



Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Forward timetable of consultation and decision making

Executive

17 July 2024

Wards affected:

All wards

Productivity Plan Summary

Report of Chief Executive and Head of Finance (Section 151 Officer)

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To obtain member approval of HBBC's Productivity Plan which is a requirement from Government for all local authorities for submission to the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) and for publication.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Productivity Plan attached as an appendix to this report is approved for submission to DLUHC and for publication and delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive to update the Plan if needed in consultation with the Leader.

3. Background to the report

- 3.1 As part of this process the Conservative Government noted it will establish a new productivity review panel, made up of sector experts including the Office for Local Government and the Local Government Association to respond to the plans submitted. It is not clear what will happen following the General Election and any change of Government.
- 3.2 The Plans should be relatively short and be based on work already done, and where possible identifying ways to unlock productivity improvements. The Government expects the Productivity Plans to cover four main areas, which are covered in the table below.

Government area to consider and respond to	Covered by our Productivity plan in sections 1-4
How the council has transformed the way it designs and delivers services to make better use of resources.	1. Transforming Our Services Within the Context of Shrinking Resources
How the council plans to take advantage of technology and make better use of data to improve decision-making, service design and use of resources.	2. Digitizing our Services to Customers and Being Data Driven
The council's plans to reduce wasteful spend within its organisation and systems.	3. Focusing Our Resources on What Matters to Our Residents & Businesses.
The barriers preventing progress that the Government can help to reduce or remove.	4. Key Asks of Government to Remove Barriers & Exploit Opportunities for Growth

3.3 The attached productivity plan is based on our Corporate Plan priorities and our Medium Term Financial Strategy. These clearly demonstrate our commitment to being as efficient and effective as possible within the constraints placed upon HBBC.

3.4 The plan will be submitted to DLUHC and be uploaded to our website to meet with the conditions imposed upon us by DLUHC. We have been assured that the plans will not be scored and will be used to help identify common themes across the sector.

3.5 The submission also allows us the opportunity to highlight how productivity is often stifled through the approach to funding through single year settlements, expensive and resource intensive competitive bidding and the introduction of new burdens with limited if any funding.

4. Exemptions in accordance with the Access to Information procedure rules

4.1 Report to be taken in open session.

5. Financial implications [AW]

5.1 None

6. Legal implications

6.1 None

7. Corporate Plan implications

None

8. Consultation

8.1 Consultation was not required

9. Risk implications

9.1 It is the council's policy to proactively identify and manage significant risks which may prevent delivery of business objectives.

9.2 There are no significant risks associated with this report.

10. Knowing your community – equality and rural implications

10.1 Government funding in response to these plans will directly affect Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council's ability to deliver a full range of services in the longer term.

11. Climate implications

11.1 None directly from this report

12. Corporate implications

12.1 By submitting this report, the report author has taken the following into account:

- Community safety implications
- Environmental implications
- ICT implications
- Asset management implications
- Procurement implications
- Human resources implications
- Planning implications
- Data protection implications
- Voluntary sector

Background papers: HRA Investment 30 year Business Plan

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