



Date: 05 April 2012

Hinckley & Bosworth
Borough Council

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Dear Sir/Madam

I hereby summon you to attend a meeting of the Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Hinckley at these offices on **TUESDAY, 17 APRIL 2012 at 6.30 pm**

Yours faithfully

Miss RK Owen
Democratic Services Officer

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2012 (Pages 1 - 12)
3. 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.
4. 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. To receive such communications as the Mayor may decide to lay before the Council.
6. To receive petitions in accordance with the Council's Petitions' Scheme.
7. To deal with questions under Council Procedure Rule number 11.1.
8. To receive the Leader of the Council's Position Statement.
9. To receive for information only the minutes of the Scrutiny Commission meetings held on 30 January & 1 March 2012. (Pages 13 - 18)
10. Value for money report (Pages 19 - 26)

11. Equality Policy (Pages 27 - 64)
12. Localism Act - Predetermination (Pages 65 - 66)
13. Localism Act - Standards (Pages 67 - 84)
14. Community Governance Review (Pages 85 - 114)
15. Member Development Strategy and East Midlands Councillor Development Charter (Pages 115 - 130)
16. Commitment to and implementation of COMPACT Leicestershire (Pages 131 - 150)
17. To consider the following motions, notice of which have been received in accordance with Council Procedure Rules 13.1 and 13.2:-

a) Motion from Councillor Mullaney

This Council notes:

- The Government plan to raise the income tax threshold to £10,000 so that the first £10,000 people earn will be tax free;
- That a recent opinion poll conducted by ComRes in February 2012 shows that a majority of people clearly support this policy;
- That last April the raising of the income tax threshold meant 800,000 people on low incomes now do not have to pay any income tax at all and that working people were also given a £200 tax cut; and that this year a further cut is planned so a further 1.1 million will not pay any income tax at all;
- The calls to speed up the raising of the threshold so that over 3 million lower paid people will not have to pay any income tax at all and those on lower and middle incomes will benefit from paying £700 less in tax a year;
- That this will have a clear impact on improving the lives of lower paid people in our area and those on benefits seeking work.

Council instructs the Leader and Chief Executive to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Chief Secretary to the Treasury to support the campaign to speed up the raising of the tax threshold.

b) Motion from Councillor Morrell

This Council notes the concerns of local people in a number of areas in the Borough in respect of the proposed development of wind farms in the vicinity of their homes, and the potential of such turbines to create low-frequency noise (infrasound) disturbance to residents along with a significant loss of amenity.

To this end, in order to protect local residents, this Council resolves that detailed planning policies be examined and adopted to ensure:

- i) Wind farm proposals should not be permitted if they would have a significant long term detrimental impact on the amenity of people living nearby;
- ii) A separation distance of at least 2km between wind turbines and residential properties.

18. 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.

19. Proposed conversion of top floor of Atkins Building (Pages 151 - 154)