

**HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH
BOROUGH COUNCIL**



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**AGENDA FOR THE
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**TO BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2025
AT 6.30 PM**

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Thank you



**Hinckley & Bosworth
Borough Council**

Date: 10 November 2025

Dear Member

I hereby summon you to attend a meeting of the Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council in the Council Chamber at these offices on **TUESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2025 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 30 September 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 11 September 2025.

10. **Local Government Reorganisation proposal (Pages 9 - 24)**

To outline the proposal by the districts in Leicestershire and Rutland County Council in relation to local government reorganisation.

11. **Supplementary income request - Homelessness demands and temporary accommodation (Pages 25 - 32)**

To seek approval for a supplementary income request of £900,000 to meet escalating demands in relation to homelessness provision.

12. **Calendar of meetings 2026/27 (Pages 33 - 34)**

To approve the calendar of meetings for 2026/27.

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

(a) To be proposed by Councillor Harris and seconded by Councillor Lambert

"Council notes that:

- Construction and development projects in rural areas often bring significant heavy vehicle traffic through villages and countryside roads that were not designed to accommodate such usage
- Residents in rural parts of Hinckley & Bosworth have raised concerns about road safety, environmental damage, noise, disruption to daily life and damage to local infrastructure caused by construction traffic
- Current construction traffic management plans (CTMPs) often fail to sufficiently account for the unique characteristics and limitations of rural road networks.

Council believes that:

- Rural communities deserve the same level of consideration and protection from construction disruption as urban areas

- Strengthened CTMPs, developed in consultation with local parish councils and residents, can help mitigate adverse impacts and ensure more sustainable and respectful development.

Council resolves to:

1. An action review by the Scrutiny Commission at regular intervals (for example, quarterly)
 2. Require that all future CTMPs for developments in rural Hinckley & Bosworth:
 - Include a clear assessment of narrow lanes, vulnerable road users and school zones
 - Mandate designated routes for construction vehicles, avoiding sensitive areas where possible
 - Include restrictions on hours of operation to protect residents' quality of life
 - Set out plans for regular road condition monitoring and reinstatement where necessary.
 3. Advocate for early engagement with ward councillors during the preparation of CTMPs, in exceptional circumstances where construction traffic is expected to have a significant impact on the surrounding area – such as the recent application in Desford
 4. Write to Leicestershire County Council's Highways department requesting collaboration on stronger enforcement of traffic routes and vehicle size restrictions in rural areas
 5. Ensure planning enforcement officers have the resources and direction to monitor and address non-compliance with CTMPs."
- (b) To be proposed by Councillor R Allen and seconded by Councillor Harris
- "There are many young people in Hinckley & Bosworth who, for a variety of reasons, are unable to use traditional secure toddler swing seats or straight swing seats.

To address this there are specially designed accessible swing seats to provide such children with the simple joy of having a swing.

An accessible swing seat has already been installed by Barwell Parish Council in one of their parks, and has been so well received that the parish council hopes to introduce them to all of their parks.

Burbage Parish Council is also considering the installation of an accessible swing seat, hopefully by the end of this year.

This motion proposes that, as part of all future planning approvals for residential developments that include a formal play area, at least one accessible swing seat be provided as part of this provision by the developer."

- (c) To be proposed by Councillor Pendlebury and seconded by Councillor Williams

“HGV strikes at the A5 railway bridge cause economic losses and major delays on local and national roads, costing residents time and money.

In 2023 this authority reluctantly approved the proposed development on the adjoining area of Warwickshire for a massive warehouse development on the condition that the part of the development which lies within HBBC control (the bridge and access road and Dodwells roundabout) should be improved.

The bridge and roundabout frequently cause major delays and congestion. Resolving these problems was seen as crucial before approving large-scale development and was central to planning decisions.

When the developers presented their plans, work on the bridge was expected within six months. However, a senior representative of National Highways has stated that the A5 carriageway design has only just been completed and must still be thoroughly reviewed to ensure long-term safety and reliability. As the representative highlighted fundamental concerns, full approval is not yet in place.

Despite the lack of progress in the design, validation and implementation of the necessary highways works, including lowering the carriageway, the warehouse development is close to completion with the obvious danger that pressure will be brought to bring the development into use prior to the very necessary highways improvements have been completed.

Accordingly, this authority resolves to write to the other parties involved including Rugby Borough Council, Warwickshire County Council, Leicestershire County Council, National Highways and the Department for Transport and stress that it is essential that all infrastructure listed in the planning conditions as to be delivered prior to the development first being brought into use, are delivered. This is particularly important for condition 13 – the scheme of works for lowering of the A5 carriageway under the railway bridge. These conditions remain an essential element for the safe operation of our local highways and should not be relaxed in any way.”

- (d) To be proposed by Councillor M Mullaney and seconded by Councillor Bools

“Council notes the recent announcement by Keir Starmer’s Labour government of plans to introduce a mandatory digital ID scheme for all UK residents.

Council further notes that the government’s plan:

- Could require every resident to obtain a digital ID to access public services and entitlements

- Could risk criminalising millions of people, particularly older people, those on lower incomes, or those without access to digital technology
- Raises significant privacy and civil liberty concerns
- Could result in billions of pounds of taxpayers' money being wasted on a massive IT project, with no clear benefit or safeguards.

Council believes that Labour's scheme:

- Represents an expensive measure that will undermine public trust
- Will do nothing to address the real priorities facing communities such as delivering more police on the streets, properly funding local schools and fixing broken roads and pavements
- Fails to protect our core British values of liberty, privacy and fairness.

Council welcomes the Liberal Democrats' consistent national opposition to Labour's ID cards, having previously defeated Labour's original plans for ID cards in 2010, and opposes Labour's renewed attempt to impose them in digital form.

Council resolves:

- To formally oppose the Labour government's digital ID plans
- To request the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for the Home Department and the Minister for Digital Infrastructure expressing this Council's firm opposition to Labour's mandatory digital ID system and calling for the plans to be scrapped
- To work with local voluntary, digital inclusion and civil liberties groups to ensure that no resident in Hinckley & Bosworth is penalised or excluded as a result of any national identification scheme."

(e) To be proposed by Councillor R Allen and seconded by Councillor Cook

"Council notes:

2025 has been the worst year ever for small boat crossings with over 37,000 people crossing the channel this year alone, leaving immigration policy under this government in tatters.

This Council resolves:

To request the Chief Executive to urgently assess the merits of seeking legal advice to prevent the use of local hotels for migrant accommodation where it is deemed to be in the best interests of the community. We also request the Chief Executive to ask officers to consider every option and seek legal advice on using injunctions, stop notices and other planning enforcement against change of use to prevent asylum hotels from being opened."