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Hinckley & Bosworth
Borough Council

Bill Cullen MBA (ISM), BA(Hons) MRTPI
Chief Executive

Date: 18 April 2023

To: All Members of Council

Dear Councillor,

Please see overleaf a supplementary agenda for the meeting of the **COUNCIL** on **TUESDAY, 18 APRIL 2023 at 6.30 pm.**

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Owen'.

Rebecca Owen
Democratic Services Manager

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SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

8. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL'S POSITION STATEMENT

Madam Mayor, members, officers and those members of the public who have joined this meeting, welcome to this last meeting of Council prior to the local elections in May. I have deliberately kept this brief on that basis. Below are a few brief highlights.

Firstly, I would like to echo the Mayor's comments and provide my heartfelt thanks to our longstanding members who will be standing down from May following long and distinguished service to the communities of the borough.

Events update

This year's pancake race was hugely popular with overwhelming attendance levels. Hinckley town centre saw its footfall increase by 25% from the previous year's race.

This year's St George's Day and Scout Parade are taking place on Saturday, 22 April which will hopefully be another exceptionally well supported event.

A Music in the Mead Coronation Special takes place on Sunday, 7 May between 1pm and 3pm with the Jones Jazz Orchestra.

Then into June, we have the annual Proms in the Park event. This year our hosts are the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire Wind Orchestra. We look forward to welcoming them to our borough. Hollycroft Park gates open at 5pm on Saturday, 10 June.

To mark the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III, the borough council in partnership with the Rural Communities Council launched a new fund to help community groups to celebrate and commemorate this historic occasion. Over £14,000 worth of grants of up to £500 have been awarded to a wide range of community groups across our borough. 32 VCS groups will be delivering projects and events. Funding will support new flagpoles, the purchase of Union flags, commemorative benches, new orchards and wildflower gardens. This includes 22 celebration events across the borough including village fund days and garden parties.

Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange proposal

As members will be aware, following the council's and other partner responses to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) on 3 February, the application was withdrawn. Our chief concerns were the inadequacy of the time given to respond, shortcomings in the information provided, including incomplete baseline technical data, and the fact that the consultation fell far short of the government's own guidance and case law on such matters.

I can now confirm the application was resubmitted in March. On the face of it no significant changes have been submitted in either the technical outputs or the consultation report.

We have therefore notified PINS that the Council retains its position over the inadequacy of the consultation and technical detail provided on which to base any meaningful response.

I remain deeply concerned over the huge environmental impacts of the proposal on Burbage Common and impact on the local area arising from the huge increase in freight train movements and associated 50,000 daily HGV movements in the local area.

Thank you

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to the senior management team and officers from across the council who do an incredible job in supporting our communities (which was exemplified during Covid), and of course to all member colleagues for the work they do.

11. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Further to the political balance set out in the agenda, it is recommended that:

- (i) Councillor Roberts remains on the Planning Committee but as an independent member in order to achieve the required balance
- (ii) Councillor Roberts be appointed to the Audit Committee. The Chief Executive in consultation with the group leader be granted delegated authority to approve membership from the conservative group in order to achieve the required political balance should a meeting of the Audit Committee be required in advance of the election of the new Council.

12. MATTERS FROM WHICH THE PUBLIC MAY BE EXCLUDED

To consider the passing of a resolution under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 excluding the public from the undermentioned item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 10 of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Act.

13. LEASE NEGOTIATIONS (Pages 1 - 2)

Summary of amendments to report attached.

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By virtue of paragraph(s) 3, 10 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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