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COUNCIL

6 SEPTEMBER 2016

WARDS AFFECTED: HINCKLEY CASTLE

PETITION: “SAVE HINCKLEY COTTAGE HOSPITAL”

Report of the Chief Executive

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek a recommendation from Council in relation to a petition received under the Council’s petitions scheme.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The petition be forwarded to the relevant body.

3. BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT

- 3.1 On 8 August a petition was delivered to the Council with the following title:

“Save Hinckley Cottage Hospital, Leics, from being closed down and the land sold!

Hinckley Hospital is a small and much used healthcare facility in the heart of the town of Hinckley. It provides day care surgery and other day procedures to the local community who cannot travel out of town. It provides extensive consultant outpatient care and all professions allied to medicine. Hinckley Hospital was built in 1899 to commemorate Queen Victoria’s Diamond jubilee. It’s a fine example of late Victorian architecture and solidly built. Since its inception it has been extended, always using local builders to continue to be the hub of Hinckley healthcare for its residents. Given its significance & history it is very surprising that Hinckley Hospital is not a listed building.

Hinckley residents will inevitably be denied care if they are forced to travel for health care.”

- 3.2 The petition was accepted for consideration under the petitions scheme, which states: “If your petition is about something over which the council has no direct control (for example the local railway or hospital) we will consider making representations on behalf of the community to the relevant body”.

3.3 The number of signatures (over 5,000 on the paper petition) would be sufficient to trigger a Council debate, and whilst the matter is not something over which the Council has control, it is recommended that, due to the public interest in the matter, the Council considers the petition.

3.4 It is recommended that Council agrees to forward the petition to the responsible body, with any representations that members wish to make on the matter.

4. EXEMPTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ACCESS TO INFORMATION PROCEDURE RULES

4.1 This report is to be taken in public session.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (IB)

5.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (AR)

6.1 None.

7. CORPORATE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

7.1 This report supports the aim of empowering communities by considering matters which affect residents.

8. CONSULTATION

8.1 Consultation has not taken place upon this report. The future of healthcare services in Hinckley is subject to ongoing consultation by the relevant body.

9. RISK IMPLICATIONS

9.1 It is the Council's policy to proactively identify and manage significant risks which may prevent delivery of business objectives.

9.2 It is not possible to eliminate or manage all risks all of the time and risks will remain which have not been identified. However, it is the officer's opinion based on the information available, that the significant risks associated with this decision / project have been identified, assessed and that controls are in place to manage them effectively.

9.3 The following significant risks associated with this report / decisions were identified from this assessment:

Management of significant (Net Red) Risks		
Risk Description	Mitigating actions	Owner
None		

10. KNOWING YOUR COMMUNITY – EQUALITY AND RURAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 The recommendations within this report do not impact on any specific community, group or parish. The wider implications of the subject of the petition would have an

impact on residents, but this is subject to separate consideration by the responsible body.

11. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

11.1 By submitting this report, the report author has taken the following into account:

- Community Safety implications
- Environmental implications
- ICT implications
- Asset Management implications
- Procurement implications
- Human Resources implications
- Planning implications
- Data Protection implications
- Voluntary Sector

Background papers: Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council's petitions scheme

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