

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

FINANCE & PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY

3 JULY 2023 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr MJ Surtees - Chair
Cllr P Williams – Vice-Chair
Cllr DT Glenville, Cllr LJ Mullaney, Cllr H Smith, Cllr BE Sutton and
Cllr A Weightman

Officers in attendance: Ilyas Bham, Julie Kenny, Rebecca Owen, Madeline Shellard, Clive Taylor, Gary Upton and Ashley Wilson

29. Minutes of previous meeting

It was moved by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Mullaney and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 13 March be confirmed as a correct record.

30. Declarations of interest

No interests were declared.

31. Performance management framework update

Members were updated on work that had been undertaken to update the performance management framework.

In response to a question on benchmarking, it was noted that performance was benchmarked where possible but not all authorities monitored and reported on performance indicators in the same way.

It was requested that, as part of the next quarterly report, all indicators be included not only those that were not being achieved.

32. Housing frontline service review

The key activities and performance of the housing service was presented to members, including the areas of anti-social behaviour, rents, tenancy management, housing repairs and older persons' services.

In response to members' questions, the following points were noted:

- The cost of living crisis was having an impact on rent arrears
- Welfare reforms had also contributed to rent arrears
- A programme for rollout of the change from analogue to digital for the lifeline service was planned
- Work was underway to understand the health of the housing stock
- Demand for adaptations had increased.

It was requested that a breakdown of housing applications be provided by type of housing (over 55s and families for example).

The housing service teams were thanked for their hard work.

33. Financial outturn 2022/23

Consideration was given to the draft financial outturn for 2022/23. It was noted that business rates growth had meant that use of the financial support reserve had not been required at the expected level but future pressures would depend on the timing of the business rates reset and the outcome of the fair funding review. The report was noted.

34. Treasury management quarters 3 & 4 2022/23

Members were updated on the treasury management activity for 2022/23. The report was noted.

35. Business rates and pooling update quarter 4 2022/23

Members were informed of business rates performance for 2022/23. In response to a question, it was noted that the CARF relief wouldn't be awarded again, but retail relief would be continuing. The report was noted.

36. Sundry debts quarter 4 2022/23

The sundry debts position for 2022/23 was presented to members. In response to a member's question, it was noted that the debts that had been rescheduled into a payment plan amounted to £411,312. The report was noted.

37. Finance & Performance Scrutiny Work Programme

The work programme was noted.

(The Meeting closed at 7.37 pm)

CHAIR