

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

**BUSINESS, REGENERATION AND PLANNING
OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL**

17th October 2024

A meeting of the Business, Regeneration and Planning Overview & Scrutiny Panel was held on Thursday, 17th October 2024 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall Nuneaton.

Present

Councillor P. Hickling (Chair)

Councillors: J. Clarke (Vice-Chair), D. Brown, S. Dhillon, B. Saru, C. Smith, R. Smith and T. Cooper (substitute for M. Etienne)

Apologies: Councillors A. Bull and M. Etienne.

PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS

BRP 8 **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Business, Regeneration and Planning Overview and Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 20th June 2024 be approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

BRP 9 **Declarations of Interest**

As Councillor T. Cooper was a substitute Councillor for this meeting, their Declarations of Interest were not detailed in the Schedule attached to the agenda.

RESOLVED that the Declarations of Interest are as set out in the Schedule attached to these minutes, with the addition of the Declarations of Interest for Councillor T. Cooper.

BRP 10 **Questions to Cabinet**

The Portfolio Holder for Business and Regeneration (Councillor N. King) and the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Enforcement (Councillor R. Roze) were in attendance at the meeting.

Councillor J. Clarke asked the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Enforcement:

Whilst this item may come up further in the agenda, I would be interested to know how many actions have been taken in relation to infringements of the PSPO's in relation to car parked vehicles on the highway since July please.

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Enforcement replied:

I will consult with Officers, but I actually think this will be covered later in the PSPO agenda item where more information will be given.

BRP 11 **Public Space Protection Order Update**

A report of the Communities and Community Safety Manager provided the panel with background information and an update in relation to Public Space Protection Orders within the Council, and sought in particular to get views on

the arrangements to finalise and implement the order in relation to a number of water bodies across Nuneaton and Bedworth

**Public Speakers: Mr P. Smith
Mr K. Kondakor**

The Panel discussed and asked questions on the following:

- Work in relation to the new PSPO relating to water safety and open water spaces is ongoing.
- Approximately 40 water bodies are being looked at.
- More work is required, including getting more information, before going to consultation.
- Information and updates will be shared with the Panel when available.
- Concerns about delays to the PSPO which could have health and safety implications.
- How the PSPO can be enforced and policed effectively.
- The need to distinguish between official groups (e.g. Sea Scouts) and other ad hoc use. Do not want to discourage proper and appropriate use where required. Need to have an open dialogue with groups who need/want to use the waterways.
- Need to look at how other Council's enforce, and ensure enforcement is consistent.
- Officers will advise the Panel on the enforcement around car sales on roadsides, including details about fines.

Councillor J. Clarke proposed that this report should go to Cabinet for review before the next OSP meeting in February. This was seconded by Councillor T. Cooper, but the motion was lost.

RESOLVED that the contents of the report be considered and noted.

BRP 12 Integrated Performance Report – First Quarter 2024-25

A report of the Risk Management and Performance Officer provided Panel Members with appropriate performance measures, budget information and risk data for service areas within the scope of the Panel. The report has been adapted to reduce the volume of data (as previously reported under the former scrutiny panel arrangements), whilst still providing the Panel with sufficient information to monitor results to address issues arising.

**Public Speakers: Mr P. Smith
Mr K. Kondakor**

The Panel discussed and asked questions on the following:

- The lack of financial data in scrutiny reports
- Reduction in footfall – a plan to address the issue may be required. It was recognised that this is a National trend.
- Agency staff and associated costs.
- Data gathering operations (recorded 24/7).
- Car park income has reduced – again a National trend and possibly due to home working and a different way of shopping (online).

- Panel Members were asked to review the Integrated Performance Report prior to meetings, and submit questions prior to meetings. For specific queries, Officers can be requested to attend via the Chair.

RESOLVED that the contents of the report be considered and noted.

BRP 14 Feedback from Cabinet on Recommendation from the OSP

The Panel noted the response from Cabinet in relation to their request at the meeting held on 20th June 2024 in relation to financial information being included in future Integrated Performance Reports.

Public Speaker: Mr K. Kondakor

RESOLVED that the Cabinet response be noted.

BRP 15 Forward Plan

The Forward Plan showing the key decisions that will be made in the four months commencing 1st November 2024, was provided to the Panel for information.

Public Speaker: Mr K. Kondakor

RESOLVED that the Forward Plan be noted.

BRP 16 Work Programme 2024-2025

The Panel were presented with the Work Programme for the municipal year 2024-2025.

RESOLVED that the 2024-2025 work programme be noted.

Chair

**Business, Regeneration and Planning OSP –
Schedule of Declarations of Interests – 2024/2025**

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
	General dispensations granted to all members under s.33 of the Localism Act 2011			Granted to all members of the Council in the areas of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Housing matters - Statutory sick pay under Part XI of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 - An allowance, payment given to members - An indemnity given to members - Any ceremonial honour given to members - Setting council tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 - Planning and Licensing matters - Allotments - Local Enterprise Partnership
	D. Brown	Employed by H.M Land Registry	Regional Coordinator, Ragdoll Rescue Charity.	
	A. Bull	Employed by FedEx	The Labour Party (sponsorship) -CWU Trade Union Member Representative of the following Outside Bodies: Age UK (Warwickshire Branch)	
	J. Clarke	-Employed by Marcus Jones - Warwickshire County Councillor	Nuneaton Conservative Association; Deputy Chairman Officer of the Abbey Preceptory Masonic Buildings - Nuneaton	
	S. Dhillon	Employed by UHCW NHS Trust	Member (Rep) at Unison – UHCW Trust Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warwickshire Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee • Camp Hill Urban Village: Pride in Camp Hill Board • Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground • George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust – Public/User Board • West Midlands Combined Authority Wellbeing Board 	
	M. Etienne	Employed by Network Rail	- Member of The Conservative Party and Nuneaton Conservative Association - RMT Member	

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
	P. Hickling	Employed by - King Edward VI Sixth Form College (Teacher) - Pearson Education (Snr Examiner)	The Labour Party (sponsorship) - Member of The Labour Party (CLP and Secretary of Nuneaton West) - Member of National Education Union - Committee Member of Nuneaton Historical Association - Governor of King Edward VI Sixth Form College Representative on the following Outside Bodies: - Friendship Project for Children	
	B. Saru	- Director – Saru Embroidery Ltd - Co-founder and Owner – Fish Tale Ale Beer	- Labour Party (sponsorship) - Chair of the British Gurkha Veterans Association Representative on the following Outside Bodies: - Armed Forces Covenant	
	C. Smith	Software Engineer – Prophet PLC	- Member of Labour Party and Unite - Safeguarding – Manor Park RFC Representative on the following Outside Bodies: - Astley Charity	
	R. Smith		- Conservative Party Member - Chair of Trustees - Volunteer Friends, Bulkington; - Trustee of Bulkington Sports and Social Club.	