

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

SCRUTINY COMMISSION

27 JANUARY 2022 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr MR Lay - Chairman
Cllr C Ladkin and Cllr P Williams – Vice-Chairman
Cllr JMT Collett, Cllr MJ Crooks, Cllr SM Gibbens, Cllr K Morrell and
Cllr MC Sheppard-Bools

Also in attendance: Councillor MA Cook, Councillor KWP Lynch and Councillor
HG Williams

Officers in attendance: Matthew Bowers, Bill Cullen, Simon D Jones, Sharon
Stacey and Ashley Wilson

304. Apologies and substitutions

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Webber-Jones. It
was noted that Councillor Pendlebury would arrive late.

305. Minutes

It was moved by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Sheppard-Bools
and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 18 November be
confirmed as a correct record.

306. Declarations of interest

No interests were declared at this stage.

307. Healthcare in Leicestershire

A representative of Leicestershire & Rutland CCG provided an update on
healthcare in the borough.

(Councillor Pendlebury entered the meeting at 6.35pm).

The update focussed on the development of a health plan for Hinckley &
Bosworth and an update on reconfiguration of the hospital. It was noted that
CCGs would cease to exist in July and would be replaced by integrated care
systems and the Integrated Care Board. It was confirmed that £7m funding
commitment from the NHS was in place for reconfiguring the district hospital site
and a further opportunity was being developed for the expansion of the project to
deliver a diagnostic centre in Hinckley.

(Councillor Cope entered the meeting at 6.47pm).

At this juncture, Councillor Pendlebury declared a personal interest as an employee of the NHS.

During discussion, reference was made to:

- The exceptional work of healthcare workers during the pandemic
- The value of local access to diagnostic treatment
- Schemes to increase capacity in general practice, not only GPs but within the wider workforce
- Work to improve access to general practice
- S106 contributions
- The move towards Integrated Care Boards
- Work of the council on prevention
- Advanced discussions on co-locating some NHS services to the Hinckley Hub.

It was agreed that a report on the council's health prevention work be added to the work programme.

308. Infrastructure Funding Statement 2020-2021

Consideration was given to the infrastructure funding statement for the financial year 2020/21.

The report was welcomed but it was felt that, whilst reporting was more transparent than previously, there were still some gaps. It was agreed that a link to Leicestershire County Council's infrastructure funding statement would be sent out to members. It was requested that some analysis of the county council's spend of S106 contributions be included in future reports.

Concern was expressed about the local community not benefitting from contributions from developments in their area. In response, members were assured that S106 money must be linked to the development itself and should mitigate the impact of a development in a particular area or present an improvement. Contributions requested were challenged by officers if they were not appropriate.

Discussion ensued on management companies and the lack of monitoring of them. It was noted that the council had no direct control over the establishment by developers of local management companies for new development. It may, however, become involved in enforcement matters arising from issues on sites but did not have the resources to monitor them proactively. It was explained that in some cases, the parish council hadn't wanted to take on land from developers as it didn't have the facilities to maintain it, but in other cases developers weren't offering it to parish councils. It was suggested that the use of management companies be added to the work programme as a future agenda item.

309. Scrutiny Commission Work Programme

Members were updated on progress in drafting a new work programme and were invited to make suggestions.

310. Matters from which the public may be excluded

On the motion of Councillor P Williams seconded by Councillor Crooks, it was

RESOLVED – in accordance with section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 10 of Part I of Schedule 12A of that Act.

311. Leisure Centre Financial Support 2021-22

Members were updated on the financial position of the leisure centre following the impact of the covid pandemic. Representatives of Places Leisure were in attendance, along with the council's specialist consultant. It was noted that the pandemic had had a direct impact on the trading position of leisure centres nationally with Hinckley leisure centre being no exception. However, Hinckley leisure centre had seen an improved trading position resulting from the excellent collaboration between HBBC and Places Leisure, although not to pre-pandemic levels. It was noted that the contract fee position offered for 2022/23, whilst below the contract position, was the most favourable offered nationally by Places Leisure, reflecting its confidence in the centre. It was

RESOLVED – the financial position for 21/22 be noted and the proposal for 22/23 acknowledged.

(The Meeting closed at 8.25 pm)

CHAIRMAN