

**HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH
BOROUGH COUNCIL**



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**AGENDA FOR THE
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**TO BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, 12 JULY 2022
AT 6.30 PM**

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Thank you



**Hinckley & Bosworth
Borough Council**

Date: 04 July 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, 12 JULY 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 - 16)**

To confirm the minutes of the meetings held on 26 April and 17 May 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 17 - 20)**

To receive for information only the minutes of the Scrutiny Commission meeting held on 9 June 2022.

10. **Medium Term Financial Strategy (Pages 21 - 54)**

To seek approval for the 2022/23 to 2025/26 Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).

11. **Community Governance Review - draft recommendations (Pages 55 - 180)**

To present the draft recommendations of the Community Governance Review Working Group and seek approval for their publication for consultation for a period of eight weeks.

12. **Charity appointments**

To consider any appointments if required.

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

- (a) Motion proposed by Councillor M Mullaney, seconded by Councillor Sheppard-Bools

“This Council notes that:

- On 1 April 2022, Ofgem increased the energy price cap by 54 per cent
- In light of the increased energy price cap, the average standard tariff energy bill will increase by £693 per year. The average pre-pay meter energy bill will increase by £708 per year (Ofgem, 2022)
- In 2021/22, Hinckley & Bosworth food banks distributed food parcels at a rate of 4,900 per 100,000 people (Trussell Trust, 2022).

Council notes the decision taken in June 2022 by the government to impose a ‘windfall tax’ on the super-profits of oil and gas companies and to redistribute this as a one-off payment of £400 to households later this year. Council notes that this windfall tax was first proposed by Sir Ed Davey MP, leader of the Liberal Democrats, in January 2022. Though the windfall tax is welcome, Council believes it does not go nearly far enough and the government should be doing much more to support local people through the cost of living crisis.

This Council therefore declares a ‘cost of living emergency’ and calls on

the government to:

- Immediately reduce the standard rate of VAT from 20 per cent to 17.5 per cent for one year, saving the average household in Hinckley & Bosworth a further £600 this year
- Immediately restore the universal credit supplement of £20 which was cancelled by the government in September 2021.

Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions to express the Council's demands for VAT to be cut to 17.5% and for the £20 universal credit supplement to be restored."

(b) Motion proposed by Councillor Bray, seconded by Councillor Bill

"Council notes the exchange in the House of Commons between Luke Evans MP and the Secretary of State Michael Gove and previous exchange with the former Planning Minister Chris Pincher on similar matters which, given recent events, might raise questions in the public's eyes over his judgement.

Council also notes that the only party who has opposed progress in the Hinckley & Bosworth Local Plan are the Conservative group.

Council further notes the significant donations received by the Conservative party by house builders and other developers over the last few years.

The Council notes with concern the recent national guidance issued by government requiring additional work to be undertaken on the local plan before it can be progressed to examination which has caused many councils to pause progress on their plans.

Council highlights its concern arising from the government's build, build, build target of 300,000 new homes a year which has caused undue pressures on local planning authorities to meet these targets and therefore adversely impacting on local plan progress. This is clearly illustrated by Leicester City not being able to meet its housing needs therefore placing more pressure on districts in Leicestershire to take additional housing.

Council therefore resolves to ask the Chief Executive to write to the speaker of the House of Commons to set the record straight."