

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

FINANCE & PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY

4 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr MJ Surtees - Chair
Cllr P Williams – Vice-Chair
Cllr DT Glenville, Cllr LJ Mullaney, Cllr P Stead-Davis, Cllr BE Sutton and
Cllr A Weightman

Officers in attendance: Simon D Jones, Karen Mason, Rebecca Owen and
Ashley Wilson

106. **Apologies and substitutions**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Cope.

107. **Minutes of previous meeting**

It was moved by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Weightman and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 3 July be
approved as a correct record.

108. **Declarations of interest**

No interests were declared.

109. **Hinckley Leisure Centre Annual Performance Review 2022/23**

Representatives of Hinckley Leisure Centre presented the annual performance
review. During the presentation and discussion, the following points were raised:

- Members of the leisure centre came from as far as Market Bosworth and Nuneaton
- Community outreach projects to villages were underway
- There was a dedicated post for GP referrals which were mostly referred to the leisure centre but some to Sport In Desford
- A better offering for schools was being explored
- Inflationary increases had not been passed on to the user and fees had been frozen for 2023.

110. **Treasury Management Quarter 1 2023/24**

Members were informed of the council's treasury management activity in the first
quarter of 2023/24. It was noted that a report on the crematorium project would
be brought to the November meeting of Council.

111. Financial Outturn - June 2023

The finance outturn position for the first quarter of 2023/24 was presented to the meeting. During discussion, the following was noted:

- Planning income had fluctuated due to variation on types of schemes coming forward
- A large portion of the reserve set aside for planning appeals had been spent
- The leisure centre was exploring installation of solar panels.

112. Sundry Debts Quarter 1

Consideration was given to the sundry debts position for the first quarter of 2023/24. Whilst it was noted that estates and homelessness often made up a high proportion of the debt due to their nature, it was also noted that debt from other local authorities was contributing to the fall in collection performance and this was being investigated.

113. Business Rates and Pooling update Quarter 1

Members were updated on business rates and pooling was presented. It was explained that a revaluation was due in the current year which may lead to challenges and refunds being required as rates had been increased for many businesses.

114. Finance & Performance Scrutiny Work Programme

The work programme was noted.

(The Meeting closed at 7.45 pm)

CHAIR