

**HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH
BOROUGH COUNCIL**



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**AGENDA FOR THE
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

TO BE HELD ON

TUESDAY, 26 APRIL 2022

AT 6.30 PM

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Thank you



**Hinckley & Bosworth
Borough Council**

Date: 14 April 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, 26 APRIL 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 - 6)**

To confirm the minutes of the meetings held on 22 & 24 February 2022.

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 31 March 2022.

10. **Council Housing Asset Management Strategy (Pages 11 - 48)**

To present the five year council housing asset management strategy.

This report was considered by the Scrutiny Commission at its meeting on 31 March. The minutes of that meeting are attached at item 9.

11. **Urgent works at Bradgate Stables (Pages 49 - 54)**

To consider a strategy to address issues with the building at Bradgate Stables, including the use of enforcement powers.

12. **Off Street Parking Places Order (Pages 55 - 62)**

To seek agreement to vary the off street parking places Order 2014 following updated regulations.

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

- (a) Motion from Councillor P Williams, seconded by Councillor Webber-Jones

This Council notes that the UK is the only country in Europe to still use the first past the post (FPTP) system for general elections aside from Belarus.

Created in the 1800s when the electoral choice was between the aristocratic Tories and Whigs and women were denied the right to vote, FPTP is structurally undemocratic. It means millions of votes do not matter, millions of votes are wasted, both "safe seats" and tactical voting are commonplace, and seats won in Westminster often bear little relationship to votes cast. In short, it is an archaic rigged system. How can Britain of the 2020s move forward when, in some constituencies, the same party has won every election since those constituencies were created in 1832?

There is an alternative voting system. It is called proportional representation (PR). More than 80 nations around the world already elect their legislatures this way, including in Scotland, in Wales and in the Republic of Ireland. Why? Because it is far fairer and proportional.

Council therefore resolves to write to Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to call for an end to first past the post, to end minority rule, and we support the introduction of a form of proportional representation for parliamentary general elections in which all votes count equally and seats match votes.

- (b) Motion from Councillor Pendlebury, seconded by Councillor Sheppard-Bools

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council notes that March is Cerebral Palsy awareness month.

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council notes that tens of thousands of people living with Cerebral Palsy across England, including in this borough, do not enjoy a common standard of access to services because of a postcode lottery.

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council notes that access to vital support services for children living with Cerebral Palsy and their families is imperative to transforming their life chances.

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council notes the recommendations of the Commons Education Select Committee's report on SEND for including Cerebral Palsy specifically within that framework and commits to working with relevant bodies, including Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission to further this aim in this local authority.

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council calls on the Department for Health and Social Care, Department for Education and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities to make funding available to Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council for the upskilling of both the clinical and educational workforce in the needs of those living with Cerebral Palsy.

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council notes the role of third sector and independent providers in delivering support to Cerebral Palsy services and resolves to do everything in its power to support them by:

1. Promoting the work of Action Cerebral Palsy and third sector and independent providers delivering Cerebral Palsy support services for Hinckley & Bosworth on the council's website and social media.
2. Promoting the work of Action Cerebral Palsy and third sector and independent providers delivering Cerebral Palsy support services in Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council's publications.
3. Committing to offer Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council's employees training on Cerebral Palsy awareness from Action Cerebral Palsy.
4. Encouraging health and education workers in the Hinckley &

Bosworth area to take up training in this area offered by Action Cerebral Palsy.

5. Writing to the MPs for the borough area asking them to raise the issue of provision of support services for children living with Cerebral Palsy and to meet with Action Cerebral Palsy.

(c) Motion from Councillor M Mullaney, seconded by Councillor Sheppard-Bools

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council notes that:

- Education has been severely disrupted throughout the Covid-19 pandemic which has led to many students missing crucial periods of learning.
- Current government support and guidance is insufficient to prevent further disruption in schools and colleges. Apart from an allocation of 1,000 units for special schools, the government has provided just 8,000 air filtration units for the whole of England, despite there being over 300,000 classrooms.
- Schools and colleges are particularly struggling with staffing pressures due to increased absence and a lack of availability of supply teachers. This shortage has been caused by structural issues, including low pay and excessive workloads that have pushed many people out of the profession.
- The current cost of living crisis is going to place additional financial pressures on schools, colleges, teachers and those supporting education in Hinckley & Bosworth which could lead to schools and colleges having to resort to additional cost-cutting measures and more teachers and those supporting education opting to leave the workforce.

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council resolves to:

- Lobby the government for the introduction of additional measures to ensure that schools and colleges can be kept safe for pupils and staff, including the provision of air filtration units for all classrooms that require them.
- Lobby the government to deliver a fully funded 8% pay increase for all teaching staff in schools and colleges in line with rising cost of living crisis and the commitment to a £30k a year starting salary for teachers in schools, and for this to be matched in the college sector.
- Make the case for the removal of practices that place unnecessary workload pressures on teaching staff.