

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

FINANCE & PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY

15 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr MJ Surtees - Chair
Cllr P Williams – Vice-Chair
Cllr DS Cope, Cllr DT Glenville, Cllr LJ Mullaney, Cllr H Smith, Cllr P Stead-Davis
and Cllr BE Sutton

Also in attendance:

Officers in attendance: Simon D Jones, Karen Mason, Sharon Stacey, Rebecca Valentine-Wilkinson, Ashley Wilson and Ilyas Bham and representatives from Places Leisure

155. Apologies and substitutions

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Weightman.

156. Minutes of previous meeting

It was moved by Councillor Glenville, seconded by Councillor Sutton and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2025 be approved.

157. Declarations of interest

There were no interests declared at this meeting.

158. Frontline service review - Hinckley Leisure Centre

Officers and representatives from Places Leisure presented a report and presentation to members on the performance of Hinckley Leisure Centre for the 12 month period April 2024 to March 2025.

In response to a question from members about the closing of the Places Gym, officers confirmed that they were communicating to members about moving their memberships across to the Leisure Centre and classes were being moved across to the Leisure Centre studios. Junior membership inductions were already taking place and the programme had been extended.

In response to questions from members, officers confirmed that:

- Football had increased at the Leisure Centre
- Organisations that rented space at the Leisure Centre did make use of the café facilities
- Pickleball had increased the usage of the leisure centre that was a community of 30 participants
- Marketing the Leisure Centre to the different demographics was being worked on

- The café offered more healthier options to support the promotion of a healthier lifestyle
- They would be launching the Big Sister project for aged 9-15 year olds to try and engage with girls to keep the active lifestyle, and
- It was agreed that Places would provide additional insight into the social value aspects of the centre at next year's presentation.

Members congratulated officers on the work of the leisure centre and thanked officers for the detailed report and presentation.

Members noted the report.

159. Performance & Risk Management Framework end of year summary for 2024/25

Members were provided with an end of year summary for performance indicators, service improvement plans, corporate risks and service area risks.

In response to questions from members, officers confirmed that:

- Work would be undertaken with managers to look at the narrative against these stats to ensure they were more meaningful to the data;
- Payroll costs had increased
- Options around the use of the crematorium were being considered.

Members noted the end of year status for all areas and reviewed the risks that posed the most significant threat to the council's objectives and priorities.

Members noted the report.

160. Performance & Risk Management Framework quarter 1 summary 2025/26

Members were presented with the 2025/26 first quarter summary for performance indicators, service improvement plans, corporate risks and service area risks.

Members noted the report including the positive performance for:

- Customer Services – satisfaction on the telephone
- Percentage of food inspections due that were completed
- Percentage difference of people visiting the town centre due to events run by the Council
- The processing of planning applications and
- Reduction on outstanding debt owed to the council.

161. Business rates & pooling update quarter 4 2024/25

Members were provided with the business rates performance from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Members noted the report.

162. Business rates & pooling update quarter 1 2025/26

Members were provided with the business rates performance from 1 April 2025 to 30 June 2025.

Members noted the report.

163. Sundry debts quarter 4 2024/25

Members were presented with the position on sundry debts as at 31 March 2025.

Members noted the current aged debt position for sundry debts.

Members noted the report.

164. Treasury Management quarter 3 2024/25

Members were presented with the Treasury Management activity in the third quarter of 2024/25.

Members noted the report.

165. Treasury Management quarter 4 2024/25

Members were presented with the Treasury Management activity in the fourth quarter of 2024/25.

In response to a question around the downward trend of interest rates, officers confirmed that this trend would continue for the foreseeable future.

Members noted the report.

166. Treasury Management Q1 2025/26

Members were presented with the Treasury Management activity in the first quarter of 2025/26.

Members noted the report.

167. Financial Outturn 2024/25

Members were presented with the draft financial outturn for 2024/25.

It was moved by Councillor Stead-Davies, seconded by Councillor Glenville and

RESOLVED –

- (i) The General Fund outturn for 2024/25;
- (ii) The transfers to earmarked reserves and balances;
- (iii) The General Fund revenue carry forwards into 2024/25;
- (iv) The Housing Revenue and Housing Repairs Account Outturn for 2024/25 and transfers to and from balances;
- (v) The Capital Programme outturn for the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account from 2024/25;

- (vi) The HRA carry forwards outlined in Appendix 5;
- (vii) The Capital carry forwards as detailed in Appendix 6 and
- (viii) The additional budget approvals outlined in 3.14.

168. Financial Outturn Q1 - 2025/26

Members were presented with the financial outturn position as at June 2025.

Members noted the report.

169. Finance & Performance Scrutiny Work Programme

Consideration was given to the future work programme. It was noted that the Treasury Management report quarter 1 would be removed from the November agenda as the report had been presented at the meeting today. No further changes were requested.

(The Meeting closed at 8.10 pm)

CHAIR