



Date: 10 September 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, 18 SEPTEMBER 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 19 June attached. (Pages 1 - 6)
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 meeting held on 24 May 2012. (Pages 7 - 10)
10. Final outturn (Pages 11 - 20)

11. Statement of Accounts (Pages 21 - 118)
12. Annual Governance Statement (Pages 119 - 128)
13. Review of Reserves (Pages 129 - 136)
14. Civic Offices Site (Pages 137 - 142)
15. Changes to HRA budgets (Pages 143 - 146)
16. Richmond Park (Pages 147 - 150)
17. Carlton Rural Exception Site (Pages 151 - 156)
18. Property Asset Management Plan (Pages 157 - 200)
19. Desford, St Martins Drive (Pages 201 - 202)
20. Leicestershire and Rutland County Sports Partnership Annual Review (Pages 203 - 204)
21. Annual Review of the Constitution (Pages 205 - 208)
22. Chairmanship of Committees: It is proposed that Councillor Cartwright replaces Councillor Inman as Chairman of the Appeals Panel
23. To consider the following motions, notice of which have been received in accordance with Council Procedure Rules 13.1 and 13.2:-

- (a) Received from Cllr Bray (to be seconded by Cllr Bannister)

"This Council notes with concern the decision by Leicestershire Police Authority to sell off Hinckley Police Station, an important public building in the centre of Hinckley, in secret and with no public consultation. Furthermore this Council is concerned that any future uses of this building should not add to the already grave on-street parking problems in this part of Hinckley"

- (b) Received Cllr Mullaney (to be seconded by Cllr Inman)

"Council notes with concern the proposals of the East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) which would see the 66 current ambulance stations in this region, including one in Hinckley, replaced by 13 hub stations, one of which will be in Leicester.

EMAS will be announcing later this year the venue for it's public consultations. Because of the huge concern felt by many residents in the borough about the threat to Hinckley Ambulance Station, Council urges EMAS to visit a venue in Hinckley and Bosworth as part of the consultation.

Council believes that Hinckley's Ambulance Station is an important local service and should not be closed unless EMAS can provide extremely compelling and convincing evidence that changing to the Hub system will improve response times."

- (c) Received from Cllr Crooks (to be seconded by Cllr Mullaney)

"Council notes with concern the current proposal by Leicestershire County Council to remove the Number 7 bus service.

This is the only regular bus service that runs through many villages in our

Borough including Fenny Drayton, Witherley and Sheepy Magna.

The proposed demand responsive transport that would replace the number 7 would mean far fewer buses, travelling on fewer days through these villages.

Council notes the large number of submissions to the County Council's consultation on the future of bus services, including many about the Number 7 bus. These included a submission from the Borough Council's Executive supporting the Number 7 service.

Council notes proposals submitted by residents, via a petition, which suggested an amended bus service running through these villages.

Council resolves to urge the County Council to maintain the number 7 bus service and look seriously at the option of an amended route as suggested by residents of the affected villages."

(d) Received from Cllr Taylor

"This Council notes recent concerns and frustrations expressed by members of all groups about the advice often received from the Highways Authority. This Council therefore asks the Deputy Chief Executive (Community Direction) to investigate options for securing secondary highways advice on planning applications to allow members to make more fully informed decisions."

(e) Received from Cllr Bill

"This Council recognises the vital role played by Police Community Support Officers in the upkeep of law and order and urges both the County Council and the incoming Police & Crime Commissioner to ensure that they are retained in full despite the difficult financial situation".

(f) Received from Cllr Hulbert

"The Council notes:

1. Already 1 in 4 households in the UK are in fuel poverty, meaning they need to spend more than 10% of their income on keeping their homes warm. The problem is likely to get worse, with 1 in 3 households projected to be in fuel poverty by 2016.
2. The main reasons for this crisis are that gas, oil and coal prices are high, and the UK's homes are some of the most energy inefficient in Europe – leaking heat from their doors, walls and windows.
3. Cold homes are damaging the health of vulnerable members of society, including children, older people and people with disabilities. Diseases such as asthma are made worse, and people are more likely to have strokes and heart attacks. Illnesses caused by cold homes cost the NHS nearly one billion pounds each year.
4. Over the next 15 years the Government will raise an average of £4 billion every year in carbon taxes through the European Emissions Trading Scheme and the Carbon Floor Price. Recycling this revenue back into households could bring 9 out of 10 homes out of fuel poverty, lower

people's bills, cut carbon emissions and create jobs.

The Council therefore resolves to:

1. Support the Energy Bill Revolution campaign calling for the Government to recycle revenues from carbon taxes into improving the energy efficiency of UK homes.
2. Notify local Members of Parliament of its support for the campaign and urge them to sign Early Day Motion 47 – “Reducing Fuel Bills through Energy Efficiency.”

(g) Received from Cllr Gould

Given the opposition to unplanned development in our Borough, this Council asks that the Chief Officer (Community Direction) writes to George Osborne's office asking that he consider alternative approaches to stimulate development as the National Planning Policy Framework has already failed to have any real impact.