via the website and brochures sent to events such as MIPIM and a new prospectus underway
- Facilitation of The Crescent (Bus Station site) meetings
- Dealing with commercial land and property enquiries.

#### ***Summary of Outcomes Achieved***

- A new image Investor Prospectus is almost completed and will be launched in the autumn
- The facilitation of productive quarterly Crescent meetings and the scheme is on schedule

### **3.4 Strategic Objective 3**

***To increase the vitality and viability of the network of centres across the borough:***

- Representing the council at a series of county wide Broadband meetings in order to ensure a better funding package to extend fibre broadband coverage within Hinckley & Bosworth.
- Promotion of rural initiatives by working in partnership with the County Council and attendance at the Rural Workshop on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2013.
- Promotion of the Commercial Tailored Housing Solutions scheme designed specifically to bring empty properties over commercial units in Hinckley town centre back into use as residential units.

- Earl Shilton has been selected as one of four nation-wide pilots for place branding support as part of the Association of Town & City Management's Town Teams Programme and they will be reporting back at the end of the year .
- Involvement with the Barclays event 'I Buy Local' in Hinckley.

#### ***Summary of Outcomes Achieved***

- **The Council's contribution of £58,820 to extend fibre broadband coverage within the borough means that improved superfast broadband provision is currently being rolled out and started with Fenny Drayton in June 2014**
- **The Place Branding project in Earl Shilton is progressing well and will help to embed the new residents moving into the Sustainable Urban Extension into the community to the economic benefit of the town**

#### **3.5 Strategic Objective 4**

***To ensure the benefits of economic growth are shared by all communities across the borough:***

- Have worked with Construction Futures to draw up a document which will ensure local people are given the best opportunity in respect to construction jobs, apprenticeships and traineeships at the Crescent development. In addition work is being undertaken in respect to jobs that will arise from the Sainsbury's and Cineworld developments.
- Working in partnership to ensure local people will benefit from construction jobs at the Barwell Sustainable Urban Extension.
- Two well received Jobs Fairs have been held in partnership with Leicestershire County Council, Job Centre Plus and North Warwickshire & Hinckley College, one at the George Ward Centre in Barwell on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013 and the other at Atkins on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014.
- Since Job Centre Plus moved into the Hub there have been more frequent meetings with its officers particularly in relation to the facilitation of the Jobs Fairs.

#### ***Summary of Outcomes Achieved***

**In respect to the Barwell Jobs Fair:**

- **168 people attended the event**
- **34 stands including MIRA, Kingly Care Partnership, and Westminster Homecare, offering a range of career opportunities in addition to the National Apprenticeship Service, Skills for Enterprise and other agencies offering training.**
- **A number of volunteering opportunities were available**
- **A Job Club whereby individuals could obtain support in seeking jobs online, putting together a CV and other guidance**
- **Business seminars in respect to apprenticeships and mentoring, transport (Wheels to Work) and broadband solutions, Regional Growth Funding and the Better Business for All programme.**

**In respect to the Atkins Jobs Fair:**

- **340 people attended**
- **40 exhibitors including businesses and training providers.**

- Promoted over 1000 jobs, 163 training places, 507 apprenticeships and 378 volunteering opportunities mainly in the Construction and Engineering Sector
- 42 attendees were employed and seeking a new job or skills, 30 attendees were interested in volunteering and 38 were looking for skills.
- Already 2 people who attended this event have been taken on as apprentices at Caterpillar and 3 others are to attend assessment in one after their 'A levels'. In addition Cineworld have compiled a list of people who are interested in work at its site and many people received information from DPD.

### 3.6 **Strategic Objective 5**

***To raise the level of skills and knowledge within the borough's business and resident populations:***

- LLEP received £100K from government to produce a Skills Plan for MIRA Enterprise Zone which also looked at the skills of the wider area. Consultants HOST produced the plan which was completed in April 2013. Work is ongoing to fulfill the actions outlined in this document.
- Working with North Warwickshire & Hinckley College and other providers in the promotion of apprenticeships and traineeships
- Attendance at the County Council Employment & Skills Board and the National Skills Show at the NEC

#### **Summary of Outcomes Achieved**

- The new MIRA Training Centre supported
- The Twycross Zoo Life Science Academy project is now on a priority list for further review by LLEP

### 3.7 **Strategic Objective 6**

***To widely promote the economic, social and environmental opportunities and assets available in the borough:***

- In October 2013 a Local Economic Plan for Hinckley & Bosworth was submitted to LLEP to inform and feed into its Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) 2014-2020, which was submitted to government in March 2014
- A proforma of projects was submitted to LLEP in respect to its SEP Capital Infrastructure Projects for consideration for its 2015/16 and ongoing annual projects' programme
- Arranged a visit to the borough by a Shanghai delegation

#### **Summary of Outcomes Achieved**

- The Local Economic Plan for Hinckley & Bosworth is in place and will be used to pursue funding through LLEP especially via its Strategic Economic Plan and its EU Strategic Investment Plan

## **4 FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME**

- 4.1 Much of the work outlined above is ongoing but new work and work to be highlighted includes:

- The update of the Hinckley Investor Prospectus to be finalised and re-launched and to establish new links and relationships with potential developers and inward investors.
- The Economic Regeneration Strategy 2015 – 2020 to be finalised by the end of December 2014.
- Pursuing funding opportunities for regeneration projects particularly through LLEP's national and European funding opportunities and ongoing work with Heritage Lottery Fund's Heritage Enterprise scheme, a programme for bringing back derelict historic industrial buildings into economic use.
- A Masterplan for the 'Cultural Quarter' including sites at the junction of Hollycroft, Trinity Lane and Upper and Lower Bond Street
- Cross Border Delivery Partnership work and in particular the results of the Economic Advisors Programme to be assessed once they are finalised in June
- The work of the Cross Border Employment & Skills Partnership's Task and Finish groups to be accelerated especially in terms of the Local Apprentice Training Agency, the work of the 'Access to Employment' study to be assessed and carried forward once the study is completed in summer 2014 and in particular potential links with MIRA's sustainable transport solutions established
- The content and style of an online business directory is being explored.
- Working in partnership another jobs fair is to be held on 25 September 2014 at Hinckley Leisure Centre, particularly referencing jobs from current development sites.
- Two business seminars in September through working with Hinckley Business Association (23<sup>rd</sup>) focusing on regeneration and the InfotoGrow partnership (10<sup>th</sup>).to focus on funding regimes.

#### 5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS [ SE ]

None arising directly from this report. However any future individual initiatives as stated in paragraph 4 of this report (future work programme) may have financial implications and these will need to be reported at the appropriate time in line with the Council's financial regulations

#### 6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS ( EH )

None raised directly by this report as it is just for noting, however the legal implications for individual projects will be considered as they progress.

#### 7. CORPORATE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

The report has synergy with the Corporate Plan's aim of 'Creating a vibrant place to live and work' and the priority within this to 'sustain economic growth'.

#### 8. CONSULTATION

Further consultations on specific projects will take place at the appropriate time in project development.

#### 9. RISK IMPLICATIONS

Risks associated with the projects described in this update report are assessed on a project by project basis and dealt with accordingly

10. KNOWING YOUR COMMUNITY – EQUALITY AND RURAL IMPLICATIONS

A number of the projects have benefited rural communities in the borough.

11. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

By submitting this report, the report author has taken the following into account:

- Community Safety implications: None
- Environmental implications: None
- ICT implications: None
- Asset Management implications: None
- Human Resources implications: None
- Planning Implications: None
- Voluntary Sector: None

Background papers:None

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Executive Member: Councillor Stuart Bray

