



Date: 04 December 2024

To: Members of the Scrutiny Commission

Cllr C Lambert (Chair)
Cllr MJ Surtees (Vice-Chair)
Cllr P Williams (Vice-Chair)
Cllr DS Cope
Cllr MJ Crooks
Cllr C Gibbens

Cllr C Harris
Cllr J Moore
Cllr A Pendlebury
Cllr M Simmons
Cllr A Weightman

Copy to all other Members of the Council

(other recipients for information)

Dear member,

There will be a meeting of the **SCRUTINY COMMISSION** in the De Montfort Suite, Hinckley Hub on **THURSDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2024** at **6.30 pm** and your attendance is required.

The agenda for the meeting is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Owen'.

Rebecca Owen
Democratic Services Manager

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Thank you

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A G E N D A

1. **APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

2. **MINUTES (Pages 1 - 4)**

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 31 October 2024.

3. **ADDITIONAL URGENT BUSINESS BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

To be advised of any additional items of business which the Chair decides by reason of special circumstances shall be taken as matters of urgency at this meeting.

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. **QUESTIONS**

To hear any questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.

6. **SCRUTINY COMMISSION WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 5 - 10)**

Work programme attached.

7. **AFFORDABLE HOUSING DELIVERY (Pages 11 - 18)**

To provide an annual update on delivery of affordable housing in the borough.

8. **PLANNING APPEALS ANNUAL UPDATE (Pages 19 - 26)**

To provide an annual update on planning appeals' performance.

9. **BUDGET STRATEGY 2025/26 (Pages 27 - 34)**

To present the budget strategy for 2025/26.

10. **CREMATORIUM PRESENTATION (Verbal Report)**

To provide an update on the crematorium project.

11. **SCRUTINY REVIEW: HOUSING (Pages 35 - 44)**

To present the final report of the Housing Task & Finish Group. Members are asked to consider the recommendations within the report and recommend them to the Executive.

12. **MINUTES OF FINANCE & PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY (Pages 45 - 46)**

For information.

13. **ANY OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DECIDES HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH AS MATTERS OF URGENCY**

As announced under item 3.

14. **MATTERS FROM WHICH THE PUBLIC MAY BE EXCLUDED**

To consider the passing of a resolution under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 excluding the public from the undermentioned item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 10 of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Act.

15. **CINEWORLD HINCKLEY (Verbal Report)**

To provide information to members following the recent decision of Cineworld not to close their cinema in Hinckley.