HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

SCRUTINY COMMISSION

11 AUGUST 2016 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Mr MR Lay - Chairman
              Mrs R Camamile – Vice-Chairman

Mr DC Bill MBE,   Mr SL Bray,   Mr WJ Crooks,   Mrs J Richards,   Mr BE Sutton, Mr P Wallace, Mr R Ward, Mr HG Williams and Ms BM Witherford (for Mr KWP Lynch)

Also in attendance: Councillor J Kirby, Councillor C Ladkin, Councillor M Nickerson and Councillor SL Rooney

Officers in attendance: Steve Atkinson, Bill Cullen, Edwina Grant, Simon D Jones, Julie Kenny, Rebecca Owen and Nic Thomas

106   APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Lynch with the substitution of Councillor Witherford authorised in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.

108   DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

115   EXTENDING FUNDING AND RELATED SUPPORT TO PARISHES

A report which recommended revisions to the Parish and Community Initiative Fund (PCIF) and creation of a new Developing Communities Fund was presented to members. The report and proposals were welcomed.

In relation to the PCIF, concern was expressed about inviting schools to bid for funding and it was emphasised that the decision to consider them only if funding remained after all other bids had been considered must be enforced, or that they should only be invited to bid if there was funding after the first tranche of bids had been considered. Following discussion, it was agreed that the latter would be proposed as a recommendation.

Members also asked whether the PCIF would be available for projects in Hinckley, and in response it was noted that it would, and that match funding would need to be provided from the special expenses area budget.

RESOLVED –

(i)   The report be welcomed and proposals be endorsed;

(ii)   Council be RECOMMENDED to agree to only invite schools to submit a bid to the PCIF if there was funding remaining after all bids had been considered.

(The Meeting closed at 9.05 pm)