HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL



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AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

TO BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2022
AT 6.30 PM

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Thank you

Date: 24 October 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**, **1 NOVEMBER 2022** at **6.30 pm**

Yours faithfully

Miss RK Owen
Democratic Services Manager

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies
- 2. Minutes of the previous meetings (Pages 1 14)

To confirm the minutes of the meetings held on 6 and 13 September 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. Taxi Licensing Policy (Pages 15 - 102)

To seek approval of the taxi licensing policy following public consultation.

10. General fund budget update (Pages 103 - 114)

To provide an update on material changes to the general fund budget position.

11. Community Governance Review - final recommendations (Pages 115 - 264)

To present the final recommendations following consultation on the draft recommendations.

12. Motions received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17

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

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1. This Council notes:

- (a) The growing care crisis in our country. There are over two million employees (Family Resources Survey 2019-2020) providing unpaid care to friends and families, such as providing personal care, arranging medical and social support, and attending appointments. As the population ages and with more people staying in work longer these numbers will only increase.
- (b) The pressure on people as they balance their work with caring for loved ones or friends. Carers are often required to use their own annual leave allowances to meet their caring responsibilities, risking burn out.
- 2. This Council believes that more action is needed to support people in work with caring responsibilities.
- 3. Council therefore proposes to support the Carer's Leave Bill being brought through Parliament by Liberal Democrat Wendy

Chamberlain MP which will, for the first time, create a statutory entitlement to offer unpaid leave for employees with caring responsibilities:

- (a) The objective of the Bill will be to support carers to juggle work and car and for employers to maximise retention and wellbeing.
- (b) It is expected to provide for up to one week's unpaid leave per year and would provide flexibility for carers to take smaller amounts of leave from half days up to one week, making things more flexible for employees and employers. The right would be intended to apply to all employees, effectively starting from day one of employment.
- (c) Eligibility for the leave would be clearly defined in the Bill, taking a broad approach to reflect the wide range of caring relationships and responsibilities.

4. Council therefore:

- (a) Resolves that the Chief Executive writes to our local MPs asking them if they will support the Carer's Leave Bill.
- (b) Resolves to review its own communications and support for local advice services for carers to see if there is any further support that can be given locally."
- (b) Motion proposed by Councillor R Allen, seconded by Councillor Roberts "Recognising the significant backlog in planning applications awaiting decision by this council, this motion proposes that Council adopts a three week planning committee rota until such time as all applications are being determined within the appropriate timescales."