

## **HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**22 February 2022 AT 6.30 pm**

**PRESENT:**     CLLR E HOLLICK - MAYOR  
                  CLLR DT GLENVILLE – DEPUTY MAYOR

Cllr RG Allen, Cllr DC Bill MBE, Cllr SL Bray, Cllr MB Cartwright,  
Cllr JMT Collett, Cllr MA Cook, Cllr MJ Crooks, Cllr WJ Crooks,  
Cllr DJ Findlay, Cllr REH Flemming, Cllr A Furlong,  
Cllr SM Gibbens, Cllr L Hodgkins, Cllr C Ladkin, Cllr MR Lay,  
Cllr KWP Lynch, Cllr K Morrell, Cllr LJ Mullaney,  
Cllr MT Mullaney, Cllr K Nichols, Cllr A Pendlebury,  
Cllr RB Roberts, Cllr MC Sheppard-Bools, Cllr H Smith,  
Cllr BR Walker, Cllr R Webber-Jones and Cllr P Williams

Officers in attendance: Mollie Brooks-Crowley, Bill Cullen, Julie Kenny, Rebecca Owen, Sharon Stacey and Ashley Wilson

### **334. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors C Allen, Boothby, Cope, O'Shea and H Williams. Councillor Cartwright had sent apologies for anticipated late arrival.

### **335. Minutes of the previous meeting**

It was moved by Councillor Bray, seconded by Councillor J Crooks and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 25 January be approved and signed by the Mayor.

### **336. Declarations of interest**

No interests were declared at this juncture.

### **337. Mayor's Communications**

The Mayor informed members of recent events that he had attended.

### **338. Leader of the Council's Position Statement**

In presenting his position statement, the Leader referred to the Climate Change Strategy, the 2022 events calendar, the Crescent and the Rural Conference, about which he asked that members be sent a reminder.

In relation to climate change, a member asked that the authority provides advice and support to parishes and villages to install electric vehicle charging points.

### **339. Minutes of the Scrutiny Commission**

The chairman of the Scrutiny Commission presented the minutes for information.

#### 340. **Pay policy statement**

Members received the HBBC pay policy statement for 2022/23. Officers were thanked for their work on the report. It was moved by Councillor Bray, seconded by Councillor Lynch and

RESOLVED – the HBBC pay policy statement for 2022/23 be approved.

#### 341. **Budget reports**

Consideration was given to the general fund budget 2022/23, the housing revenue account budget 2022/23, fees & charges 2022/23, capital programme & capital strategy and treasury management & prudential indicators. It was noted that the decision on the calculation of council tax 2022/23 would be deferred to the Extraordinary meeting of Council on 24 February. The finance team was thanked for its work on the budget.

During discussion, the following requests were made:

- A report to the Scrutiny Commission on the costs of providing the garden waste service, given the subscriptions did not cover the costs
- Regular updates to the Scrutiny Commission in relation to the council's wholly owned company, on which members welcomed the progress made
- Future budget reports fully explore and explain the climate change implications.

Councillor Cartwright entered the meeting at 7.43pm.

It was moved by Councillor Lynch and seconded by Councillor Bray that the budget reports be approved.

##### (a) **General fund budget 2022/23**

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, voting on this motion was recorded.

Councillors Bill, Bray, Cartwright, J Crooks, W Crooks, Findlay, Flemming, Gibbens, Glenville, Hodgkins, Hollick, Lynch, L Mullaney, M Mullaney, Nichols, Pendlebury, Sheppard-Bools, Walker, Webber-Jones and P Williams voted FOR the motion (20);

Councillors R Allen, Collett, Cook, Ladkin, Morrell, Roberts and Smith voted AGAINST the motion (7);

Councillors Furlong and Lay abstained from voting.

The motion was therefore declared CARRIED and it was

RESOLVED –

- (i) The general fund budget for 2021/22 and 2022/23 be approved;
- (ii) The special expenses area budget for 2021/22 and 2022/23 be approved;
- (iii) The proposed one-off movement in the 2021/22 budget be approved;
- (iv) The proposed movement in general fund reserves and balances for 2021/22 and 2022/23 be approved;
- (v) The 2022/23 garden waste charge of £35 be approved;
- (vi) An investment of up to £100,000 in the council's wholly owned company to assess new opportunities for income growth be approved.

(b) Calculation of council tax for 2022/23

This item was deferred to the Extraordinary meeting to be held on 24 February 2022.

(c) Housing revenue account budget 2022-23

RESOLVED –

- (i) The rent policy for 2022/23 be approved;
- (ii) The revised housing revenue and housing repairs account budgets for 2021/22 be approved;
- (iii) The housing revenue and housing repairs account budgets for 2022/23 be approved;
- (iv) The proposed movement in reserves be approved.

(d) Fees and charges 2022/23

RESOLVED – the fees and charges for 2022/23 be approved.

(e) Capital programme 2021-22 to 2024-25 and capital strategy

RESOLVED –

- (i) The capital strategy be approved;
- (ii) The capital programme for 2021/22 to 2024/25 be approved;
- (iii) The growth bids and savings detailed in the report be approved.

- (f) Treasury management strategy and prudential indicators 2021/22 to 2024/25

RESOLVED –

- (i) The prudential indicators and limits for 2021/22 to 2024/25, including the authorised limit prudential indicator, be approved;
- (ii) The minimum revenue provision (MRP) statement be approved;
- (iii) The treasury management report appended to the report be approved.

**342. Corporate Plan 2022 - 2025**

Members received the corporate plan 2022 – 2025. It was moved by Councillor Bray, seconded by Councillor Bill and unanimously

RESOLVED – the refreshed corporate plan 2022 to 2025 be approved.

**343. Code of conduct review**

The draft Member Code of Conduct was presented to Council. In response to a member's question, it was hoped that parish councils would adopt the same Code of Conduct but reiterated that the decision was for each town or parish council to make.

It was moved by Councillor Bray, seconded by Councillor Webber-Jones and unanimously

RESOLVED – the Code of Conduct as amended for local use be adopted to take effect from 1 April 2022.

**344. Community Governance Review**

Consideration was given to the terms of reference for the proposed Community Governance Review. It was moved by Councillor Bray, seconded by Councillor Cartwright and unanimously

RESOLVED – the Community Governance Review and associated terms of reference be approved for publication and consultation.

(The Meeting closed at 8.30 pm)

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MAYOR