

**HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**



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**AGENDA FOR THE  
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**TO BE HELD ON**

**TUESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2020**

**AT 6.30 PM**





Date: 07 September 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

I hereby summon you to attend a meeting of the Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council which will take place via Zoom on **TUESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2020 at 6.30 pm**

Yours faithfully

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

Miss RK Owen  
Democratic Services Manager

## **A G E N D A**

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the previous meeting (Pages 1 - 12)  
To confirm the minutes of the meetings held on 25 February and 14 July 2020.
3. Additional urgent business by reason of special circumstances  
To be advised of any additional items of business which the Mayor decides by reason of special circumstances shall be taken as matters of urgency at this meeting. Items will be considered at the end of the agenda.
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. Mayor's Communications  
To receive such communications as the Mayor may decide to lay before the Council.
6. Questions  
To deal with questions under Council Procedure Rule number 14.

7. Petitions

To deal with petitions submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.

8. Leader of the Council's Position Statement

To receive the Leader of the Council's Position Statement.

9. Minutes of the Scrutiny Commission (Pages 13 - 24)

To receive for information only the minutes of the Scrutiny Commission meetings held on 12 March, 2 July and 20 August 2020.

10. Financial Outturn for 2019/20 and High Level Financial Outlook (Pages 25 - 44)

To inform members of the draft financial outturn for 2019/20, the impact of Covid-19 on the first quarter's financial position and the longer term outlook.

This report will be considered by Finance & Performance Scrutiny on 9 September and comments of that body will be reported to Council.

11. Pay Policy Statement 2020/21 (Pages 45 - 80)

To present the proposed HBBC Pay Policy Statement for 2020/21 for approval.

This report was considered by the Scrutiny Commission on 20 August. An extract from the minutes of that meeting is attached.

12. Ambion Court (Pages 81 - 88)

To provide an update on the Ambion Court sheltered scheme redevelopment.

This report was considered by the Scrutiny Commission on 20 August. An extract from the minutes of that meeting is attached.

13. Six Month Attendance Rule (Pages 89 - 92)

To consider waiving the "six month rule".

14. Calendar of Meetings (Pages 93 - 94)

To consider the calendar of meetings for 2021.

15. Motions received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17

Motion from Councillor Roberts, seconded by Councillor Morrell:

**Declare an expression of wish to extend the National Forest borders from the north of the Borough to the south, east and west of its borders.**

Whilst the Council has already declared a climate emergency in July 2019, since this declaration few changes have been made.

However, with rapidly rising and increases of traffic and congestion, much tougher and much more ambitious plans will need to be implemented if the Borough is to become carbon neutral within the intended time scale.

Currently the Government has expressed an interest in extending and creating new woodland and forests to help mitigate some of these issues, along with extensive technology and infrastructure changes.

25 years ago, large swathes of the Midlands landscape had been left scarred by

centuries of coal mining and other heavy industry. But a passionate group of people had a vision: a forest. The first forest to be created at scale in England for over 1000 years, it transformed the landscape from black to green. But the story doesn't stop here. This is Our National Forest. It belongs to us all.

The National Forest is right in the heart of the country, embracing 200 square miles of the Midlands. It spans across parts of Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Staffordshire and aims to link the two ancient Forests of Charnwood and Needwood. With a history of coalmining and heavy industry, the landscape is now that of rolling farmland, ancient forests and new planted woodlands. Its main towns and villages include Burton upon Trent (famous for its brewing), Coalville and Swadlincote (formerly associated with the clay and coal mining industries) and the historic town of Ashby-de-la-Zouch and reaches as far down as Bagworth and extending Thornton Reservoir in Hinckley and Bosworth.

Therefore to make the Climate emergency declaration and give it more emphasis, this motion proposes the following actions as a council:-

- Cross party agreement to pursue government support for the National Forest to extend the current forest to the North of Hinckley, to the South level with A47 and to join with Charnwood Forest to the East and A5 to the West to the extent of Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Borders.
- Draw up plans with the National Forest and Woodland Trust Organisations to identify sites.
- Identify Grants and funding sources to permit the acquisition of land and resource, plus cover the costs of planting and the legal framework required.
- Identify landowners willing to participate in the scheme, bearing in mind Central Government is already drawing up plans with Defra to look at land set aside with possible subsidies for landowners and farming communities to actively encourage participation in such a scheme.

16. Matters from which the public may be excluded

To consider the passing of a resolution under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 excluding the public from the undermentioned item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3, 5 and 10 of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Act.

17. MIRA Enterprise Zone (Pages 95 - 128)

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