

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE

17 JULY 2024 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr SL Bray - Chair

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

Also in attendance:

Officers in attendance: Bill Cullen, Rebecca Valentine-Wilkinson and Ashley Wilson

54. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Bools.

55. **Minutes**

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

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 22 May be approved as a correct record.

56. **Declarations of interest**

There were no interests declared at this meeting.

57. **Productivity Plan**

Members received a report to obtain approval of the Council's Productivity Plan which was a requirement from the previous Government for all local authorities to submit to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC), now the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) in addition to publicising on the council's website.

During the course of debate the following was noted; the significant reduction (60%) in core government funding support since 2016 taking into account inflation; the fact that the council were one of the lowest funded by government of all district councils nationally.

In a response to a question from members, it was agreed that the impact of government funding reductions and without a positive multi-year financial settlement, this would directly affect the council's ability to deliver a full range of services in the longer term and members asked the Chief Executive and Leader to make representation to Government via the District Council Network (DCN) about the need for improved local government funding.

It was proposed by Councillor Lynch seconded by Councillor Cartwright and

RESOLVED –

- (i) Members approved the Productivity Plan for submission to MHCLG; and
- (ii) Delegated authority was granted to the Chief Executive to update the plan if needed in consultation with the Leader.

58. Matter from which the public may be excluded

On the motion of Councillor Bray seconded by Councillor Lynch, 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 9 and 10 of Part I of Schedule 12A of that Act.

59. Westfield Community Centre

Members received a report for a request for further support for Westfield Community Centre.

It was moved by Councillor Bray, seconded by Councillor Lynch and

RESOLVED – that members approved a further loan to WCC of £50,000 to support them during the transition period to the closure of their business.

(The Meeting closed at 7.00 pm)

CHAIR