



Council

Thursday, 7 July 2022

Bingham Improvement Board Report

Report of the Chief Executive

**Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Strategic and Borough Wide Leadership,
Councillor S J Robinson**

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. At the Council meeting of 30 September 2021, Council agreed to support the establishment of a Bingham Improvement Board. This was subsequently supported by Bingham Town Council, and the terms of reference were presented to the Council meeting of 2 December 2021. At this point, the Leader committed to bringing the report of the Bingham Improvement Board to a future Council meeting.
- 1.2. The Bingham Improvement Board has undertaken its review, and its report is therefore presented to Council for consideration.
- 1.3. The report was considered by Bingham Town Council at its Council meeting on 24 May 2022 and by Cabinet at its meeting on 14 June 2022.

2. Recommendation

It is RECOMMENDED that

- a) Council considers the report of the Bingham Improvement Board and notes that the Town Council resolved to accept the report at its meeting of 24 May 2022 and that Cabinet endorsed the report at its meeting on 14 June 2022; and
- b) members receive an update on progress against the Action Plan in six months' time.

3. Reasons for recommendation

To ensure transparency of the work undertaken by the Bingham Improvement Board and the Council's response to the petition presented by the Bingham Deserves Better group.

4. Supporting information

- 4.1. The attached report (Appendix One) contains all the relevant details for consideration and includes an Action Plan. At its meeting of 24 May 2022, Bingham Town Council discussed the report and resolved to accept the report and to move forward with implementing the Action Plan, adding the civility and respect poster to the Town Council's website, and supported writing a letter to the MP Robert Jenrick asking him to support Early Day Motion 691, which relates to the conduct of councillors toward town and parish council clerks.
- 4.2. There was a point of clarification noted by the Town Council that HR training had been undertaken after the Standards Committee recommendations were issued and later in the agenda, the Town Council's structure was altered slightly to take on board the comments that the Board had made, and this will be reviewed further by the Town Council in six months' time.
- 4.3. At the RBC Cabinet meeting of 14 June 2022, Cabinet members highlighted the importance of members adhering to the Nolan Principles and remembering that councils are in place to meet community requirements. Members commended the report and thanked the Improvement Board for producing a clear and frank report with a very useful and practical Action Plan.
- 4.4. There was also a request that an update be provided to members in six months' time to show progress against the accepted Action Plan.

5. Alternative options considered and reasons for rejection

There are no alternative options considered for this report.

6. Risks and uncertainties

The work of the Bingham Improvement Board was undertaken in a collaborative and positive manner. It was designed to support Bingham Town Council to avoid the risk of subsequent petitions requesting Community Governance Reviews.

7. Implications

7.1. Financial implications

The budget for the review was set at £10,000 to be jointly funded between Bingham Town Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council.

7.2. Legal implications

There are no legal implications arising from the report.

7.3. Equalities implications

There are no equalities implications arising from the report.

7.4. Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 implications

There are no S17 implications arising from the report.

8. Link to corporate priorities

Quality of Life	N/A
Efficient Services	N/A
Sustainable Growth	N/A
The Environment	N/A

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Background papers available for Inspection:	Reports to Rushcliffe Borough Council, 30 September 2021 and 2 December 2021 Report to Rushcliffe Cabinet, 14 June 2022.
List of appendices:	Appendix One: Report of the Bingham Improvement Board