

**HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**



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**AGENDA FOR THE  
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**TO BE HELD ON  
TUESDAY, 15 DECEMBER 2020  
at 6.30 pm**



Date: 07 December 2020



**Hinckley & Bosworth  
Borough Council**

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 DECEMBER 2020 at 6.30 pm**

Yours faithfully

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

Miss RK Owen  
Democratic Services Manager

**AGENDA**

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the previous meeting (Pages 1 - 6)  
To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 27 October.
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 7 - 10)  
To receive for information only the minutes of the Scrutiny Commission meeting held on 26 November.
10. Statement of Licensing Policy (Pages 11 - 54)  
To consider the Statement of Licensing Policy.
11. Refresh of Rural Strategy (Pages 55 - 76)  
To receive the refreshed Rural Strategy.
12. Review of Council's Constitution (Pages 77 - 90)  
To undertake the annual review of the council's constitution.
13. Petition Scheme (Pages 91 - 98)  
To consider a revised Petition Scheme.
14. Appointments to charitable bodies  
To make appointments to the following charitable bodies following expiry of the term of office of the current representative(s):
  - (a) Alderman Newton's Educational Foundation, Barwell (one representative for a three year term)
  - (b) The Dixie Educational Foundation (four representatives for a three year term).
15. Motions received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17
  - (a) Motion from Councillor Bray, seconded by Councillor Nichols  
"This Council notes the Government's decision to place Hinckley and Bosworth, along with the rest of Leicestershire in Tier 3. The Council also notes that Hinckley and Bosworth has the lowest Covid rate per 100,000 in the County, significantly lower than Leicester and a number of other places.  
  
This Council further notes that case rates in Hinckley and Bosworth are falling.  
  
The Council expresses its thanks and congratulations to the residents in the borough for their efforts and sacrifices which have helped to bring our numbers down.  
  
This council believes the Tier 3 restrictions will a devastating blow on businesses in the Borough, particularly our hospitality and leisure sector, many of whom have invested significantly in measures to keep their customers safe.  
  
The Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Government to:
    1. Express the Council's concerns for businesses in the Borough and request that further resources be given to the Council to help support these businesses.
    2. Ask the Government to reconsider the decision to lump together the whole county when deciding on which tiers put each local authority in.

3. Urge the Government to look again at Hinckley and Bosworth's progress in the first promised review on December 16th with a view to moving the Borough down the tier system before Christmas."
- (b) Motion from Councillor Ladkin, seconded by Councillor Morrell
- "This Council welcomes Boris Johnson's 18 November 2020 speech on Climate Change and the Green Industrial Revolution and asks our own Climate Change Working Group to consider these proposals and report back to Council".
- (c) Motion from Councillor Roberts, seconded by Councillor Smith
- "This Council welcomes the announcement on 2 December that the Member of Parliament for Bosworth, Dr Luke Evans MP, has been confirmed as the joint winner of 'The Patchwork Foundation Overall Newcomer MP of the Year Award'. Dr Evans has been recognised for his work on improving schooling, including being instrumental in helping Hinckley Academy obtain funding. The award also recognises his work supporting the windrush generation which has helped a number of residents in Hinckley & Bosworth.

Council requests the Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council write to our MP to congratulate him on receiving this award".

- (d) Motion from Councillor Bill, seconded by Councillor Walker
- "The Leicester and Leicestershire Local Enterprise Partnership (LLLEP), of which this Council is a member, has a Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) which covers the period 2014 to 2020 and is therefore now due for renewal.

A key element of the plan is the designation of a wide section of the County as the "South West Leicestershire Growth Area" an area which encompasses the so called Golden Triangle formed by the M69, M1 and A5 and which spreads well into the Hinckley & Bosworth area. The significance of this designation is outlined on page 47 of the plan, which states:

"The South-West Leicestershire Growth Area offers a unique combination of key commercial and employment hubs. These provide the opportunity to harness major employment and housing opportunities for Leicester and Leicestershire. The M1 corridor (including the M69/M1 junction 21 location) and A5 corridor are crucial economic areas in their own right, with established and expanding services, distribution, retail and leisure roles providing thousands of jobs for the sub-region"

The emergence of the proposal for a rail freight terminal adjacent to Burbage Common demonstrates how the SEP could be taken as a justification for this unwelcome over-development over important countryside.

Countryside and green spaces are vitally important for localities and are highly valued environmental, community and economic assets.

The Council will, through its membership of the LEP, strive to ensure that the LEP's future plans and strategies recognise the benefits of the provision of countryside and green space and ensure that protecting the natural environment and the interests of the people who live here is given at least as much weight as the ambitions of the ever increasing logistics industry."