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FROM THE CHAIR

This year, we are pleased to confirm that we will be holding our Annual General Meeting (AGM) at our head office in Hinckley.

The meeting will take place at 6.00pm on Tuesday 26 March 2024, with entry to our head office available from 5.30pm. Refreshments will be served to those members who join us at our head office.

If you cannot attend in person, the enclosed voting form provides details of how to appoint a proxy or to vote before the date of the meeting.

At the AGM you will hear about the future direction of the Society from myself and the Chief Executive. In addition, you will be able to ask questions of the Board and Executive by emailing your question in advance or by asking them directly at the meeting. If you intend to join us in person, or at our head office, please ensure that you bring your proxy voting form, passbook and another form of identification, to prove eligibility to attend and vote.



If you are unable to attend, there are a number of ways for you to send your questions to us in advance of the meeting. You can:

- Email any questions to agm@hrbs.co.uk;
- Visit your local branch and hand your questions to a member of staff; or
- Write to Colin Franklin, Chair of the Board, Hinckley & Rugby Building Society, Upper Bond Street, Hinckley, Leicestershire LE10 1NZ.

Against the challenging economic environment and new regulations, I am pleased to report that your Society had a strong financial year. Profits increased and exceeded our original plans, so we were able to continue to strengthen our staff base and continue our investment in services for our members.

The Society's financial results and a summary of its achievements during the financial year are outlined in the enclosed Annual Review booklet, containing the Summary Directors' Report and Summary Financial Statement for the year ended 30 November 2023.

Also enclosed is the Notice of Annual General Meeting for the Society's one hundred and fifty-eighth AGM, together with a proxy voting form and pre-paid envelope to enable you to vote prior to the AGM.

You will notice that nine of the Society's directors and non-executive directors are standing for election or re-election at this year's AGM and we see this as best practice governance.

We hope you can attend in person and we are keen to feel the presence and hear the views of as many members as possible at the AGM. You can cast your votes in person at the AGM or by post, online or in branch before the AGM. Please ensure that your vote reaches us in time as the deadline for receiving your votes is midnight on 23 March 2024. To encourage as many of our members as possible to vote, and to support our local community, we will be making a donation to Leicestershire Cares, a charity that supports children and young people to reach their full potential, for every vote received.

So, please take a few moments to complete the proxy form and return it to us by post or to your local branch. Alternatively, you can vote online, which is quick and easy to do and helps us to reduce administration costs.

To learn more about the items to be voted on, please refer to the Notice of Annual General Meeting on page 20 of the Annual Review booklet. As mentioned earlier, we are asking members to vote on the election and re-election of directors and their details are shown on pages 22 to 24.

I would like to finish by thanking you for the support you have given the Society over the last year.

Yours faithfully

Colin Franklin
Chair of the Board

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