

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

FINANCE & PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY

25 JULY 2016 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Mr KWP Lynch - Chairman

Mr DS Cope, Mrs H Smith, Mr P Wallace and Mr HG Williams

Officers in attendance: Timothy Finn and Rebecca Owen

94 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Camamile and Kirby.

95 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Williams and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

96 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

97 TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN 2015/16

Members received an update on the council's treasury management activity in 2015/16. It was noted that interest rates remained stable and there had been no additional long term borrowing.

98 SUNDRY DEBTS QUARTER 1 2016/17

Members were informed of the position with regard to sundry debts as at 30 June 2016. It was noted that the debts would continue to be chased to minimise the amounts written off. It was requested that any write-off report be brought to this group prior to decision.

In relation to homelessness debt, a member asked about the level of the DCLG Homelessness Prevention Grant. It was agreed that a response be provided to members following the meeting.

RESOLVED – the report be noted and it be requested that future write-off reports be brought to this group.

99 BUSINESS RATES AND POOLING UPDATE QUARTER 1 2016/17

The business rates performance for the first quarter of 2016/17 was presented to members. It was noted that the future of business rates retention was not yet confirmed. Members asked about the recent announcement in relation to exemptions for small businesses. It was agreed that members would be provided with a response following the meeting.

100 FINANCE & PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

Members received the work programme and were informed that the frontline service reviews would be added to the document as follows:

18 September: Environmental Health

21 November: Housing (including repairs)

3 April: Planning

22 May: streetscene services.

(The Meeting closed at 6.45 pm)