

**HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH
BOROUGH COUNCIL**



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**AGENDA FOR THE
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

TO BE HELD ON

TUESDAY, 25 JANUARY 2022

AT 6.30 PM

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Thank you



Date: 17 January 2022

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, 25 JANUARY 2022 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 - 4)**

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 30 November 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 5 - 8)**

To receive for information only the minutes of the Scrutiny Commission meeting held on 18 November 2021.

10. **Climate Change Strategy (Pages 9 - 20)**

To present the council's updated Climate Change Strategy for approval.

11. **Levelling Up fund re the National Science & Conservation Centre at Twycross Zoo (Pages 21 - 24)**

To report on the successful bid to create a new national science and conservation centre at Twycross Zoo, seek delegated authority to sign off the memorandum of understanding and establish a budget to administer the funding.

12. **Local Plan (Pages 25 - 300)**

To seek agreement to consult on the local plan regulation 19 pre-submission version.

13. **Motions received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17**

- (a) Motion proposed by Councillor Bray, seconded by Councillor Webber-Jones

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council recognises the importance of ensuring that elections fair and accessible for all voters.

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council notes that the Elections Bill is set to bring in major changes to national elections, including the introduction of compulsory photographic ID to vote.

Council believes that this change will act as a barrier to people voting and increase inequality in the electoral process.

Council notes with concern that currently 3.5 million people in the UK do not have any form of expensive photographic ID.

Council notes that these changes are estimated to cost the taxpayer £180 million and will create unnecessary bureaucracy to Councils.

Council believes that at a time when voter turnout is declining, we should be doing all we can to make it easier not harder for people to vote.

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council doesn't want to see people being turned away at the ballot box because of these changes and resolves to support the #HandsOffOurVote campaign by:

1. Writing to Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

2. Writing to Hinckley & Bosworth's local MPs asking them to raise these concerns in Parliament.

(b) Motion proposed by Councillor R Allen, seconded by Councillor Bill

This motion proposes that the Chief Executive of this Council writes to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities requesting that all further consideration and consultation of the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange proposal be suspended until such time as full and comprehensive traffic modelling work has been completed by, and to the full satisfaction of, Leicestershire County Council as the Local Highways Authority and Highways England as the national authority.

Additionally, this motion proposes that the Chief Executive writes to all neighbouring authorities affected by the Interchange proposals highlighting this motion and requesting their consideration and support.

(c) Motion proposed by Councillor Gibbens, seconded by Councillor Cartwright

Council notes the ongoing consultation for the proposed National Rail Freight Interchange on open countryside adjacent to Burbage Common.

We believe this development is opportunistic and is not in an appropriate location. It will cause irreparable damage to the wildlife in the area and destroy the peace and quiet people appreciate when visiting Burbage Common.

Council calls on Tritax Symmetry to drop these damaging plans and Council makes clear its opposition to this scheme.

(d) Motion proposed by Councillor Ladkin, seconded by Councillor Cartwright

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council appreciates that COP26 took place in Glasgow keeping alive our ambition to restrict global rise in temperature to 1.5C. 'Recognising the Climate Emergency and the impact that Climate Change has upon all the species of the planet'.

The successes of COP26 will only become evident or not by the passage of time. We call upon world leaders, organisations and individuals who made pledges during COP26 to meet and where possible exceed those pledges.

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council has made a Climate Emergency Declaration, July 2019, adopted a Climate Strategy including setting up a cross party working group. The cross party working group will now look to see if anything in the Council's strategy needs amending or tweaking as a result of COP26.

(e) Motion proposed by Councillor Roberts, seconded by Councillor H Williams

This motion proposes that the Council undertakes to identify and retain the leading specialist in cemetery drainage to review and implement the most effective remedial drainage plan to address the flooding issues in the Ashby

Road Cemetery (extension) for the long term and to ensure that all relevant legislation relating to burial grounds is fully complied with.

Further proposed that Council will instigate a cross party working group to focus on this crucial and sensitive issue. Said working group will report their progress and recommendations to Council.

(f) Motion proposed by Councillor Boothby, seconded by Councillor O'Shea

This motion proposes that the Burroughs in Ratby, as a key recreational and environmental asset that provides an essential 'Green Lung' in proximity to Leicester City and major trunk road infrastructure, be preserved and protected from development throughout the life of the next Local Development Plan.