

**HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH
BOROUGH COUNCIL**



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**AGENDA FOR THE
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

TO BE HELD ON

TUESDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2021

at 6.30 pm

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Thank you

Date: 27 September 2021



**Hinckley & Bosworth
Borough Council**

Dear Sir/Madam

I hereby summon you to attend a meeting of the Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council in the Council Chamber at these offices on **TUESDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2021** 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 - 2)
To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 10 August 2021.
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 3 - 4)

To receive for information only the minutes of the Scrutiny Commission meeting held on 16 September 2021.

10. Gambling Act Policy (Pages 5 - 42)

To consider the refreshed Gambling Policy as required under the Gambling Act 2005.

11. Arrangements for Appointing the External Auditors (Pages 43 - 50)

To approve the arrangements for appointing external auditors.

12. Motions received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17

Motion proposed by Councillor M Mullaney and seconded by Councillor Pendlebury

Making the Universal Credit Uplift permanent

Council notes that the £20 a week Universal Credit uplift is coming to an end on 6 October.

According to the Joseph Rowntree Trust, 6,790 families locally will be hit by the £20 a week Universal Credit reduction.

The cut in Universal Credit comes at a time when many people are struggling to meet the costs of rising energy bills and many low income working people will also be hit by National Insurance rises from April 2023.

Council calls on the government to drop its plans to reduce Universal Credit and to make the Universal Credit Uplift permanent.

Council resolves to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer calling for the Universal Credit uplift to be made permanent.