

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

30 September 2025 AT 6.30 pm

PRESENT: CLLR REH FLEMMING - MAYOR
 CLLR C GIBBENS – DEPUTY MAYOR

Cllr RG Allen, Cllr MC Bools, Cllr CW Boothby, Cllr SL Bray,
Cllr MB Cartwright, Cllr DS Cope, Cllr SM Gibbens,
Cllr DT Glenville, Cllr CE Green, Cllr C Harris, Cllr L Hodgkins,
Cllr E Hollick, Cllr KWP Lynch, Cllr J Moore, Cllr LJ Mullaney,
Cllr MT Mullaney, Cllr LJP O'Shea, Cllr A Pendlebury,
Cllr M Simmons, Cllr H Smith, Cllr P Stead-Davis,
Cllr MJ Surtees, Cllr BE Sutton, Cllr BR Walker, Cllr R Webber-
Jones and Cllr P Williams

Officers in attendance: Chris Brown, Bill Cullen, Julie Kenny, Rebecca Owen,
Madeline Shellard, Sharon Stacey and Ashley Wilson

180. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors C Allen, Cook, J Crooks, W Crooks, Lambert and Weightman.

181. **Minutes of the previous meetings**

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

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meetings held on 3 and 8 July be
approved as a correct record.

182. **Declarations of interest**

No interests were declared.

183. **Mayor's Communications**

The Mayor provided an update on events attended.

184. **Leader of the Council's Position Statement**

In presenting his position statement, the Leader referred to:

- Community cohesion and misinformation including false claims that local hotels were housing asylum seekers and that the council had targets for housing asylum seekers
- Richard III Sculpture Trail
- Summer and autumn events
- Reports considered at the recent meeting of the Executive including:
 - Achievements of the Warm Welcome project
 - The Heritage Strategy 2025-29
 - The Council house service rent policy

- Increased participation at Hinckley Leisure Centre
- The Making a Difference awards
- Local government reorganisation.

185. Summary of achievements to the Corporate Plan 2024-2025

Council was presented with key corporate achievements against the Corporate Plan 2024 – 2025. The successful corporate peer challenge which took place during this period was also highlighted. Members welcomed the report and extended thanks to officers. It was moved by Councillor Bray, seconded by Councillor Bools and

RESOLVED – the progress and achievements against the Corporate Plan be noted.

186. Financial Outturn 2024/25

Consideration was given to the financial outturn for 2024/25. It was moved by Councillor Lynch, seconded by Councillor Bray and

RESOLVED –

- (i) The general fund outturn for 2024/25 be approved;
- (ii) Transfers to earmarked reserves and balances be approved;
- (iii) The general fund revenue carry forwards into 2024/25 be approved;
- (iv) The housing revenue account and housing repairs account outturn for 2024/25 and transfers to and from balances be approved;
- (v) The capital programme outturn for the general fund and housing revenue account from 2024/25 be approved;
- (vi) The housing revenue account carry forwards be approved;
- (vii) The capital carry forwards be approved;
- (viii) The following additional budget approvals which have no impact on council budgets be approved:
 - a. Food waste
 - b. UK Shared Prosperity Fund
 - c. ICT Partnership
 - d. UK Rural Prosperity (capital)
 - e. HRA capital programme.
- (ix) The income and expenditure budgets totalling £75,000 for 2025/26 in respect of the local land charges migration be approved.

187. Local Plan 2024 to 2045 - Regulation 18 draft Local Plan

Members received the Regulation 18 draft Local Plan which had been prepared for consultation. During discussion, the following concerns were raised by individual members about the content of the draft document:

- The infrastructure improvements required to cope with the additional housing for which the government would not provide funding
- Potential loss of farmland
- The impact on the A444 corridor and on the Hollycroft and Wykin areas of Hinckley
- The lack of transport links in some of the areas of planned housing growth.

Whilst acknowledging concerns in relation to the content of the plan, members were supportive of consulting on the document. It was moved by Councillor Bray, seconded by Councillor Bools and

RESOLVED –

- (i) The period of formal public consultation on the Regulation 18 draft Local Plan from 12pm on Friday, 17 October to 5pm on Friday, 28 November 2025 be agreed;
- (ii) Authority be delegated to the Head of Planning in consultation with the relevant Executive member to make minor drafting / presentational changes to the consultation documents.

(The Meeting closed at 7.48 pm)

MAYOR