

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

9 December 2025 AT 6.30 pm

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

Cllr RG Allen, Cllr MC Bools, Cllr SL Bray, Cllr MB Cartwright,
Cllr MA Cook, Cllr MJ Crooks, Cllr WJ Crooks, Cllr SM Gibbens,
Cllr DT Glenville, Cllr CE Green, Cllr C Harris, Cllr L Hodgkins,
Cllr C Lambert, Cllr KWP Lynch, Cllr J Moore, Cllr LJ Mullaney,
Cllr MT Mullaney, Cllr LJP O'Shea, Cllr A Pendlebury,
Cllr BE Sutton, Cllr BR Walker, Cllr R Webber-Jones,
Cllr A Weightman and Cllr P Williams

Officers in attendance: Mark Brymer, Bill Cullen, Simon D Jones, Julie Kenny, Rebecca Owen, Madeline Shellard, Sharon Stacey and Ashley Wilson

278. Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors C Allen, Boothby, Cope, Hollick, Simmons, Smith, Stead-Davis and Surtees.

279. Minutes of the previous meeting

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

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2025 be confirmed as a correct record.

280. Declarations of interest

Councillor Allen declared a pecuniary interest in the report on council tax local discounts and premiums.

281. Mayor's Communications

The Mayor provided an update on events he and the Deputy Mayor had attended.

282. Leader of the Council's Position Statement

In his position statement, the Leader referred to the refreshed council values, Christmas events, food waste funding, business rate relief, the business networking event, a meeting with the social housing regulator, local government reorganisation and the council's success at the recent Go Leicestershire Tourism and Hospitality awards where not only was the council highly commended for the Mallory Mile and Snap Dragon events, but it won an award for outstanding contribution to tourism in recognition of the Bosworth 1485 project. Martin Peters, CEO of Leicestershire Promotions, spoke about the project and members echoed the positive comments and congratulated council officers, in particular Simon Jones, Assistant Director, for his vision, determination and tenacity.

283. Minutes of the Scrutiny Commission

The chair of the Scrutiny Commission presented the minutes of the meeting held on 6 November.

284. Statement of Licensing Policy

The statement of licensing policy was presented to Council. Members asked questions in relation to the saturation area and risk of discouraging a strong night time economy and the late night levy. It was moved by Councillor Cartwright, seconded by Councillor Glenville and unanimously

RESOLVED – the licensing policy be adopted by the Council.

285. Council Values Review

Consideration was given to the refreshed corporate values reflecting feedback from the corporate peer challenge about the organisation and its positive culture. The high response rate to the staff survey was noted and members welcomed the values. It was moved by Councillor Bray, seconded by Councillor Bools and unanimously

RESOLVED – the values be endorsed.

Councillor Allen left the meeting at this juncture.

286. Council Tax - Local Discounts & Premiums

Proposed changes to council tax premium charges on empty, unoccupied and unfurnished homes, those undergoing major repairs and second homes, were presented. It was moved by Councillor Lynch, seconded by Councillor Bray and

RESOLVED – the following increased premium charges be approved:

- (i) No discount for empty, unoccupied and unfurnished properties;
- (ii) No discount for homes undergoing major repairs;
- (iii) 100% premium applied from day one on second homes.

Councillor Allen returned to the meeting.

287. Community governance review

Consideration was given to the draft recommendations following the first consultation period of the community governance review which would then be subject to a further period of consultation. On the request of members, it was noted that the Scrutiny Commission would be consulted on the final recommendations following the second consultation. Members were generally in agreement that, should local government reorganisation take place, residents of

Hinckley would need a more local form of governance which would likely be by way of a town council. It was moved by Councillor Bray, seconded by Councillor Bools and unanimously

RESOLVED –

- (i) The following recommendations be published for consultation for a period of eight weeks from 2 January to 27 February 2026:
 - a. A parish for the unparished area of Hinckley be created;
 - b. A parish council be created with the styling of “Hinckley Town Council”;
 - c. The ordinary year of elections for Hinckley Town Council be set as 2027;
 - d. The council size for Hinckley be set at 20 councillors;
 - e. The parish be divided into four wards;
 - f. The name of each ward and number of councillors elected for each ward be set at:

Castle	4 councillors
Clarendon	6 councillors
De Montfort	6 councillors
Trinity	4 councillors.
- (ii) The amended timeline be approved as an amendment to the terms of reference;
- (iii) The working group and its membership be retained until the end of the review.

288. Matters from which the public may be excluded

On the motion of Councillor Bray seconded by Councillor Bools, 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 3 and 10 of Part I of Schedule 12A of that Act.

289. Crematorium site

Members considered the future of the crematorium site on which planning permission had been granted. It was moved by Councillor Lynch and seconded by Councillor Bray that the recommendations within the report be approved.

Councillor Bray and eight further members stood to request voting on the motion be recorded. The vote was taken as follows:

Councillors R Allen, Bools, Bray, Cartwright, Cook, J Crooks, W Crooks, Flemming, C Gibbens, S Gibbens, Glenville, Green, Harris, Hodgkins, Lambert, Lynch, Moore, L Mullaney, M Mullaney, O'Shea, Pendlebury, Sutton, Walker, Webber-Jones, Weightman and Williams voted FOR the motion (26);

There were no votes against the motion and no abstentions.

The motion was therefore declared CARRIED and it was

RESOLVED – the recommendations within the report be approved.

(The Meeting closed at 7.48 pm)

MAYOR