HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT MEETING OF FINANCE & PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY AND THE SCRUTINY COMMISSION

30 JANUARY 2017 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Mr KWP Lynch - Chairman

Mr MR Lay - Vice-Chairman

Mr DC Bill MBE, Mr SL Bray, Mrs R Camamile, Mr DS Cope, Mrs J Kirby, Mr BE Sutton, Miss DM Taylor, Mr P Wallace, Mr R Ward and Mr HG Williams

Members in attendance: Councillors Mr SL Rooney

Officers in attendance: Malcolm Evans, Simon D Jones, Julie Kenny, Rebecca Owen, Rob Parkinson and Ashley Wilson

336 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

338 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Members gave consideration to the general fund budget for 2017/18. It was reported that almost £200k savings above those predicted in February 2016 had been achieved, the enforcement, appeals and planning capacity reserves had been merged, and that contributions to the Developing Communities Fund and business rates reserve had been incorporated.

In response to questions about Block C at the Crescent, it was noted that there were two units still to let, but that a joint agent had been appointed who was confident that they could attract interest. It was requested that members be provided with a total loss figure, including not only rental income but also business rates.

In relation to planning enforcement and appeals, it was noted that the reserve was recommended to be £90-100k less than the previous year, but members were reassured that this would be sufficient.

Councillor Rooney left the meeting at 7.21pm.

RESOLVED – the report be noted.