

**HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**



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**AGENDA FOR THE  
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**TO BE HELD ON**

**TUESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2023**

**AT 6.30 PM**

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Thank you



**Date: 20 November 2023**

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, 28 NOVEMBER 2023 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 meeting held on 3 October 2023.

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 and to acknowledge the long service of three members of staff.

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 26 October 2023.

10. **Peggs Close, Earl Shilton (Pages 11 - 18)**

To seek support for the regeneration of the flats at Peggs Close, Earl Shilton.

11. **Green Space Strategy & Delivery Plan 2023 to 2033 (Pages 19 - 60)**

To seek support for adoption and implementation of the Green Space Strategy and Delivery Plan.

12. **Polling district and polling place review 2023 (Pages 61 - 96)**

To seek approval of the review outcomes in relation to polling districts and polling places.

Appendix C to the report (maps) are available on the website alongside the agenda.

13. **Increase in planning application fees (Pages 97 - 106)**

To inform Council of the statutory increase in planning fees and approve the amendment to the scale of fees & charges.

14. **Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023/24 - 2027/28 (Pages 107 - 158)**

To seek approval of the Medium Terms Financial Strategy for 2023/24 to 2027/28.

The Scrutiny Commission gave consideration to this report at its meeting on 26 October. An extract from the minutes of that meeting is attached.

15. **Corporate plan 2024 to 2028 (Pages 159 - 166)**

To seek endorsement for the new corporate plan.

16. **Appointments to charitable bodies**

(a) Alderman Newton's Educational Foundation, Barwell

To appoint one representative for a term of three years with effect from December 2023.

(b) The Dixie Educational Foundation

To appoint four representatives for a term of three years with effect from December 2023.

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

- (a) Proposed by Councillor Cope, seconded by Councillor Cartwright

“This council calls on the main service suppliers for water/sewage, electricity and gas to assure this council and the people we represent that they, as the suppliers to the borough and in fact beyond, have the resources and infrastructures in place to handle and effectively provide for not only the existing households and business premises but also the ever increasing house builds being pressed upon us along with the huge warehouses and other business premises being put forward as a matter of urgency.

This should include statements and assurance in regard of the move towards electric vehicles, not only in private ownership but the number of companies now operating electric delivery vehicles, and in the case of the water company the matter of discharges of raw sewage.”

- (b) Proposed by Councillor Bray, seconded by Councillor Bools

“This Council notes:

A recent cross-party emergency summit hosted by Eastbourne Borough Council, alongside the District Councils Network and attended by 158 local authorities (half of all local authorities in England), discussed the national crisis relating to homelessness and temporary accommodation. Ordinary working families and single people are caught up in a housing crisis that is no fault of theirs. Local authorities across the country spent £1.7bn on temporary accommodation in the last financial year.

Homeless presentations to the borough council have risen by 93% from 2020/21 to 2022/23 and continue to rise. Our spend on temporary accommodation during this time has more than doubled. A combination of new responsibilities from the Homelessness Reduction Act, private sector rents being beyond the means of many people and the lack of affordable housing options for people to move into has created this crisis. The lack of secure housing has a wider socio-economic impact on health, mental wellbeing, childhood development, productivity and communities.

This Council supports the outcomes of the emergency cross party summit and urgently requests that the government:

1. Raises local housing allowance rates to a level that will cover at least 30% of local market rent and commit to annual uprating.
2. Provides urgent additional funding to local authorities for discretionary housing payments of £100m in 2023-24 and £200m in 2024-25.
3. Provides a £150m top-up to the homelessness prevention grant for 2024-25.

4. Reviews the cap for housing benefit subsidy rate for local authority homelessness placements.
5. Develops new policy to stimulate retention and supply in the privately rented sector.
6. Gives councils the long-term funding, flexibility and certainty needed to increase the supply of social housing.”

(c) Proposed by Councillor Pendlebury, seconded by Councillor L Mullaney

“This Council notes that while we welcome technological advances and development, there is an increasingly wide digital divide between those who have access to online services and those who don’t.

The Ofcom report of 2022 notes that 6% of households in the UK do not have access to online services. In Hinckley and Bosworth this would mean there are approximately 6,600 people who are unable to access digital services and these people are likely to be the most vulnerable in our communities, so those with disabilities, the young and the old and those on low incomes.

Therefore, this Council agrees to:

1. Appoint a Digital Divide Champion to take an active lead in this area.
2. Ensure all council services are available to all our residents and put in place action plans to resolve any deficits.
3. Work with council partners to maximise digital skills for local residents and address digital poverty.
4. Ensure that the implementation of future online services does not increase the digital divide and any future online developments take this into account.
5. Call upon Leicestershire County Council and the government to ensure that their own services, government offices, national corporations and banks that utilise online services do not negatively impact on those who are unable to access digital equipment in line with the Equalities Act 2010.”

(d) Proposed by Councillor R Allen, seconded by Councillor Cartwright

“Once more we are looking forward to the festive season.

This motion proposes that this Council notes that the people of Ukraine are approaching their second Christmas at war and reaffirms its support for the Ukraine.

This motion further acknowledges the continuing work and support given to Ukrainian refugees by officers of this council and residents across the borough.

Lastly, this motion seeks to recognise and welcome the efforts and contributions made to our communities by Ukrainians who have made their new homes in the towns and rural communities throughout Hinckley & Bosworth.”