

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

HINCKLEY AREA COMMITTEE

23 NOVEMBER 2015 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Mrs J Kirby - Chairman
Mrs L Hodgkins – Vice-Chairman
Mr DC Bill MBE, Mr KWP Lynch and Ms BM Witherford

Officers in attendance: Ilyas Bham, Edwina Grant, Rebecca Owen, Ian Pinfold and Caroline Roffey

268 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Bray.

269 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2015 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

270 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

271 HINCKLEY COMMUNITY INITIATIVE FUND

The Committee was informed of three applications for funding towards a van for Emmaus' collections, a new timing machine for Hinckley swimming club and IT equipment for West Leicestershire Mind. At this juncture, Cllr Kirby declared a personal interest as a trustee of Hinckley Swimming Club.

Members expressed concern that these were not necessarily projects for the benefit of the wards within the Hinckley Area and asked that consideration be given to updating the criteria to restrict it to projects which benefit Hinckley residents. It was moved by Councillor Bill, seconded by Councillor Hodgkins and

RESOLVED – the funding allocation of £9,581 as outlined in the report be endorsed and the Strategic Leadership Board be recommended to approve the funding from the Hinckley Community Initiative Fund.

272 HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH VOLUNTARY & COMMUNITY SECTOR ARRANGEMENTS
- REQUEST FOR ONE OFF ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Members received a report which sought funding for the Hinckley & Bosworth Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) arrangements. The valuable work of the organisation was outlined and acknowledged by members.

Members, however, suggested that the money should be funded from the Borough Council's general fund, rather than from the special expenses area budget, due to the nature of the organisation. It was also noted that the special expenses budget had to retain a reserve of 10%, which was equivalent to £57,422, so this request would need a supplementary budget to be agreed by the Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive (Corporate Direction). Members were not supportive of the further erosion of reserves.

It was moved by Councillor Bill and seconded by Councillor Lynch that the work carried out by the Voluntary & Community Sector be recognised but the request for funding be refused and referred to the Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive (Corporate Direction) for consideration as a funding request from the general fund.

Concern was expressed regarding the timescales, but members were reassured that the process of consideration by the Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive (Corporate Direction) would not cause any delays. A member suggested that the cost to fund the Voluntary & Community Infrastructure Organisation was not a large sum and could be supported by the Borough Council's general fund.

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

RESOLVED – the work carried out by the VCS be recognised and commended and the Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive (Corporate Direction) be RECOMMENDED to meet the requested one-off payment of £15,000 from the general fund.

(The Meeting closed at 7.47 pm)

CHAIRMAN