

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE

24 SEPTEMBER 2025 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

Officers in attendance: Ashleigh Brightmore, Bill Cullen, Paul Grundy, Madeline Shellard, Sharon Stacey, Rebecca Valentine-Wilkinson, Julie Kenny and Angela Egan

170. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor Bools.

171. **Minutes**

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

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 18 June be approved as a correct record.

172. **Declarations of interest**

No interests were declared at this stage.

173. **Warm Welcome Report 2024-25**

Members were presented with a report which detailed work undertaken in response to the cost-of-living crisis through the Warm Welcome project and the key achievements undertaken during the winter season 2024/25.

Members congratulated officers and thanked them for their work on this initiative, that had culminated in work undertaken right across the Borough.

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

RESOLVED –

- (i) That members acknowledged and endorsed the contents of the report.
- (ii) That members acknowledged the extensive work undertaken to co-ordinate the work across the Borough in relation to Warm Welcomes.
- (iii) That members noted the recent submission to the Association of Safety and Compliance Professionals, Safety & Compliance Awards, which culminated in the Warm Welcome work being highly commended in the category 'Best Initiative to Combat Fuel Poverty Crisis.'

174. Heritage Strategy update

Members received a report which presented the proposed Heritage Strategy 2025-2029 and accompanying background and action plan document.

Members thanked officers for their work on this strategy.

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

RESOLVED – that the Heritage Strategy and accompanying background and action plan guide conservation and heritage activities in the Borough over the next five years is endorsed.

175. Council Housing Service Rent Policy

Members were presented with the revised draft Council Housing Rent Collection policy.

They key policy areas included:-

- Rent Setting
- Service Charge
- Rent Collections and Arrears Management
- Former Tenant Arrears Recovery
- Monitoring and Reporting
- Tenant Engagement.

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

RESOLVED –

- (i) That Executive noted the report and accompanying policy.
- (ii) That Executive endorsed a period of tenant consultation.
- (iii) That Executive supported the delegation of authority to the interim Director of Community Services and the Executive Member for Housing & Community Safety to make any amendments to the policy arising from the consultation and to agree an implementation date, following tenant consultation.

176. Homelessness Prevention policy

Members were presented with the Homeless Prevention Policy Implementation report. The aim of the policy was to set out clear prevention tactics available to the service to prevent people becoming homeless and assist in getting cases moved on from temporary accommodation.

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

RESOLVED – that the Homelessness Prevention policy be approved.

177. Afghan Resettlement Scheme

Members were presented with the Afghan Resettlement Scheme report that detailed the government request to assist in providing accommodation for Afghan Resettlement. It was proposed the council supported through identification of 12 bed spaces for Afghan resettlement within the private rented sector.

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

RESOLVED – that members supported the identification of 12 bed spaces within the private rental sector for Afghan Resettlement.

178. Matter from which the public may be excluded

On the motion of Councillor Bray seconded by Councillor Crooks, 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.

179. Urgent Procurement Exemption Request for Works to new Depot (Unit E)

Members were presented with an exemption request for work to the new Depot (Unit E).

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

RESOLVED – the urgent procurement exemption request for works to the new depot (unit E) be approved.

(The Meeting closed at 6.59 pm)

CHAIR