

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

FINANCE, AUDIT & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

26 OCTOBER 2015 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Mrs R Camamile - Chairman  
Mr P Wallace – Vice-Chairman

Mr DS Cope, Mr DC Bill MBE (for Mr KWP Lynch), Mr LJP O'Shea and Miss DM Taylor

Also in attendance: Councillor M Hall, Councillor MJ Surtees, Alison Breadon and Chris Dickens

Officers in attendance: Steve Atkinson, Ilyas Bham, Sanjiv Kohli, Rebecca Owen, Rob Parkinson, Caroline Roffey and Ashley Wilson

224 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Lynch and Williams, with the substitution of Councillor Bill for Councillor Lynch authorised in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.

225 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Wallace, seconded by Councillor O'Shea and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2015 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

226 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

227 INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT

The committee gave consideration to the Internal Audit Progress report. Concern was expressed regarding those actions that were long overdue. In response members were reassured that this was due to them not having been updated, and most of them had now been rectified as officers could now access the system to update. It was noted that those outstanding would be updated in each progress report.

228 EXTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2014/2015

Members received the Annual Audit Letter which summarised the results of the 2014/15 audit work and marked the last piece of work of PricewaterhouseCoopers as the council's external auditor. It was noted that, since the last meeting of the committee, the Executive had given direction and a consultation had been published in order to inform decisions on budget setting.

229 SERVICE REVIEW UPDATE - STREET SCENE SERVICES AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Members received a report on the performance of Street Scene Services. Clarification was requested on some of the performance indicators that appeared to be below target, but it was explained that they were cumulative and due to meet target by the year end.

230 BUDGET STRATEGY 16-17

The committee reviewed the budget strategy 2016-17 prior to approval by the Executive. It was

RESOLVED – the budget strategy 2016/17 be endorsed for approval by the Executive.

231 WORK PROGRAMME

Members received the work programme for 2015-16.

232 MATTERS FROM WHICH THE PUBLIC MAY BE EXCLUDED

On the motion of Councillor Bill seconded by Councillor Taylor, 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.

233 FRAUD AND CORRUPTION UPDATE

A report was presented which provided an update on cases of fraud investigated.

(The Meeting closed at 7.08 pm)

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CHAIRMAN