

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE

13 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr MC Bools – Vice-Chair in the chair

Cllr MB Cartwright, Cllr WJ Crooks, Cllr L Hodgkins and Cllr MT Mullaney

Officers in attendance: Caroline Roffey and Rebecca Valentine-Wilkinson

118. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Bray and Councillor Lynch.

119. **Minutes**

It was moved by Councillor MT Mullaney, seconded by Councillor Crooks and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2023 be confirmed and signed by the chairman.

120. **Declarations of interest**

No interests were declared at this stage.

121. **Carbon emissions reduction from light fleet (HVO)**

Members received a report advising of the opportunity to expand hydrogenated vegetable oil (HVO) use across the light fleet and adoption of this fuel as a cost-effective way to reduce the councils carbon emissions.

Current excise rules classify HVO the same as fossil road diesel with 20% fuel duty, despite the fact that it had lower carbon emissions. Members requested that a letter be sent to government raising their concerns requesting a review of the fuel duty level on HVO.

Members welcomed the change for the fleet from diesel to a responsibly sourced bio diesel and the 90% reduction in emissions this achieved.

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

RESOLVED –

- (i) Members endorsed and agreed the use of HVO in the light fleet (vans and cars) to reduce carbon emissions;
- (ii) Approved the supplementary budget set out in 5.1 of the report for the current financial year and future years; and

- (iii) Requested that the chief executive wrote to government ministers requesting a review of the fuel duty level on HVO to incentivise its use given the important role that this fuel had in reducing vehicle emissions in the short term, particularly from HGV's where battery and hydrogen technology was still developing.

(The Meeting closed at 6.40 pm)

CHAIR