

HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE MEETING

12 OCTOBER 2011 AT 6.30 AM

PRESENT: Mr S L Bray - Chairman

Mr D C Bill, Mr DS Cope, Mr WJ Crooks, Mr KWP Lynch, Mr M Mullaney
and Ms BM Witherford

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.2 Mr J Moore also attended
the meeting

Officers in attendance: Mr S Atkinson, Mrs D Bonser, Mr Michael Brymer, Mr B
Cullen, Mr D Elliott, Mr S Jones, Mr S Kohli, Mrs C Roffey,
Ms J Sturley and Mr S Wood.

184 MINUTES (EXEC 14)

On the motion of Mr Bray, seconded by Mr Bill it was

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 17 August 2011 be confirmed
and signed by the Chairman.

185 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

186 LEISURE CENTRE OPTIONS (EXEC15)

Members' approval was sought to formally test the market on options for a new Leisure
Centre. It was noted that this was a sensible way forward in accordance with the Council's
commitment to leisure facilities within the borough. Mr Bill asked that comments of current
and potential users were taken into account.

On the motion of Mr Bray, seconded by Mr Mullaney it was

RESOLVED –

- (i) to formally test the leisure market to ascertain the most appropriate option in
delivering an affordable, fit for purpose Leisure Centre for Hinckley and
Bosworth;
- (ii) commission a specialist consultant to assist the Council in testing appropriate
options with the Leisure Development market; and
- (iii) support the establishment of a budget for this via the Feasibility Reserve..

187 IMPROVEMENTS AT BRODICK ROAD OPEN SPACE (EXEC16)

Members were pleased to see this project move forward. The project will commence
during National Tree Week and local schools would be fully involved.

On the motion of Mr Mullaney, seconded by Mr Crooks it was

RESOLVED –

- (i) approve the plans to develop Brodick Road open space as a woodland and wildlife area;
- (ii) approve £20,000 for this project from the Hinckley Area reserve;
- (iii) note the possible impact on future capital receipts; and
- (iv) delegate authority to the Chief Officer for Business, Contract and Street Scene Services to deliver this project and to make any minor changes which arise during implementation.

188 CHANGES TO THE PARISH AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVE FUND (EXEC17)

In introducing this report, the Executive Member for Rural Affairs asked that smaller villages be given priority for village signs and improvements to places of worship. The Public Space Manager confirmed that these additions would be incorporated into the revised scheme.

On the motion of Mr Crooks, seconded by Mr Mullaney it was

RESOLVED –

- (i) Executive approve the changes to the Parish and Community Initiative fund outlined in Paragraph 3.3 of the report; and
- (ii) delegate authority to the Chief Officer, Business, Contract and Street Scene Services, and the Executive lead for Rural Issues to make minor changes in relation to the officers assessment of applications, and to the administration of the fund to ensure efficient and effective delivery, and allocation of funds.

189 SITE ALLOCATIONS AND GENERIC DEVELOPMENT CONTROL POLICIES DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT PREFERRED OPTIONS – CONSULTATION REPORT (EXEC 18)

Members were updated on the results of the consultation. Due to the high response rate the consultation results were comprehensive. Mr Crooks asked that ward members should be updated on the outcome of consultations on planning issues to keep them informed of public opinion.

On the motion of Mr Bray, seconded by Mr Crooks it was

RESOLVED –

- (i) approve of the Consultation Report for the Site Allocations and Generic Development Control Policies Development Plan Document which includes the suggested responses to the individual comments made on representations received.
- (ii) that the report be published on the Council's website and utilised during the drafting of the Pre-submission version of the DPD

190 OPEN SPACE, SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES STUDY (EXEC19)

Approval was sought for the results of the study prior to incorporation into the Site Allocations and Generic Development Control Policies. Officers would be liaising with Parish Councils on relevant aspects of the study.

On the motion of Mr Bray, seconded by Mr Cope it was

RESOLVED –approve the study, so that it can be utilised as an evidence base when preparing the Local Plan such as the Site Allocations and Generic Development Control Policies DPD, the Green Space Delivery Plan and requests for S.106 contributions on development proposals, where applicable.

191 BARWELL SHOP FRONT IMPROVEMENTS (EXEC20)

Executive approval was sought for funding to enhance shop frontages in Barwell. Officers are working with local businesses to improve the appearance of the street scene.

On the motion of Mr Bray, seconded by Mr Bill it was

RESOLVED – the setting up of a Borough Council budget to the sum of £30,085 to cover the costs while building work to 20-30 High Street, Barwell is progressing.

192 COUNCIL OFFICE SITE, OFF LAND NORTH OF MOUNT ROAD (EXEC21)

Consideration was given to the above report, along with amendments to the recommendations and to paragraphs 6.2 and 6.3, which were circulated at the meeting.

On the motion of Mr Bray, seconded by Mr Cope it was

RESOLVED –

- (i) Executive acknowledges the suggestions and resolutions made by Scrutiny Commission on 8 September and
 - (a) confirms the actions taken in response to the suggestions as detailed in the report;
 - (b) rejects the resolutions with exception of (iii);
 - (c) restates the position confirmed by the Council on 30 August 2011 that it will 'seek to expand' the park area once the offices are demolished;
 - (d) recognises that full cost implications will be part of any final recommendation on site regeneration;
 - (e) the structure of the public consultation will be determined by the Executive at the appropriate point in the process;
 - (f) recognises that, for the wider capital programme, there will need to be a balance between sympathetic development/town centre regeneration and the capital receipt;
- (ii) approves the amended development approach and developer procurement strategy;
- (iii) authorises the completion of a marketing development brief to be based upon the key criteria detailed in Sections 5 and 6. That delegated powers therefore be provided to the Deputy Chief Executive (Community Direction) in conjunction with the Executive Lead for Regeneration, to approve the completion of the final version of this document.

- (iv) endorses the project programme, as set out in Section 7.1 and Appendix 3 to the report;
- (v) agrees that the Executive Lead for Regeneration join the proposed new Tender Evaluation Board charged with managing the developer procurement process;
- (vi) reconfirms the decision taken by Council on 30 August that parts of Argents Mead are to be designated as a Queen Elizabeth II Park;
- (vii) amends 6.2 and 6.3 to read

'Developers are to be encouraged to submit high quality schemes for the site. They are encouraged to submit bids based on a retirement village with the potential for up to 200 retirement units. However, residential schemes will be considered that are:-

- (i) integrated as part of a retirement village concept; and/or
- (ii) exceptional in terms of quality and layout and the contribution they make to the parkland setting of Argents Mead and the surrounding area'

Ms Witherford entered the meeting at 7.00pm

193 BUDGET STRATEGY 2012/12 (EXEC22)

Approval was sought for the budget strategy. Mr Lynch outlined the shortfall the Council had to work with and complimented the efficiencies made by officers to counteract this.

On the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Cope it was

RESOLVED – Executive agree the budget strategy for 2012/13.

194 BROADBAND (EXEC23)

Members were updated on Broadband provision in Leicestershire, in particular Hinckley and Bosworth. Mr Crooks highlighted the disadvantages to rural areas where no/very low coverage was received. It was suggested a letter from all Hinckley and Bosworth County Councillors be submitted to the County Council, confirming the importance of a fair share for rural areas.

On the motion of Mr Bray, seconded by Mr Mullaney it was

RESOLVED –

- (i) Executive note the current complex situation with regards to improving internet connectivity across the County;
- (ii) prepare a letter to be presented to Leicestershire County Council's Access to Services Working Party at its meeting on the 25 October and, in particular, making the following points:
 - in recognition of the fact that the government's funding allocation for broadband connectivity, to those areas that will not receive market-led connectivity in Leicestershire, was much less than anticipated, the Council would like to support the Broadband Leicestershire Steering Group in any challenge to government;

- overall the Council supports the priority to secure the additional £3.1million funding required to enable acceptable broadband levels across Leicestershire, but asks the Broadband Leicestershire Steering Group in what proportion it sees the need for it to come from the public and private sectors;
- more information on broadband community-led projects especially in the Hinckley & Bosworth area be provided to the Borough Council;
- bearing in mind that competition is likely to be considerable, how will communities be supported to secure funding through the new Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Community Broadband Fund?; and
- state that the Council will be happy to hold discussions with the County Council on the potential opportunities that improved broadband provision could have on public service delivery.

195 MATTERS FROM WHICH THE PUBLIC MAY BE EXCLUDED

On the motion of Mr Bray, seconded by Mr Cope, 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.

196 COUNCIL OFFICES SITE, OFF LAND NORTH OF MOUNT ROAD (EXEC24)

A supporting report for Report EXEC 21, with the draft Development Brief for enhancement of the site on which the council offices currently stand, was considered, along with the financial implications of the various options. Cllr Bray asked for confirmation that the draft Development Brief would be amended to incorporate the agreed resolutions and amended paragraph to 6.2 and 6.3 in EXEC 21. Officers gave the required assurance.

On the motion of Mr Bray, seconded by Mr Cope it was

RESOLVED – the recommendations in the report be agreed.

(the meeting closed at 7.18 pm)