

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

16 July 2024 AT 6.30 pm

PRESENT: CLLR R WEBBER-JONES - MAYOR
CLLR REH FLEMMING – DEPUTY MAYOR

Cllr RG Allen, Cllr SL Bray, Cllr MB Cartwright, Cllr MA Cook, Cllr MJ Crooks, Cllr WJ Crooks, Cllr C Gibbens, Cllr SM Gibbens, Cllr DT Glenville, Cllr CE Green, Cllr C Harris, Cllr L Hodgkins, Cllr E Hollick, Cllr C Lambert, Cllr KWP Lynch, Cllr J Moore, Cllr LJ Mullaney, Cllr MT Mullaney, Cllr LJP O'Shea, Cllr A Pendlebury, Cllr M Simmons, Cllr H Smith, Cllr P Stead-Davis, Cllr BE Sutton, Cllr BR Walker and Cllr A Weightman

Officers in attendance: Ilyas Bham, Chris Brown, Bill Cullen, Julie Kenny, Rebecca Owen, Kirstie Rea and Sharon Stacey

45. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors C Allen, Bools, Boothby, Cope, Surtees and Williams.

46. **Minutes of the previous meetings**

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

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meetings held on 22 February and 14 May 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

47. **Declarations of interest**

No interests were declared.

48. **Mayor's Communications**

The Mayor presented a long service award to Derek Allsop, a member of staff who had served the Council for 39 years. He then provided an update on events attended and a visit to Twycross Zoo that he was arranging.

49. **Leader of the Council's Position Statement**

In his position statement, the leader referred to 50th anniversary celebrations and community grants schemes, summer events, Leicester Animal Aid's pet support scheme, the Planning service having won Planning Authority Team of the Year for the East Midlands, community swap shops, new grants for voluntary groups, and the recent sad passing of Muthar M'ahmoud Al-Salloum, Managing Director of MAS Architecture and long-standing tenant at the Atkins Building.

50. **Minutes of the Scrutiny Commission**

Councillor Lambert presented the minutes of the meetings of the Scrutiny Commission held on 14 March and 9 May 2024 for information.

51. **Financial outturn 2023/24**

Members were informed of the financial outturn for 2023/24. It was moved by Councillor Lynch, seconded by Councillor Bray and unanimously

RESOLVED –

- (i) The general fund outturn for 2023/24 be approved;
- (ii) The transfers to earmarked reserves and balances be approved;
- (iii) The general fund revenue carry forwards into 2024/25 be approved;
- (iv) The housing revenue and housing repairs account outturn for 2023/24 and transfers to and from balances be approved;
- (v) The capital programme outturn for the general fund and housing revenue account for 2023/24 be approved;
- (vi) The housing revenue account carry forwards be approved;
- (vii) The capital carry forwards be approved;
- (viii) The additional budgets for UK SPF decarbonisation, mental health support and decarbonisation works to housing revenue account properties be approved;
- (ix) A £90,000 expenditure budget for the current year to carry out enforcement work on Tara House be approved.

52. **Further Regulation 18 draft local plan consultation**

Consideration was given to a further stage of consultation as part of the development of a new local plan for the borough. During discussion, members emphasised the importance of the community engaging with the consultation. They also felt it important that the public understood the constraints imposed by the government which limited the council's scope for refusing development. Officers were thanked for their hard work on the local plan and the documents provided. It was moved by Councillor W Crooks, seconded by Councillor Bray and unanimously

RESOLVED –

- (i) An eight-week period of consultation on the regulation 18 draft local plan during July / August / September 2024 be approved;
- (ii) Authority be delegated to the Head of Planning in consultation with the relevant Executive Member to make minor drafting / presentational changes to the consultation documents.

53. **Political balance and amendment to constitution**

Council reviewed its political balance following a change in group membership and considered an amendment to the constitution to reduce the number of members on the Appeals Panel. It was moved by Councillor Bray, seconded by Councillor Pendlebury and unanimously

RESOLVED –

- (i) The revised political balance be approved;
- (ii) The allocation of seats to political groups and non-aligned members be approved;
- (iii) Paragraph 2.1 of part 2b of the council's constitution be amended to reduce the number of members of the Appeals Panel from 12 to 11;
- (iv) Pursuant to (iii) above, Councillor Moore be removed from the Appeals Panel.

(The Meeting closed at 7.24 pm)

MAYOR