

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

HINCKLEY AREA COMMITTEE

28 MAY 2014 AT 5.30 PM

PRESENT: Mr SL Bray - Chairman
Mrs L Hodgkins – Vice-Chairman
Mr DS Cope, Mr KWP Lynch, Mr MT Mullaney, Mr K Nichols and Ms BM Witherford

Officers in attendance: Rebecca Owen, Ian Pinfold, Katherine Plummer and Caroline Roffey

25 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Bannister, Bill and Taylor.

26 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Cope, seconded by Councillor Witherford and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2014 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

28 GREEN SPACE DELIVERY PLAN

Members were provided with the updated Green Space Delivery Plan which had been amended following comments of the Scrutiny Commission. It was moved by Councillor Lynch, seconded by Councillor Cope and

RESOLVED –

- (i) the Green Space Delivery Plan be endorsed and RECOMMENDED to Council;
- (ii) the Hinckley capital schemes to the value of £697,688 over the term of the plan be agreed;
- (iii) the revenue schemes and additional maintenance costs be noted;
- (iv) funding changes identified in section 4.4 be agreed and the impact on the Special Expenses reserved be noted;
- (v) the implementation of the delivery of the plan be delegated to the Head of Street Scene Services in conjunction with the relevant Executive member.

29 HINCKLEY COMMUNITY FUND

Following a discussion at the previous meeting, the Committee was presented with proposals for a Hinckley Community Fund. During discussion, the following points were raised:

- The closing date for applications would be November each year, with the funding to be agreed and to commence by the following April;
- A maximum of £20,000 per year would be available, with a maximum grant of £10,000 per project;
- Assessment of applications would be undertaken by the Green Space team, referred to Hinckley Area Committee for endorsement and then approved by SLB;
- The scoring system used would be the same as that already in place for assessing applications for the Parish & Community Initiative Fund;
- Information on the scheme would be communicated to Hinckley groups via Voluntary Action Hinckley & Bosworth, the Borough Bulletin and the Hinckley Times;
- Any unspent monies would not be rolled over, but this could be requested at the time.

It was agreed that Councillor Bray would be the lead member for delivery of this scheme and that the scheme would commence this year with the first round of applications due in November 2014. It was moved by Councillor Bray, seconded by Councillor Lynch and

RESOLVED –

- (i) the creation of a Hinckley Community Initiative Fund of £20,000 per year be supported, to commence in 2014/15;
- (ii) the financial implications be noted;
- (iii) the development and delivery of the scheme be delegated to the Head of Street Scene Services in conjunction with the Chairman of the Hinckley Area Committee.

30 2013/14 OUTTURN

The 2013/14 revenue and capital outturn for the special expenses area was presented to the committee. An underspend of £20,000 was reported, which was mostly due to salary savings, and there were minor amounts to be carried forward for works in cemeteries and parks. With regard to the New Homes Bonus, members were reminded that the special expenses area received a share in the same way that parish councils did, so the committee would be updated on the position regarding receipt of it when known.

Members expressed concern that there should be ten percent left in the balances without anticipating receipt of the New Homes Bonus.

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

RESOLVED –

- (i) the draft outturn for 2013/14 for the Hinckley (special expenses) area accounts be noted;
- (ii) the proposed revenue carry forwards outlined in the report be approved.

(The Meeting closed at 5.50 pm)

CHAIRMAN