

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE

4 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Mr SL Bray - Chairman
Mr DC Bill MBE – Vice-Chairman
Mr MB Cartwright, Mr WJ Crooks and Mr KWP Lynch

Officers in attendance: Matthew Bowers, Valerie Bunting, Bill Cullen and Rebecca Owen

130 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mullaney and Nichols.

131 MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Cartwright, seconded by Councillor Bill and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 10 July be confirmed and signed by the chairman.

132 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

133 FLATS AT UPPER BOND STREET, HINCKLEY

Members received a report which sought approval for removal of a covenant relating to use of the properties at 99-109 Upper Bond Street for move on accommodation or sale to a registered provider. It was moved by Councillor Bray, seconded by Councillor Cartwright and

RESOLVED –

- (i) The removal of the restrictive covenant be approved;
- (ii) A financial contribution of 10% of the achieved sale price towards the provision of new affordable housing in the borough be accepted.

134 PROPOSED CONSULTATION RESPONSE TO WARWICKSHIRE DRAFT RAIL STRATEGY 2019-2034

Consideration was given to the proposed consultation response to the Warwickshire draft rail strategy 2019-2034. It was suggested that, in relation to question 11, a caveat be included that the development of a new Parkway Station be supported subject to no reduction in services at Hinckley.

It was moved by Councillor Bill, seconded by Councillor Crooks and

RESOLVED –

- (i) The proposed consultation response be endorsed subject to the abovementioned amendment to the response to question 11;

- (ii) Warwickshire County be advised that the council welcomes the proposed rail strategy as it would assist with the delivery of both the Midland Connect Midlands rail hub initiative and the A5 strategy;
- (iii) The benefits that a proposed Parkway Station would bring to the local community be endorsed;
- (iv) It be requested that the construction of a new Parkway Station be integrated with improvements to the A5, including addressing height clearance problems associated with the existing rail bridge;
- (v) Improved services for people living in the Hinckley and Bosworth area linked to the new Parkway Station be requested, in particular for passengers travelling to Leicester, Coventry and Birmingham;
- (vi) It be acknowledged that the proposals may also support long distance commuting and benefit the local economy;
- (vii) It be requested that the council be kept engaged in the process to ensure improved services and feasibility, benefitting passengers travelling to and from Hinckley;
- (viii) The fact that the proposals will improve public transport provision for the area and help to contribute towards reducing traffic congestion, reduce air pollution and assist in combatting climate change, be endorsed.

(The Meeting closed at 6.35 pm)

CHAIRMAN