

**HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH
BOROUGH COUNCIL**



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**AGENDA FOR THE
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

TO BE HELD ON

THURSDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2026

AT 6.30 PM

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Thank you



Date: 11 February 2026

Dear Member

I hereby summon you to attend a meeting of the Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council in the Council Chamber at these offices on **THURSDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2026** at **6.30 pm**

Yours sincerely

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 - 4)**
To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2025.
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.

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 5 - 8)**

To receive for information only the minutes of the Scrutiny Commission meeting held on 5 February 2026.

10. **Pay Policy Statement (Pages 9 - 26)**

To receive the pay policy statement for 2026/27 for approval.

11. **Budget reports**

- (a) Medium term financial strategy (Pages 27 - 80)
- (b) General fund budget (Pages 81 - 96)
- (c) Calculation of council tax for 2026/27 (Pages 97 - 104)
- (d) Housing revenue account budget 2026-27 (Pages 105 - 122)
- (e) Fees and charges 2026/2027 (Pages 123 - 156)
- (f) Capital programme 2025-26 to 2028-29 and capital strategy (Pages 157 - 180)
- (g) Treasury management strategy 2025-26 to 2028-29 and prudential indicators 2025-26 to 2028-29 (Pages 181 - 218)

12. **Community governance review - Witherley (Pages 219 - 258)**

To consider the terms of reference and timescales for a community governance review for Witherley parish.

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

Motion proposed by Councillor M Mullaney:

This Council notes:

- The Home Secretary is planning to merge England and Wales's 43 police constabularies into as few as 12 or 15 larger regional forces
- The need for a commitment to strong, visible, community-based policing and local accountability
- Evidence that local policing builds trust, improves crime prevention, and

- ensures responsiveness to community needs
- Police forces already achieve economies of scale through joint procurement of vehicles, shared ICT systems, and collaborative cross-border operations to tackle issues such as county lines drug dealing.

This Council believes:

- Merging police forces into “mega-forces” would weaken local accountability and reduce the visibility of officers in our communities
- Investment should focus on modernising technology, improving data sharing, and strengthening community policing—not structural mergers.

This Council resolves to:

- Oppose any proposals to merge our local police force into a regional or national entity
- Call on the Government to prioritise:
 - Increased funding for community policing teams
 - National standards for vetting and technology upgrades to improve efficiency
 - Enhanced rural crime support and local police desks in community hubs
- Write to the Home Secretary to express this Council’s opposition to force mergers and support for localised policing.