

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE

11 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr SL Bray - Chair
Cllr MC Bools – Vice-Chair
Cllr MB Cartwright, Cllr WJ Crooks, Cllr L Hodgkins and Cllr MT Mullaney

Also in attendance: Councillor C Lambert

Officers in attendance: Mark Brymer, Simon D Jones, Julie Kenny, Sharon Stacey, Rebecca Valentine-Wilkinson and Ashley Wilson

148. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Lynch.

149. **Minutes**

It was moved by Councillor Cartwright, seconded by Councillor Crooks and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 17 July be approved as a correct record.

150. **Declarations of interest**

Councillor Lambert declared an interest in the sustainable procurement policy as vice-chair of Efficiency East Midlands which provided some support to the council.

151. **Items arising from Overview & Scrutiny**

At its meeting on 29 August, the Scrutiny Commission made a resolution around the grey water recycling provision being added to planning requirements which has now been brought to Executive as the relevant body.

It was moved by Councillor Crooks, seconded by Councillor Cartwright and

RESOLVED - that the Executive member write to the Government requesting the grey water recycling provision be added to Planning and/or building regulation requirements.

152. **Trade request for fare tariff increase**

Members received a report to consider a request by the Hinckley Area Taxi Association for an increase in the table of fares for hackney carriages.

It was moved by Councillor Cartwright, seconded by Councillor Hodgkins and

RESOLVED –

(i) That members approved taxi trade proposal two;

- (ii) That any objections received, following the consultation to be referred to a future meeting for discussion;
- (iii) The Licensing officer be authorised to take the necessary steps to implement the revised tariff change;
- (iv) The taxi trade be promoted and supported at job fairs.

153. Rural Strategy 2024-2028

Members received a request to adopt the refreshed Rural Strategy 2024-2028 that encompassed 51 settlements divided into 24 parished areas.

Members welcomed this report and asked that as the rural villages had very few bus services, any help that the council could give them would be greatly received.

In response to comments from members, officers confirmed that there were no easy transport solutions, however the council could promote existing opportunities with the support of multi-agency stakeholders.

Members thanked officers for their work on this strategy.

It was moved by Councillor Cartwright, seconded by Councillor Crooks and

RESOLVED – that Executive approve the adoption of the Rural Strategy for 2024-2028.

154. Cultural Strategy 2024 - 2028

Members received this report and were asked to approve the adoption of the new Cultural Strategy 2024-2028.

Members asked that their thanks be expressed to the team for putting on such excellent events over the year.

Members also welcomed the support that had been given to the village and church halls with the warm spaces grants.

It was moved by Councillor Bools, seconded by Councillor Bray and

RESOLVED – that Executive approve the adoption of the Rural Strategy 2024-2028.

155. Sustainable Procurement Policy

Members received a report to adopt a sustainable procurement policy to support the climate change strategy and how to promote ethical standards and reduce exploitation in procurement activities in accordance with the constitution.

Executive also received a recommendation from Scrutiny Commission at its meeting on 29 August requesting a resolution to amend to the wording on the

bottom row of page 5 of the policy to read “this policy allows for up to 10% of the scoring evaluation to be allocated to environmental and social value criteria for tenders over £50,000 as set out in the contract procedure rules”.

It was moved by Councillor Bray, seconded by Councillor Bools and

RESOLVED – that Executive adopt the sustainable procurement policy with the amended wording on the bottom row of page 5 of the policy to read “this policy allows for up to 10% of the scoring evaluation to be allocated to environmental and social value criteria for tenders over £50,000 as set out in the contract procedure rules.

(The Meeting closed at 6.52 pm)

CHAIR