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Date: 26th November 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

A meeting of the **CABINET** will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Nuneaton, on **Wednesday, 4th December 2024** at **6.00 p.m.**

Yours faithfully,

Tom Shardlow

Chief Executive

To: Members of Cabinet

Councillor Chris Watkins (Leader)	-	Housing
Councillor Jill Sheppard (Deputy Leader)	-	Environment and Public Services
Councillor Steve Hey	-	Resources and Customer Service
Councillor Tim Jenkins	-	Leisure, Communities and Health
Councillor Nicola King	-	Business and Regeneration
Councillor Robert Roze	-	Planning and Enforcement

Observer

Councillor Kris Wilson	-	Leader of the Main Opposition Group
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AGENDA

PART I

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. EVACUATION PROCEDURE

A fire drill is not expected, so if the alarm sounds, please evacuate the building quickly and calmly. Please use the stairs and do not use the lifts. Once out of the building, please gather outside the Lloyds Bank on the opposite side of the road.

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If you need any assistance in evacuating the building, please make yourself known to a member of staff.

Please also make sure all your mobile phones are turned off or set to silent.

2. APOLOGIES - To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

Declaring interests at meetings

If there is any item of business to be discussed at the meeting in which you have a disclosable pecuniary interest or non-pecuniary interest (Other Interests), you must declare the interest appropriately at the start of the meeting or as soon as you become aware that you have an interest.

Arrangements have been made for interests that are declared regularly by members to be appended to the agenda (**Page 6**). Any interest noted in the Schedule at the back of the agenda papers will be deemed to have been declared and will be minuted as such by the Committee Services Officer. As a general rule, there will, therefore, be no need for those Members to declare those interests as set out in the schedule.

There are, however, TWO EXCEPTIONS to the general rule:

1. When the interest amounts to a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest that is engaged in connection with any item on the agenda and the member feels that the interest is such that they must leave the room. Prior to leaving the room, the member must inform the meeting that they are doing so, to ensure that it is recorded in the minutes.
2. Where a dispensation has been granted to vote and/or speak on an item where there is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, but it is not referred to in the Schedule (where for example, the dispensation was granted by the Monitoring

Officer immediately prior to the meeting). The existence and nature of the dispensation needs to be recorded in the minutes and will, therefore, have to be disclosed at an appropriate time to the meeting.

Note: Following the adoption of the new Code of Conduct, Members are reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of their personal interests at the commencement of the relevant item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary or a Deemed Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, the Member must withdraw from the room.

Where a Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest but has received a dispensation from Audit and Standards Committee, that Member may vote and/or speak on the matter (as the case may be) and must disclose the existence of the dispensation and any restrictions placed on it at the time the interest is declared.

Where a Member has a Deemed Disclosable Interest as defined in the Code of Conduct, the Member may address the meeting as a member of the public as set out in the Code.

Note: Council Procedure Rules require Members with Disclosable Pecuniary Interests to withdraw from the meeting unless a dispensation allows them to remain to vote and/or speak on the business giving rise to the interest.

Where a Member has a Deemed Disclosable Interest, the Council's Code of Conduct permits public speaking on the item, after which the Member is required by Council Procedure Rules to withdraw from the meeting.

4. MINUTES - To confirm the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on the 6th November 2024 (**Page 9**).
5. PUBLIC CONSULTATION – Members of the Public will be given the opportunity to speak on specific agenda items, if notice has been received. Members of the public will be given three minutes to speak on a particular item and this is strictly timed. The Chair will inform all public speakers that: their comments must be limited to addressing issues raised in the agenda item under consideration: and that any departure from the item will not be tolerated. The Chair may interrupt the speaker if they start discussing other matters which are not related to the item, or the speaker uses threatening or inappropriate language towards Councillors or officers and if after a warning issued by the Chair, the speaker persists, they will be asked to stop speaking by the Chair. The Chair will advise the speaker that, having ignored the warning, the speaker's opportunity to speak to the current or other items on the agenda may not be allowed. In this eventuality, the Chair has discretion to exclude the speaker from speaking further on the item under consideration or other items of the agenda.
6. APPROVAL OF INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING STATEMENT (IFS) a report of the Strategic Director for Economy & Place attached (**Page 16**)

7. PROJECT UPDATES – SAINTS / PINGLES LEISURE CENTRE – report of the Strategic Directors – Economy & Place and Public Services attached (**Page 43**)
8. DRAFT GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2025/26 report of the Strategic Director – Corporate Resources attached (**Page 51**)
9. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANELS
None
10. ANY OTHER ITEMS - which in the opinion of the Chair of the meeting should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances (which must be specified)

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council

Building A Better Borough

Nuneaton and Bedworth 2032: working in partnership, restoring pride in our borough

AIM 1: LIVE

We want to make our borough a place where our residents enjoy living and in which others choose to make their home.

Priority 1: Promote residents' health and wellbeing

Priority 2: Enable appropriate housing development

Priority 3: Sponsor a sustainable green approach

Priority 4: Prioritise community safety and empowerment

AIM 2: WORK

Using our prime location within the national road and rail networks and responding to the needs of private companies, we want to make our borough a place in which businesses choose to locate and where our residents enjoy a range of employment options.

Priority 1: Grow a strong and inclusive economy

Priority 2: Champion education and skills

Priority 3: Embrace new and emerging technology

Priority 4: Support local businesses

AIM 3: VISIT

Taking advantage of our open green spaces, our heritage, and our location within the West Midlands, we want our borough to be a vibrant destination for residents and visitors alike. A place where people and families want to spend time relaxing, socialising and taking part in leisure and cultural activities.

Priority 1: Create vibrant and diverse town centres

Priority 2: Stimulate regeneration

Priority 3: Celebrate and promote our heritage

Priority 4: Improve the physical environment

Cabinet - 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
	S. Hey	Director – - Heywire Ltd - Brilliant Bookings Ltd	Member of the Labour Party, National Trust, CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale), Royal Photographic Society. Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Midlands Employers Board (NBBC representative) • Local Government Superannuation Scheme Consultative Board • Grayson Place (NBBC) Limited • West Midlands Employers • Nuneaton and Bedworth Older People’s Forum 	
	T. Jenkins	Managing Partner – Gribblybugs LLP	The Labour Party (sponsorship) - Committee Member of Warwickshire Amphibian & Reptile Team - Member of Warwickshire Wildlife Trust - Member of Equity – Trade Union Members of National Trust and English Heritage Representative on the following Outside Bodies:	

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton and Bedworth Sports Forum, • Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board, • Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board, • Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel, • Biodiversity Champion • Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground • Exhall Education Foundation • Foleshill Charity Trustee – Proffitt's Charity 	
	N. King	Employed by Love Hair and Beauty	Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton Town Deal Board 	
	R. Roze	Director – InfiniTEN Ltd	Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A5 Member Partnership • Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd • PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside of London) Joint Committee Services. • Building Control Partnership Steering Group • Bedworth Town Deal Board 	
	J. Sheppard		Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sherbourne Asset Co Shareholder Committee • Warwickshire Direct Partnership • Warwickshire Waste Partnership • Nuneaton Neighbour Watch Committee 	
Director of Wembrook Community Centre.			Dispensation to speak and vote on any matters of Borough Plan that relate to the Directorship of Wembrook Community Centre	
Member of Labour Party				

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NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

6th November 2024

A meeting of Cabinet was held on Wednesday 6th November, 2024 in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall.

Present

Councillor C. Watkins (Leader and Housing)
Councillor J. Sheppard (Deputy Leader and Environment & Public Services)
Councillor T. Jenkins (Leisure, Communities and Health)
Councillor R. Roze (Planning & Enforcement)
Councillor N. King (Business and Regeneration)

CB47 **Apologies**

Apologies were received for Councillor S. Hey (Resources & Customer Services)

CB48 **Declarations of Interest**

RESOLVED that the Declarations of Interest for this meeting are as set out in the Schedule attached to these minutes.

CB49 **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 9th October 2024, be approved, and signed by the Chair

CB50 **Safeguarding Policy**

The Assistant Director – Governance and Democracy submitted a report recommending to approve the updated Safeguarding Policy

RESOLVED that the Safeguarding Policy for adoption across the Council be approved.

Speakers:

Mr Keith Kondakor
Mr Peter Smith
Mr Stuart Finch
Councillor Michele Kondakor

Options

- a) Approve the Safeguarding Policy
- b) Do not approve the Safeguarding Policy for adoption

Reasons

To ensure the Council has a Safeguarding Policy in place in order to set out its approach to Safeguarding concerns when they arise and to ensure the wellbeing and safety of both children and adults, within the responsibility of the Council remain safeguarded.

CB51 **Air Quality Management – Revocation of Leicester Road Gyrotory**

The Assistant Director – Environment and Enforcement submitted a report to Cabinet to consider approval of the revocation of Leicester Road Gyrotory

RESOLVED that this item be deferred to a future Cabinet meeting.

Speakers:

Mr Keith Kondakor
Councillor Michele Kondakor

Options

- 1) Cabinet can approve revocation of the Air Quality Management Area; or
- 2) Cabinet could not approve the revocation of the Air Quality Management Area

Reasons

The matter was deferred for further consideration as to the impact on residents by its removal to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny panel.

CB52 **Housing Strategy 2024 – 2034**

The Assistant Director – Strategic Housing presented to Cabinet the Housing Strategy that sets out the Housing needs and housing related needs of the Borough, along with the Councils' commitment to responding to those needs.

RESOLVED that the Housing Strategy 2024 – 34, be adopted as a documents informing residents, stakeholders and interested parties on the housing needs for our Borough.

Speakers

Mr K. Kondakor
Mr Peter Smith
Councillor Michele Kondakor

Options

- 1) Adopt the Housing Strategy 2024-2034;
- 2) Do not adopt the Housing Strategy 2024 – 2034, instead require further work to be concluded for inclusion and for amendments.
- 3) Do not adopt an NBBC Housing Strategy at all.

Reasons

There is no statutory requirement to have a Housing Strategy, the Council recognises the importance to the Borough of having a document that sets out the housing needs of the Borough to enable developers, stakeholders and partners to better inform their services in accordance with the Boroughs needs

CB53 **Creative Explorers Update**

The Assistant Director – Recreation and Culture provided Cabinet with an update on the delivery of the Creative Explorers programme, supported by Arts Council England, NBBC and Warwickshire County Council.

RESOLVED that the Creative Explorers update be noted.

Speakers

Mr K. Kondakor
Councillor Michele Kondakor

Options

Note the update reports

Reasons

This report provides an update on the delivery of programme - Creative Explorers is a 21-month journey with the Council, arts organisations, artists, and residents working together to create a unique cultural identity for Nuneaton & Bedworth which builds skills, generates civic pride and confidence, develops the visitor economy, and leads to a creative borough.

CB54 General Fund Budget Monitoring Q2

The Assistant Director – Finance submitted the forecast revenue outturn position for the General Fund as at 30th September 2024

RESOLVED that the forecast outturn position for the General Fund for 2024/25 be noted, with consideration given to key variances.

Speakers

Mr K. Kondakor
Councillor M. Kondakor

Options

To accept the report; or
To request further information on the forecasted position.

Reasons

The Council is required to achieve a balanced budget each year.

CB55 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Monitoring Q2

The Assistant Director – Finance submitted the forecast revenue outturn position for the Housing Revenue Account as at 30th September 2024

RESOLVED that the forecast outturn position for the HRA for 2024/25 be noted, with consideration given to key variances.

Speakers

Mr K. Kondakor
Councillor M. Kondakor

Options

To accept the report; or
To request further information on the forecasted position.

Reasons

The Council is required to achieve a balanced budget each year.

CB56 Capital Forecast Q2 2024/25

The Assistant Director – Finance submitted the forecasted outturn position for both General Fund and Housing Revenue Account (HRA).

RESOLVED that

- a) To consider the Q2 forecasted capital outturn position for 2024/25 for the General Fund and HRA;
- b) It be recommended to Council that an update to the 2025/26 forecasted Budget for Capital be included for s106 funded projects detailed in 4.18 of the report; and
- c) It be recommended to Council for approval of a change to the Capital and Revenue Budget on Cemeteries for 2024/25 detailed at 4.21 in the report.

Speakers

Mr K. Kondakor

Options

To accept the report; or

To request further information on the outturn position.

Reasons

To ensure the Council has an accurate capital budget.

CB57 Recommendations From Overview and Scrutiny Panels

None

CB58 Any Other Items

None

Chair

PUBLICATION DATE: 21st November 2024

DECISIONS COME INTO FORCE: 29th November 2024

Cabinet - Schedule of Declarations of Interests – 2024/2025

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Cabinet/Individual Cabinet Member Decision

Report Summary Sheet

Date: 6th December 2024

Subject: Approval of Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS)

Portfolio: Planning and Enforcement (Councillor R Roze)

From: Strategic Director for Place and Economy

Summary:

The purpose of this report is to seek Cabinet's approval to publish the 2023/ 24 Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS).

Recommendation:

- 1) The Infrastructure Funding Statement be noted,
- 2) The updated 2023/24 Infrastructure Funding Statement be published; and
- 3) That delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director for Place and Economy in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Enforcement to make any minor changes to the document prior to publication.

Options:

To endorse the recommendations and publish the IFS.

Not to publish the IFS.

Reasons: To enable the Council to comply with the requirements of Regulation 121A of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 as amended by The Community Infrastructure Levy (Amendment) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2019.

Consultation undertaken with Members/Officers/Stakeholders Consultation has been undertaken between the Council Finance Planning Officers, Planning Policy Officers and Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulation.

Subject to call-in: Yes

Ward relevance: All

Forward plan: Yes

Building a Better Borough Aim: 1 and 2

Building a Better Borough Priority: 1 and 3

Relevant statutes or policy: The Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 as amended by The Community Infrastructure Levy (Amendment) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2019.

Equalities Implications: None

Human resources implications: None

Financial implications: Monitoring and processing of the S.106 payments.

Health Inequalities Implications: None

Section 17 Crime & Disorder Implications: None

Risk management implications: None

Environmental implications: None

Legal implications: Statutory requirement to publish an Infrastructure Funding Statement each year before the end of that calendar year.

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AGENDA ITEM NO.6

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to: Cabinet - 4th December 2024
From: Strategic Director for Place and Economy
Subject: Infrastructure Funding Statement
Portfolio: Planning and Enforcement - R. Roze

Building a Better Borough:

Aim 1: Live

Priority 1: Promote residents' health and wellbeing

Priority 2: Enable appropriate housing development

Priority 3: Sponsor a sustainable green approach

Aim 2: Work Priority 1: Grow a strong and inclusive economy

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to publish the 2023/ 24 Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS)

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Infrastructure Funding Statement be noted;

2.2 The updated 2023/24 Infrastructure Funding Statement be published;
and

2.3 That delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director for Place and Economy in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Enforcement to make any minor changes to the document prior to publication.

3. Background

3.1 The Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 require a contribution receiving authority to publish an IFS by no later than 31st December in each calendar year. Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council is a contribution receiving authority and, therefore, must publish an IFS before the end of this year (2024).

- 3.2 The IFS sets out a summary of all developer contributions relating to Section 106 planning obligations (S106 agreements) collected and managed within the Borough within the reported year which for this reporting year is the period between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024.
- 3.3 IFS is also required to report on Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies collected. The Borough does not have CIL in place and therefore there is nothing to report on CIL in this IFS.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 That the 2023/24 Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) be noted and published.

5. Appendices

- 5.1 Appendix A – Infrastructure Funding Statement 2023/24

6. Background Papers

None.

Infrastructure Funding Statement 2023/24



Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) is an annual report published by Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council which provides a summary of all developer contributions relating to Section 106 planning obligations (S106 agreements) collected and managed within the Borough between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024. An Infrastructure Funding Statement must also report on Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies collected. However, the Borough does not have CIL in place and, thus, is not reported.

2.0 Developer Contributions

Section 106 Planning Obligations

- 2.1 Planning obligations (S106 agreements) are legal agreements which can be attached to a planning permission to mitigate the impact of development and can either be provided on-site or off-site. Planning obligations can only be sought where they are directly related to the development, fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development, and necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms. The Council's requirements for planning obligations are set out in the Council's adopted Borough Plan. The Borough Plan is supported by an Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) that identifies specific projects which are needed in the Borough to help deliver the development set out in the Borough Plan. Monies received through S106 agreements are ringfenced to go towards those projects set out in the IDP.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

- 2.2 Unlike planning obligations CIL is intended to fund strategic infrastructure requirements within the Borough to support new development. CIL can be used to fund the provision, improvement, replacement, operation, or maintenance of infrastructure of the area. CIL rates must be set out via a published charging schedule. During 2020/21 the Council progressed a draft charging schedule and consulted on the draft between 9th October 2020 and 9th November 2020 with the intent to adopt it by September 2021. However, following the consultation further testing and analysis was undertaken to provide a more thorough assessment of CIL implementation compared to existing S106 agreements. The outcome of this assessment was that CIL would be likely to generate more funding towards infrastructure for minor residential developments (1-9 dwellings) and most likely non-strategic developments (10-169 dwellings), but S106 agreements were considered
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to generate significantly more funding for strategic scale developments of over 170 dwellings. This, together with the administrative burdens and costs associated with CIL implementation means that CIL was considered not to be beneficial compared to the existing S106 arrangements. Therefore, at the Cabinet meeting of 26th May 2021 it was resolved that the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule would not be submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination.

3.0 Section 106 planning obligations

Monies set out in Section 106 obligations

3.1 Table 1 below sets out the monies that have been set out in Section 106 planning obligations (S106) between Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council and developers that were signed between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024. The table is arranged firstly by the date of the agreement (oldest first). Receipt of the monies within planning obligations is triggered either by specific dates set out in the obligation or by activities taking place on the site to which the obligation relates, such as housing completions, and so there can be considerable time lag between signing of the obligation and receipt of the monies. Tables 3, 4, 5, and 6 later in this document present details on the monies received and spent in 2023/24 including where monies have been transferred to others to utilise (Table 6).

Table 1: S106 contributions monies set out in signed planning obligations signed between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024.

Agreement Date	Site	Contributions Sum (£)	Contribution Sum Use
20/03/2023	Land at Wilsons Lane Exhall Coventry	£57.80 per Dwelling up to a max of £4,219.29	Allotment Contribution
		£54,066.88	Cycleway Contribution
		£661.56 per Dwelling up to a maximum £48,294.00	Early Years Contribution
		£828.19 per Dwelling up to a maximum £60,458.00	Healthcare Contribution (Acute Accident and Emergency Care and Premium Costs)
		£21.89 per Dwelling up to a maximum £1,598.00	Libraries Contribution
		£1,615.09 per Dwelling up to a maximum £117,901.91	Motorway Contribution (Residential)
		£7.08 per sqm of employment floorspace up to a maximum £394,715.09	Motorway Contribution (Employment)
		£469.55 per Dwelling up to a maximum of £34,277.39	Off-Site Open Space Contribution
		£250.15 per Dwelling	Open Space Maintenance Contribution
		£3,000.00	Pickard's Way Traffic Regulation Order Contribution

Section 106 planning obligations

Agreement Date	Site	Contributions Sum (£)	Contribution Sum Use
		£643.21 up to a maximum of £46,954.00	Public Healthcare Contribution
		£21.52 per Dwelling up to a maximum £1,571.00	Public Rights of Way Contribution
		£57,542.40	Public Rights of Way (Coventry) Contribution
		£5,560.00 per sqm of employment floorspace up to a maximum of £310,000.00	Public Transport Contribution (Employment)
		£1,000.00 per Dwelling up to a maximum of £73,000.00	Public Transport Contribution (Residential)
		£50.00 per Dwelling up to a maximum of £3,650.00	Road Safety Contribution
		£2,923.73 per Dwelling up to a maximum of £213,432.00	Secondary and Post 16 Education Contribution
		£2,307.54 per Dwelling up to a maximum of £168,451.00	Sports Recreation and Community Contribution
		£10.00 per Dwelling up to a total £730.00	Sustainable Travel Promotion Contribution
		£3,000.00	Wilson Lane Traffic Regulation Order Coventry Contribution
		3,000.00	Wilson Lane Traffic Regulation Order Nuneaton Contribution
		TBC, if required	Biodiversity Offsetting Contribution (Employment)
		TBC, if required	Biodiversity Offsetting Contribution (Residential)
		20/04/2023	Land at 108A002 Bedworth Road, Bulkington, Bedworth
£30,795.78	Bulkington Village Centre Contribution		
£27,000.00	Bus Shelter Contribution		
£112,433.70	Cycleway Contribution		
£241,472.00	Education Contribution		
£81,397.00	Healthcare Contribution (Acute and Accident and Emergency Care)		

Section 106 planning obligations

Agreement Date	Site	Contributions Sum (£)	Contribution Sum Use
		£177,526.52	Highways Contribution
		£1,891.00	Libraries Contribution
		£173,836.75	Off Site Open Space Contribution
		£76,555.00	Primary Care Contribution
		£3,641.00	Rights of Way Contribution
		£4,450.00	Road Safety Contribution
		£205,375.00	Sports, Recreation and Community Contribution
		£16,256.74	Toucan Crossing Contribution
		£3,000.00	Traffic Regulation Order Contribution
25/07/2023	Land at Site 108d003 Coventry Road Bulkington	TBC, if required	Biodiversity Offsetting Contribution
		£18,496.38	Bulkington Village Centre Contribution
		£53,058.60	Cycleway Contribution
		£83,776.56	Highways Contribution
		£919.00	Libraries Contribution
		£79,688.92	Off Site Open Space Contribution
		£29,246.00	Primary Care Contribution
		£1,627.25	Public Rights of Way Contribution
		£2,100.00	Road Safety Contribution
		£99,167.00	Sports Recreation and Community Contribution
		£7,671.72	Toucan Crossing Contribution
£3,000.00	Traffic Regulation Order Contribution		
25/07/2023	Land at Midland Road Nuneaton Warwickshire	£121,544.00	Biodiversity Offsetting Contribution
		£10,000.00	Cycleway Contribution
		£1,500.00	Highways Contribution
		£23,000.00	Public Transport Contribution
18/08/2023	Land at Site 127A001 Wilsons Lane Exhall	£63,333.65	Cycleway Contribution
		£252,238.00	Education Contribution

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Agreement Date	Site	Contributions Sum (£)	Contribution Sum Use
		£363,794.00	Highways (Longford Road Corridor) Contribution
		£99,365.00	Highways (Junction 3 M6) Contribution
		£242,254.39	Off Site Open Space Contribution
		£4,750.00	Road Safety Contribution
		£219,217.00	Sports, Recreation and Community Contribution
		£12,000.00	TRO Contribution
25/08/2023	Land at Site 114A007 Hospital Lane Bedworth	£848,300.00	Bus Infrastructure Contribution
		£357,500.00	Cycleway Contribution
		£10,000.00	Cycleway Infrastructure Contribution
		£1,319,398.00	Education Contribution
		£110,000.00	Footway/Cycleway Contribution
		£447,746.00	Healthcare Contribution (Acute and Accident and Emergency Care)
		£254,784.00	Highways (Longford Road Corridor) Contribution
		£333,004.47	Highways (Junction 3 M6) Contribution
		£9,959.00	Libraries Contribution
		£945,365.77	Off Site Open Space Contribution
		TBC if required	On Site Maintenance Contribution
		£574,164.00	Primary Care (On Site) Contribution
		£344,499.00	

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Agreement Date	Site	Contributions Sum (£)	Contribution Sum Use
			Primary Care (Off Site) Contribution
		£22,750.00	Road Safety Contribution
		£1,127,525.00	Sports, Recreation and Community Contribution
		£3,000.00	Traffic Regulation Order Contribution
		£1,500.00	Traffic Signals Contribution
		£102,072.00	Warwickshire Police Contribution
31/08/2023	Land at Former Bedworth Bowling and Rugby Club Site: 104D002 Smarts Road, Bedworth, Warwickshire	£155,796.78	Biodiversity Offsetting Contribution
		£107,177.00	CCG Contribution
		£249,585.00	Education Contribution
		£281,521.00	Leisure Contribution Initial Instalment
			Leisure Contribution
		£2,670.00	Libraries Contribution
		£33,232.86	Longford Road Corridor Contribution
		£139,648.60	M6 Junction Contribution
		£237,107.87	Parks Contribution
		£3,636.30	Rights of Way Contribution
		£6,100.00	Road Safety Contribution
		TBC	Sports Recreation Contribution
		£1,220.00	Sustainable Travel Promotion Contribution
		£6,000.00	Speed Limit Order Contribution
£6,000.00	Speed Reduction Scheme Contribution		
28/09/2023	Land at Site 98C003 Land off Lancing Road Findon Close Bulkington, Bedworth CV12 9QT	£440.39 per Dwelling up to £101,289.70	Bulkington Village Centre Contribution
		£5,000.00	Bus Stop Maintenance Contribution
		£8,000.00	Bus Stop RTI Display Contribution

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Agreement Date	Site	Contributions Sum (£)	Contribution Sum Use
		£5,000.00	Bus Stop RTI Display Replacement Contribution
		£3,675.97 per Dwelling up to maximum £845,472.00	Education Contribution
		£1263.30 per Dwelling up to a maximum £290,559.00	Footway/Cycleway Link Contribution
		£1994.68 per Dwelling up to maximum £458,776.40	Highways Contribution
			Highways Contribution
		£5,034.00	Libraries Contribution
		TBC, if required	On Site Maintenance Contribution
		£1,442.24 per Dwelling to maximum £3331,715.12	Open Space Contribution
		£1231.54 per Dwelling to maximum £283,254.00	Primary Care Contribution
		£12,901.90	Public Rights of Way Contribution
		£345,000.00	Public Transport Contribution
		£11,500.00	Road Safety Contribution
		2307.55 per Dwelling to maximum £530,736.00	Sports Recreation and Community Contribution
£82.16 per Dwelling to maximum £18,896.80	Waste Contribution		
31/10/2023	Site of The Crown Public House (Lloyd's Bar), 10 Bond Street, Nuneaton, Warwickshire	£19,037.00	Sports and Leisure Contribution

Non-Monetary Requirement in Section 106 obligations

3.2 Table 2 below sets out the non-monetary contributions that have been set out in Section 106 planning obligations between Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council and developers that were signed between 1st April 2023

and 31st March 2024. The table also includes a S106 agreement signed in the previous year but omitted in error from last year’s statement. The table is arranged firstly by the date of the agreement (oldest first) and then alphabetically by the contribution use. The affordable housing contributions do not currently require any monetary contributions, hence why they are not in Table 1.

Table 2: S106 contributions non-monetary requirements set out in signed planning obligations signed between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024.

Agreement Date	Site	Contribution Use
20/03/2023	Land at Wilsons Lane Exhall Coventry	Affordable Housing Units
		Affordable Housing Contribution
		Biodiversity Offsetting Contribution (Employment)
		Biodiversity Offsetting Contribution (Employment)
		Biodiversity Offsetting Contribution (Residential)
		Biodiversity Offsetting Contribution (Residential)
		Open Space Certificate of Practical Completion
		Open Space Certificate of Final Completion
20/04/2023	Land at 108A002 Bedworth Road, Bulkington, Bedworth	Additional First Homes Contribution
		Affordable Housing Units
		Affordable Housing Contribution
		Affordable Housing Scheme
		Biodiversity Off-setting Contribution
		First Homes Plan
		Open Space Certificate of Practical Completion
Open Space Certificate of Final Completion		
25/07/2023	Land at Site 108d003 Coventry Road Bulkington	Affordable Housing
		Affordable Housing Units
		Affordable Housing Contribution
		Affordable Housing Scheme
		Biodiversity Impact Assessment
		Biodiversity Offsetting Contribution
		Open Space Certificate of Practical Completion
		Open Space Certificate of Final Completion
18/08/2023	Land at Site 127A001 Wilsons Lane Exhall	Affordable Housing
		Affordable Housing Units
		Affordable Housing Contribution

Agreement Date	Site	Contribution Use
		Affordable Housing Scheme
		Open Space Certificate of Practical Completion
		Open Space Certificate of Final Completion
		Open Space Scheme
25/08/2023	Land at Site 114A007 Hospital Lane Bedworth	Affordable Housing
		Affordable Housing Contribution
		Affordable Housing Scheme
		Open Space Certificate of Practical Completion
		Open Space Certificate of Final Completion
		Open Space Scheme
31/08/2023	Land at Former Bedworth Bowling and Rugby Club Site: 104D002 Smarts Road, Bedworth, Warwickshire	Affordable Housing
		Affordable Housing Units
		Affordable Housing Scheme
		Communal Landscaped Areas
		Communal Landscaped Areas Certificate of Final Completion
		Communal Landscaped Areas Certificate of Practical Completion
28/09/2023	Land at Site 98C003 Land off Lancing Road Findon Close Bulkington, Bedworth CV12 9QT	Affordable Housing
		Affordable Housing Units
		Affordable Housing Contribution
		Biodiversity Offsetting
		Maintenance Scheme
		Management Company
		On Site Maintenance Contribution
		Open Space Certificate of Practical Completion
		Open Space Certificate of Final Completion
		Open Space Land
		Open Space Scheme
		Pedestrian / Cyclist Access

Monies Received from Section 106 obligations

3.3 Table 3 below sets out the monies that have been received between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024 from Section 106 planning obligations signed by Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council and developers. The table is arranged alphabetically by contribution use. Please note that the table is reporting on the total monies received in the year 23/24 rather than on the monies received from those obligations signed in 23/24. All the monies in

Table 3 have been allocated to a specific use, that is, none remain unallocated by the Authority. The details of what these monies have been allocated to is contained within Tables 5 and 6 below.

Table 3: Total amount of S106 contributions monies received between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024 from signed planning obligations.

Contribution Use	Monies Received (£)
Affordable Housing	22,960.00
Bus Service	304,727.50
Ecology & Biodiversity	155,796.78
Healthcare Provision	204,196.28
Open Space	1,695,293.59
Police	11,505.18
Sport & Community Recreation	2,022,690.03
Total	4,417,169.36

3.4 Table 4 below sets out the monies that have been received between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024 from Section 106 planning obligations signed by Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council and developers that have been allocated but not spent. The table is arranged alphabetically by contribution use. So, Table 4 shows how much of the monies received in 2023/24 in Table 3 above have been designated to a specific project but have not been spent. Table 5 then shows what the unspent monies have been allocated to and Table 6 where that money received in 23/24 has been spent and on what.

Table 4: Total amount of S106 contributions monies received between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024 from signed planning obligations which have been allocated but not spent.

Contribution Use	Monies Allocated (£)
Affordable Housing	22,960
Ecology & Biodiversity	155,796.78
Grounds Maintenance	344,137.05
Open Space	1,351,156.54
Sport & Community Recreation	2,022,690.03
Total	3,896,740.40

3.5 Table 5 below sets out the monies that have been received between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024 from Section 106 planning obligations signed by Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council and developers that have been allocated but not spent and the infrastructure it has been allocated to. The table is arranged alphabetically by contribution use and then by monies allocated (smallest first). Sub totals are provided throughout the table showing the total monies allocated for each contribution use. Dependent on the age of the Section 106 planning obligation the Council has between 5 and 10 years from receipt of the monies within which to spend them.

Table 5: Total amount of S106 Contributions Monies received between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024 from signed planning obligations which have been allocated but not spent and the items of infrastructure it has been allocated to.

Contribution Use	Site	Monies Allocated (£)
Affordable Housing	Whitestone Ward	22,960.00
Sub Total		22,960.00
Allotments	Aberdeen Road Allotments - Increase capacity	443.19
Allotments	Grange Road Allotments - increase capacity	5,017.83
Allotments	Higham Lane Allotment - increase capacity	12,674.28
Allotments	Ryders Hill Allotment - Increase capacity	7,682.35
Allotments	School Lane Allotment - Increase capacity	6,847.67
Allotments	Wheelwright Lane Allotment - facilities	4,830.20

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Contribution Use	Site	Monies Allocated (£)
Sub Total		37,495.52
Ecology & Biodiversity	Biodiversity Bedworth Rugby Club	155,796.78
Sub Total		155,796.78
Grounds Maintenance*	Borough wide	344,137.05
Sub Total		344,137.05
Open Space	Attleborough Rec - Cycle stands, green network signage	7,379.67
Open Space	Buttermere - Additional play Provision	31,085.08
Open Space	Buttermere - Provision of dual use paths	137,463.57
Open Space	Buttermere or Callendar - Additional play Provision	47,983.87
Open Space	Frensham Drive/Chaucer Drive - Play equipment & pathways	83,429.82
Open Space	Fusilliers Rest - Natural Play	29,055.90
Open Space	Heckley Park - play facilities & green gym	80,795.65
Open Space	Heckley Park - Access paths, play and landscaping	12,181.58
Open Space	Heckley Park - Teenage play facilities	66,419.91
Open Space	Heckley Park/Bayton Lake - Naturak Play	54,493.27
Open Space	Miners Welfare Park - Access paths, play and landscaping	4,644.25
Open Space	Miners Welfare Park - Teenage play facilities	38,824.83
Open Space	Miners Welfare Park - Access improvements, play provision and event facilities	42,788.69
Open Space	Miners Welfare Park - BMX provision and ball court	30,662.32
Open Space	Miners Welfare Park - Improvements to paths & signage	31,853.25
Open Space	Miners welfare Park - Improvements to Entrance	4,362.29
Open Space	Miners Welfare Park - path links, green gym and access improvements	54,900.82
Open Space	Miners Welfare Park - Play provision	17,184.00
Open Space	Park Lane - Play pitch improvements	4,300.26
Open Space	Riversley Park - Green network signage	2,813.43
Open Space	Riversley Park - Play & Fitness facilities	28,048.31
Open Space	Riversley Park - Provision of Green Gym	72,683.15
Open Space	Riversley Park Improvements	994.58
Open Space	Sandon Park - Improved access to play pitch	4,621.27
Open Space	St Giles Rec. - Play provision, paths and signage	80,425.35
Open Space	Tiverton Drive Play Area - Upgrade	295,498.48
Open Space	Whittleford Park - Improvements to entrance and pathways	48,767.64
Sub Total		1,313,661.24

Contribution Use	Site	Monies Allocated (£)
Sport & Community Recreation	Bedworth PAH	626,541.26
Sport & Community Recreation	Bedworth Rugby Club - New facilities	1,250,000.00
Sport & Community Recreation	Heckley Fields - Provision of pitches & sports facilities	76,455.02
Sport & Community Recreation	Design and Development - new leisure centres	37,260.00
Sport & Community Recreation	Pingles LC - increase capacity for disabled facilities	20,233.75
Sport & Community Recreation	Provision of sports facilities in Bedworth	12,200.00
Sub Total		2,022,690.03
Total		3,896,740.62

*Grounds maintenance contribution is apportioned over a 20-year period to support revenue costs.

3.6 Table 6 below sets out the monies that have been received and then spent between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024 from Section 106 planning obligations signed by Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council and developers.

Table 6: Total amount of S106 contributions monies received and spent between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024 from signed planning obligations (this includes transfer to other another body to spend).

Contribution Use	Monies Spent (£)
Affordable Housing*	98.82
Bus Service	304,727.5
Healthcare Provision	204,196.28
Police	11,505.18
Total	520,527.78

*Preliminary costs with acquisition taking place 24/25

3.7 Table 7 below sets out the monies that have been received during any year, but which were spent between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024 from Section 106 planning obligations signed by Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council and developers and the infrastructure it has been spent on. The table is arranged alphabetically by contribution use and then by monies allocated (smallest first). Sub totals are provided throughout the table showing the total monies allocated for each contribution use. Table 7 contains all monies spent set out in Table 6 but is greater because it is those monies received from all years not just those received in 2023/24. For ease,

those which are also in Table 6 have been highlighted in a pale green, therefore, those not highlighted have been received by the Authority prior to 2023/24 but spent in 2023/24.

- 3.8 This is the fifth IFS produced by the Council and as such some elements can be tracked through from the first IFS (2019/20) to this one (2023/24).

Table 7: Total amount of S106 contributions monies spent between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024 from signed planning obligations (this includes transfer to other another body to spend) and the items of infrastructure it has been spent on.

Contribution Use	Site	Monies Allocated (£)
Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing - preliminary costs with acquisition taking place 24/25	98.82
Sub Total		98.82
Ecology & Biodiversity	Biodiversity	7,282.61
Sub Total		7,282.61
Healthcare Provision	Healthcare Provision	204,196.28
Sub Total		204,196.28
Open Space	Stubbs Pool/The Dingle	25,612
Open Space	Buttermere Recreation Ground	233,578.9
Sub Total		259,190.9
Police	Police contribution	11,505.18
Sub Total		11,505.18
Sport and Recreation	Ambleside Table Tennis Provision	52,250
Sub Total		52,250
Transport	Bus Service	304,727.5
Sub Total		304,727.5
Total		839,251.29

- 3.9 None of the monies received between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024 from signed Section 106 planning obligations was spent on repaying money borrowed, including any interest. Between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024. £93,446.66 was received under planning obligations and spent on the monitoring of the delivery of planning obligations.

- 3.10 Table 8 below sets out the monies that have been received during any year, but which were retained between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024 from Section 106 planning obligations signed by Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council and developers and the infrastructure it has been allocated to. The table is arranged alphabetically by contribution use and then by monies allocated (smallest first). Sub totals are provided throughout the table showing the total monies allocated for each contribution use. Table 8 contains all monies allocated but unspent as set out in Table 5 but is greater

because it is also those monies received from all years not just that received in 2023/24. For ease, those which are also in Table 5 have been highlighted in a pale green, therefore, those not highlighted have been received by the Authority prior to 2023/24.

Table 8: Total amount of monies received during any year from signed Section 106 planning obligations, but which were retained between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024.

Contribution Use	Site	Monies Allocated (£)
Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing - Attleborough	20,000.00
Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing - Weddington	80,000.00
Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing - Whitestone"	222,861.18
Sub Total		322,861.18
Allotments	Mount Pleasant Allotments	243.87
Allotments	Queen Street Allotments increase capacity	749.85
Allotments	Barnacle Lane Allotment capacity increase	1,123.08
Allotments	Greenmoor Road Allotment increase capacity	1,191.27
Allotments	Bulkington Allotment - Increase capacity	1,373.41
Allotments	Milford Street Allotments	2,670.11
Allotments	Wheelwright Lane Allotment - facilities	4,830.20
Allotments	Grange Road Allotments - increase capacity	5,017.83
Allotments	School Lane Allotment - Increase capacity	6,847.67
Allotments	Weddington Allotment Extension	12,956.44
Allotments	Aberdeen Road Allotments increase capacity	16,830.19
Allotments	Ryders Hill Allotments Increase capacity	17,253.08
Allotments	Higham Lane Allotments increase capacity	28,086.38
Sub Total		99,173.38
Ecology & Biodiversity	Ecological works - Mancetter Road	0.00
Ecology & Biodiversity	Biodiversity Offsetting - Faultlands Farm	19,000.00
Ecology & Biodiversity	Biodiversity Offsetting - The Long Shoot, Nuneaton	24,181.92
Ecology & Biodiversity	Biodiversity Offsetting - Caldwell	29,860.61
Ecology & Biodiversity	Biodiversity Offsetting - Plough Hill Road	42,579.79
Ecology & Biodiversity	Biodiversity Offsetting - St Georges Way	68,414.86
Ecology & Biodiversity	Biodiversity Offsetting - South Milking Lane, Nuneaton	70,243.37
Ecology & Biodiversity	Biodiversity Offsetting - Eastboro Way	82,178.00
Ecology & Biodiversity	Biodiversity Offsetting - The Long Shoot, Nuneaton	119,992.60

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Contribution Use	Site	Monies Allocated (£)
Ecology & Biodiversity	Biodiversity Offsetting - Bedworth Rugby Club	155,796.78
Sub Total		612,247.93
Grounds maintenance 20 year contribution*		1,520,628.00
Sub Total		1,520,628.00
Open Space	Miners Welfare Park - Play pitch provision	123.49
Open Space	Stockingford Recreation Ground	197.89
Open Space	The Long Shoot - Play & Open Space improvements	885.74
Open Space	Vale View Community Centre - New gate and path	1,138.55
Open Space	Miners Welfare Park - K barrier under railway bridge	1,400.41
Open Space	Greenmoor Road Recreation Ground - Pitch provision	1,494.63
Open Space	Whittleford Cycleway - Signage	2,029.44
Open Space	Keresley Play Area - Upgrade	2,255.79
Open Space	Riversley Park - Green network signage	2,813.43
Open Space	Newdigate Recreation Ground - Improvements	3,231.73
Open Space	Newdigate Park - Installation of signs off Potters Road	3,672.55
Open Space	Bedworth Sloughs - Access and path improvements	4,060.53
Open Space	Sandon Park - Improved access to play pitch	4,621.27
Open Space	Miners Welfare Park - All wheels provision	5,331.49
Open Space	Miners Welfare Park - Path improvements	6,192.33
Open Space	Riversley Park - Improvements to Gold belt tunnel	6,457.28
Open Space	Riversley Park - Cycle path	6,874.72
Open Space	Sandon Park - Improvements	7,050.63
Open Space	Sandon Park - Footpath resurfacing	7,252.46
Open Space	Attleborough Rec - Cycle stands, green network signage	7,379.67
Open Space	Park Lane - Play pitch improvements"	8,519.01
Open Space	Attleborough Recreation Ground - Improvements to football pitch	8,873.75
Open Space	Pauls Land - Provision of bins and benches	8,893.93
Open Space	Sidings Pool, Smorrall Lane - Path & equipment improvements	9,490.97
Open Space	Miners Welfare Park - Splash park provision & Entrance improvements	9,998.41
Open Space	Bermuda Bowling Green - Improvements	10,000.00
Open Space	Pauls Land Pavilion - Improvements	10,573.75
Open Space	Windmill Hill - Provision of footpaths	11,777.89
Open Space	Heckley Park - Access paths, play and landscaping	12,181.58
Open Space	Buttermere Park - Footpaths, play area and teenage facility improvements	12,835.11

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Contribution Use	Site	Monies Allocated (£)
Open Space	Rannoch Drive - Junior play facilities	12,911.93
Open Space	Riversley Park - Creation of vistas and river maintenance	13,462.44
Open Space	Upgrade of Play Areas	15,033.69
Open Space	Whittleford Park - Upgrade of footpaths	15,744.69
Open Space	Bermuda Open Space - Improvements	15,860.62
Open Space	Riversley Park - Entrance improvements"	16,403.63
Open Space	Miners Welfare Park - Improvements from Rye Piece ring way entrance"	16,539.08
Open Space	Miners Welfare Park - Play provision	17,184.00
Open Space	Bulkington Recreation Ground - Teenage Leisure Provision	17,553.91
Open Space	Bulkington Recreation Ground - Improvements	19,328.45
Open Space	Bermuda - Natural play provision	19,835.15
Open Space	The Dingle - Upgrade paving	22,088.85
Open Space	Lilleborne Drive - Upgrade Play provision	26,448.03
Open Space	Sandon Pavilion - Community facilities	26,859.37
Open Space	Fusilliers Rest - Natural Play	29,055.90
Open Space	Riversley Park - Design and delivery of equipped play & fitness facility"	30,549.94
Open Space	Miners Welfare Park - BMX provision and ball court	30,662.32
Open Space	Oaston Road - Footpath Construction	31,675.74
Open Space	Bermuda - Enhancement of Play Area	31,720.28
Open Space	Miners Welfare Park - Improvements to paths & signage	31,853.25
Open Space	George Eliot Gardens - Gateway entrance	33,646.95
Open Space	Buttermere Park - Design & delivery of additional play provision"	37,646.71
Open Space	Bermuda Phoenix Centre - Football pitch improvements	38,666.80
Open Space	Miners Welfare Park - Teenage play facilities	38,824.83
Open Space	Riversley Park - Football provision	41,124.01
Open Space	Miners Welfare Park - Access improvements, play provision and event facilities	42,788.69
Open Space	Jubilee Centre - Footpath improvements	44,458.66
Open Space	Buttermere or Callendar - Additional play Provision"	47,983.87
Open Space	Heckley Park/Bayton Lake - Natural Play	54,493.27
Open Space	Miners Welfare Park - path links, green gym and access improvements	54,900.82
Open Space	Heckley Park - Teenage play facilities	66,419.91
Open Space	Riversley Park - Provision of Green Gym	72,683.15
Open Space	Heckley Recreation Ground - Pavilion & football pitch Improvements	77,810.27
Open Space	St Giles Rec. - Play provision, paths and signage	80,425.35

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Contribution Use	Site	Monies Allocated (£)
Open Space	Heckley Park - play facilities & green gym	80,795.65
Open Space	Riversley Park - Visitor Improvements	91,485.66
Open Space	Riversley Park - New cycle bridge	106,741.01
Open Space	Whittleford Park - Improvements	111,827.55
Open Space	Weddington - Footpath improvements	140,706.03
Open Space	Buttermere Park - Path and signage improvements"	163,810.89
Open Space	Frensham Drive/Chaucer Drive - Play equipment & pathways"	165,278.44
Open Space	Horeston Grange - Provision of Green Gym and Cycle works	172,160.85
Open Space	Weddington - Cycle Way	244,567.19
Open Space	Tiverton Drive Play Area - Upgrade	295,498.48
Sub Total		2,923,124.74
Sport & Community Recreation	Pingles LC - increase capacity for disabled facilities	20,233.75
Sport & Community Recreation	Design and Development - new leisure centres"	41,125.00
Sport & Community Recreation	Design & Development Pingles HUB	50,000.00
Sport & Community Recreation	Heckley Fields - Provision of pitches & sports facilities	76,455.02
Sport & Community Recreation	Design & Development Bedworth HUB"	932,415.42
Sport & Community Recreation	Bedworth Rugby Club - New facilities	1,250,000.00
Sub Total		2,370,229.19
Total		7,848,264.42

*Grounds maintenance contribution is apportioned over a 20-year period to support revenue costs.

"Figure is greater than that in Table 5 reflecting that some of the monies were received prior to 2023/24.

4.0 Conclusion

- 4.1 This Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) reports on the Section 106 planning obligations that have been set out in those agreements signed by Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council and developers between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024 (Tables 1 and 2). It reports on those monies that the Borough Council has received from Section 106 planning obligations between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024 and explains the status of that money, whether it has been allocated or not to a specific project, and whether it has been spent and if so on what (Table 3 – 7). Finally, Table 8 sets out those monies that have been received from Section 106 planning obligations signed during any time but that the monies were retained between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024.

Report Summary Sheet

Date: Cabinet 4th December 2024

Subject: Project Update - Saints / Pingles Leisure Centre

Portfolio: Business & Regeneration (Councillor N. King) Leisure, Communities & Health (Councillor T. Jenkins)

From: Strategic Director – Place & Economy & Public Services

Summary:

This report provides Cabinet with an update of the Saints and Pingles decarbonisation projects and financial considerations that need to be considered.

Recommendations:

1. That Cabinet approve funding of £56k to undertake identified works at the Saints site, Nuneaton with delegated authority for the Assistant Director Economy & Regeneration in consultation with the Portfolio Holder Business & Regeneration to deliver this project.
2. That Cabinet approve funding of £280k to undertake identified works at the Pingles Leisure Centre with delegated authority to the Strategic Director – Public Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder Leisure, Communities & Health to deliver this project.
3. Cabinet approves the establishment of £250k per annum as a General Fund budget to support major capital works on public assets.

Options:

- a) Accept the recommendations detailed.
- b) Do not accept the recommendations detailed.
- c) Provide amended recommendations.

Reasons:

To provide an update of the current position of the two project, financial situation and options to address issues identified.

Consultation undertaken with Members/Officers/Stakeholders

Members - Cllr C. Watkins, Cllr S. Hey, Cllr N. King, Cllr T. Jenkins Cllr T Venson and Cllr P Hickling.

Officers – T Shardlow, V Summerfield, M Baliey, K Hollis, J White, G Hooper.

Subject to call-in: Yes

Ward relevance: All

Forward plan: No

Building A Better Borough Aim 1: Live / Work

Priority 1: Promote residents' health and wellbeing / Grow a strong and inclusive economy.

Relevant statutes or policy:

Contract Procedure Rules (CPR's)

Equalities Implications:

No direct equal opportunities implications

Human resources implications:

None at this time.

Financial implications:

There are two projects being presented in the report, comprising of the Saints and Pingles Leisure Centre:

Saints - the financial request is that £56K is used from the major capital projects budget 24/25 to support the identified works at the site.

Pingles – the financial request is that £280k is identified from General Fund Contribution to support these works.

The establishment of a £250k per annum General Fund budget to support major capital works on public assets.

Health Inequalities Implications:

None specific at this time.

Section 17 Crime & Disorder Implications:

Not applicable.

Risk management implications:

By not delivering the works detailed at the Saints building it places a risk on the already accepted and spent external funds from the Towns Funds. Negotiation would have to be undertaken with the funder "Pathfinder" through MHCLG as to agreeing revised / reduced outcomes.

A delay in decision making of the works will also incur additional costs from the current agreed work programme underway at the Saints site currently.

The Pingles decarbonisation works, through the structural report has identified remedial works that need to take place at the site, with the steel columns. Having now identified this, it will be a Health & Safety action that needs addressing.

If the works are not completed now, they will only corrode further requiring additional expenditure and increasing the risk factor.

There will also be a risk of the external funds secured by NBBC for the decarbonisation will have to be returned and NBBC find additional funds to complete the overall project.

Environmental implications:

None at this time.

Legal implications:

Future procurement in accordance with this strategy, OJEU procurement process and the Council's Contract procedures Rules (CPR's) will be followed.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to: Cabinet 4th December 2024

From: Strategic Directors – Place & Economy / Public Services

Subject: Project Updates – Saints / Pingles Leisure Centre

Portfolio: Business & Regeneration (Councillor N. King) Leisure, Communities & Health (Councillor T. Jenkins)

Building a Better Borough Aim: Live / Work

Building a Better Borough Priority: Promote residents' health and wellbeing / Grow a strong and inclusive economy

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To update Cabinet on the current position of the Saints and Pingles Decarbonisation project.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That Cabinet approve funding of £56k to undertake identified works at the Saints site Nuneaton with delegated authority for the Assistant Director Economy & Regeneration in consultation with the Portfolio Holder Business & Regeneration to deliver this project.

2.2 That Cabinet approve funding of £280k to undertake identified works at the Pingles Leisure Centre with delegated authority to the Strategic Director – Public Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder Leisure, Communities & Health to deliver this project.

2.3 Cabinet approves the establishment of £250k per annum as a General Fund budget to support major capital works on public assets.

3. Background

3.1 **Saints Project**

3.1.1 In late 2020 the Council submitted a Town Investment Plan to Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government for funding for 12 regeneration projects, and were successful in getting £23.2M Towns Deal funding. One of those projects was The Saints Project, which was established by Together for Change, who are a registered charity and a joint venture of the Diocese of Coventry and Church Urban fund. The

Saints project is a town centre community regeneration project focused on tackling unemployment, poor educational attainment and low aspirations, with a particular focus on young people and families. (original info from TIP).

- 3.1.2 Saints are based at the former Conservative Building on Newdigate Street Nuneaton, the building was built in 1892 and has had various uses over the years starting life as a Conservative Club and night club prior to Together for Change moving into the building. Together for Change moved into the building in 2019 and have funded the renovation of the ground floor creating a café area, free children's play area and a training/meeting room and opened in January 2020.
- 3.1.3 It was considered that the purchase and renovating the Saints building by NNBC using Towns Deal funding and leasing the property back to Saints at a pepper corn rent would provide certainty for the ongoing delivery of services and provide potential rental income streams from the residential and commercial units included to support the charitable activities moving forward.
- 3.1.4 A full business case was produced in March 2022 for the allocation of funding from the Towns Fund to deliver the project and approved. Appendix 1 Business case
- 3.1.5 The project was divided into a two phased approach. Phase 1 was to use some of the Government funding via the Towns Fund assigned to the project (£1.8M) for the Council to purchase the freehold of the building (£1.25M), completed in April 2023 with the aim of doing a long-term lease to Together for Change. Due to queries, staffing changes etc, the lease still hasn't been signed but is almost complete. The building also comes with four flats and a restaurant next door – which will provide an income for Together for Change to deliver their service moving forward.
- 3.1.6 Phase 2 of the project, was to utilising the remaining Government funding and some funding that Together for Change have been successful in gaining, to refurbish the first-floor ballroom (originally known as St George's Hall) into a space to be used for dance, drama, music, art and digital media.
- 3.1.7 Following an unsuccessful tendering process the contract for the works in phase 2 was direct awarded via a procurement framework. However, initial quotation exceeded the budget and proposed scope of the works had to be reduced to meet the budget requirements. Works include:
 - Repairs to the stained-glass windows
 - Removal of the bar area and repair/replace flooring underneath
 - Make good the walls and paint
 - Paint the stage area walls, replace the flooring

- Create windows in the boarding to the mezzanine floor
- Strip out and refit the ladies and gents toilets

Contractors are currently on site with the works due for completion March 2025.

3.2 Body of Report - Saints

3.2.1 Following an extensive and intrusive structural survey of the Newdigate St building owned by NBBC pending assignment of a lease to Saints, additional structural work has been identified. These works were unforeseen due to limitations in accessing certain parts of the structure, and the extent of works required is worse than anticipated.

3.2.2 The works required are, but not limited to structural roof timbers, lateral cracking to external brickwork and stonework repairs to the windows. The first floor of the building (Grand Ballroom) is at present not wind and weathertight and to some degree this has had a factor in the need to undertake these structural works. The works required is additional to works that had already been identified in the initial tender and is estimated to cost £56k (including contingency at 10%).

3.2.3 Officers have worked closely with the main contractor and members from the Saints group and identified savings in the project by omitting some works and value engineering to bring the project within the funding budget.

3.2.4 If additional funding cannot be found it will put at risk elements of the committed works and overall programme and Towns Fund funding as it will reduce or fail to meet some of the outcomes stated in the funding brief.

3.2.5 For example, the refurbishment and provision of the male toilets can be removed from the project brief (a saving of £44k) and a redesign of the ladies to make them unisex. However, this would then leave a ballroom with a capacity of 250 persons to use 4 toilets. And additional saving of £11k will still need to be found on top of this, limiting use of the stage area and other key parts of the area.

3.2.6 It must also be flagged that any delay or alteration to the works programme specification brief and design will incur additional costs to the existing project and a delay in the current work programme

4. **Pingles Leisure Centre**

4.1 As reported to Cabinet in November 2023, NBBC sought approval to apply for funding to Sport England, as part of the announced “Swimming Pools Support Funds” supporting the leisure industry in making facilities more sustainable.

- 4.2 In early 2024 NBBC were successful in applying for the Sport England funding and secured just under £400k towards installing PV's panels on the Pingles Leisure Centre / Pingles Stadium roofs and also installing a new pool cover in the Pingles main pool.
- 4.3 The secured funding from Sport England also aligned with a further application submitted and awarded to NBBC from the Governments Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) 3. This secured just under £3.5M towards decarbonising the Pingles site removing existing old gas boilers / CHP units and installing new heat source pumps.
- 4.4 The above two projects were then combined in a single contract and NBBC procured a contractor to manage this process, within the agreed timeframes of the two external funders.
- 4.5 Work has progressed, since the awarding of the funds and regularly reported to project funders. As the applications submitted were proposals, further work on final project plans has been required and gathering required information for the sites. As part of this structural engineers' reports have been received.
- 4.6 The Pingles Leisure Centre site has identified that there are up to six internal steel columns that require remedial works to be undertaken, to strengthen and address corrosion that has occurred since it was constructed.
- 4.7 Due to the decarbonisation works and in particular the installation of PV panels on the roof, the structural engineer report has advised that these works on the columns need to take place, prior to any additional weight being added to the leisure water roof area of the site.
- 4.8 An estimate at this time for all six columns to be strengthened has been received from a consultant totalling £280k. Further work is still being undertaken, including specialist ultrasound testing, to seek further evidence on the column conditions/integrity prior to finalising the agreed works required. This specialist ultrasound assessment may identify that not all six columns need to be strengthened, and works can be reduced accordingly.
- 4.9 By not undertaking the works now, will impact on the awarded funding, outcomes agreed and delivery of the overall decarbonisation project and planned zero carbon neutral outcome for the site.
- 4.10 The works required at the Pingles site need to be undertaken, any further delays may well result in additional costs, due to worsening of the corrosion.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 The Saints project identified in section 3 above details costing of £56k to undertake the required works.
- 5.2 The Council includes a budget of £250k per annum as a General Fund contribution towards major capital works on public assets and it is proposed to utilise part of this allocation to cover the cost. It should be noted however that this may impact other scheduled works and create funding pressures in future years.
- 5.3 It is proposed that an additional General Fund contribution is allocated for the Pingles of £280k as part of the 2025/26 budget setting round to support the project. If an underspend is achieved, it is proposed that the surplus is earmarked for future public asset works.
- 5.4 If approved, the capital budget for 2024/25 will be updated for the Saints and a growth item will be included in the 2025/26 budget. Progress on the projects will be reported in the quarterly monitoring reports to Cabinet.
6. Background Papers (if none, state none)

Pingles Decarbonisation Project - 8th November 2023 minute number CB61.



Cabinet/Individual Cabinet Member Decision

Report Summary Sheet

Date: 4th December 2024

Subject: Draft General Fund Revenue Budget 2025/26

Portfolio: Resources & Customer Services (Councillor S. Hey)

From: Strategic Director – Corporate Resources

Summary:

To provide detail regarding the draft Revenue Budget for the General Fund for 2025/26

To provide an update to Cabinet on the Chancellor's Autumn Statement

Recommendations:

That the General Fund budget position detailed within the report is noted.

That an update on the General Fund 2025/26 budget be presented to Cabinet in February once the NNDR1 is finalised, and the Local Government Financial Settlement has been announced.

That the Chairs of Overview & Scrutiny Panels are notified of the budget proposals in line with the Constitution.

That Cabinet approve the Strategic Director – Public Services to bid for grant funding from Arts Council England (Creative People and Place Fund) to continue cultural activity delivery - detail in paragraph 4.13.

That Cabinet note and approve the Council Tax base for 2025/26 and the surplus on the Council Tax Fund detailed in paragraph 4.1.

That Cabinet note that consultation with local businesses will be undertaken in line with Section 65 of the Local Government Finance Act.

Options:

To accept the recommendations.

To not accept the recommendations and propose alternative suggestions.

Reasons:

The Council is required to achieve a balanced budget each year.

Consultation undertaken with Members/Officers/Stakeholders

Strategic Directors
Members
Assistant Directors
Finance Officers

Subject to call-in:

Yes

Ward relevance:

None directly.

Forward plan:

Yes

Building a Better Borough Aim:

Work

Building a Better Borough Priority:

Grow a strong and inclusive economy

Relevant statutes or policy:

Local Government Finance Act 1992

Equalities Implications:

None

Human resources implications:

None

Financial implications:

Detailed in the report.

Health Inequalities Implications:

None

Section 17 Crime & Disorder Implications:

None

Risk management implications:

The Council analyses risks as part of the budget setting process and ensures an appropriate level of reserves are in place.

Environmental implications:

None

Legal implications:

To assess the risks and achieve a balanced budget each year.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to: Cabinet - 4th December 2024

From: Strategic Director – Corporate Resources

Subject: Draft General Fund Revenue Budget 2025/26

Portfolio: Resources & Customer Services (Councillor S Hey)

Building a Better Borough Aim: Work

Building a Better Borough Priority: Grow a strong and inclusive economy

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide a draft position of the General Fund budget for 2025/26.
- 1.2 To update Cabinet on the outcomes affecting the Council following the Chancellor's Autumn Statement on 30th October 2024.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the General Fund budget position detailed within the report is noted.
- 2.2 That an update on the General Fund 2025/26 budget be presented to Cabinet in February once the NNDR1 is finalised and the Local Government Financial Settlement has been announced.
- 2.3 That the Chairs of Overview & Scrutiny Panels are notified of the budget proposals in line with the Constitution.
- 2.4 That Cabinet approve the Strategic Director – Public Services to bid for grant funding from Arts Council England (Creative People and Place Fund) to continue cultural activity delivery - detail in paragraph 4.13.
- 2.5 That Cabinet note and approve the Council Tax base for 2025/26 and the surplus on the Council Tax Fund detailed in paragraph 4.1.
- 2.6 That Cabinet note that consultation with local businesses will be undertaken in line with Section 65 of the Local Government Finance Act.

3. Budget Setting Background

- 3.1 Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council (the Council) along with all local authorities across England have seen significantly reduced funding from central government over the last 10 years and the need to generate savings and increase income has been ongoing.
- 3.2 In a recent Local Government Association survey the five areas of concern in budget setting for 2025/26 are homelessness, waste collection and disposal, planning and development, capital expenditure and culture and leisure, with one in four councils being very likely to apply for exceptional financial support.
- 3.3 The Council struggles with the same areas although are not currently expecting to request financial support but with rising service costs, longer term savings need to be identified for the medium-term financial plan to ensure this position is maintained.

Autumn Statement

- 3.4 The Autumn Statement was announced on 30th October and has brought with it some key items that will impact the finances for the Council outside of the Local Government Financial Settlement. These include:
 - Standard business rates multiplier increased by September 2024 CPI
 - National Insurance Contributions for Employers to increase by 1.2% from April 2025
 - Homelessness funding increased by £233m.
 - £1.3 billion additional funding for local councils
- 3.5 No confirmation of Council Tax referendum limits was reported.
- 3.6 The small multiplier for Business Rates multiplier has been frozen for the fifth consecutive year and the standard rate has increased by September's CPI to 55.5p. The impact will be updated in the budget once the NNDR1 is completed.
- 3.7 The government is providing £233 million additional homelessness funding which should benefit the Council as it will help mitigate some of the high costs associated with the prevention of homelessness. This is not captured in the budget currently but will be updated once detail of the allocation is issued.
- 3.8 The Council will experience a significant cost pressure with the employers National Insurance Contribution increasing from 13.8% to 15%. There has been no official confirmation from Central Government whether councils will be protected from the additional cost.

- 3.9 The local government funding settlement is due to be issued on 19th December 2024 and will have an additional £1.3 billion to allocate as new grant funding including £600 million for social care. This is not yet captured in the budget and will be updated in February's report once details are received.

Assumptions

- 4.1 No Council Tax increase has been included in the draft budget, but the Council Tax Base has increased to 40,809.3 (previously 40,085.8) due to housing growth providing an additional £190k funding. As noted earlier in the report, referendum limits have not been confirmed but each 1% rise increases the Council's precept by approximately £105k. In addition to tax base growth, the fund is forecast to be in a surplus position by the end of 2024/25. The Council's share of the surplus is proposed as £117k.
- 4.2 The following cost assumptions and provisions are built into the draft budget:
- Pay award at 4%
 - Inflation where unavoidable on contracts etc
 - Treasury updates on investment income and interest payable
 - Forecasted interest on regeneration projects
 - Recycling Contract Rises
 - Reduced Planning Income
- 4.3 A pay award increase of 4% was included in the budget for 2024/25 and this was sufficient to fund the settled pay award. Due to a high number of vacancies, the General Fund is making savings and therefore the full impact of the pay award will not be seen to the full extent in year. An increase of 4% for 2025/26 is proposed as an assumption at this stage but this will however be reviewed in more detail over the coming months.
- 4.4 Inflation based on this year's CPI in September has been included on items at 2.6% unless contracts have different indexation terms built in.
- 4.5 It has been highlighted as part of the budget setting process that planning income would not be sustainable at the levels experienced in previous financial years. After a review of the planning applications in the pipeline the expected income for 2025/26 has been reduced.
- 4.6 Cash levels are set to decrease over the next three years as per the Treasury Strategy as cash reserves are utilised in advance of borrowing. Investment income is likely to fall slightly from the levels seen in recent years and interest payable through borrowing will increase due to regeneration projects.

- 4.7 A full review of interest receivable and payable is underway and will be reported in February as part of the updated Treasury Strategy for 2025/26 once the capital programme has been finalised. Any changes to the budget as a result of this review will be updated as part of the budget report in February.
- 4.8 Recycling income has seen a large reduction in year due to the fall in recycling material rebate. In addition, an increased charge for the recycling service from Coventry City Council is being seen and both have been reported in the quarterly monitoring updates. The position for 2024/25 has been reflected in the budget for 2025/26. The Council is anticipating increased costs from the agreement with Sherbourne Recycling Facility with income being reduced to a prudential level. This will be re-visited once more robust estimates are received from the Recycling Facility's board.
- 4.10 As noted at 3.1, the General Fund is under pressure with reduced funding and increased expenditure and a transformation approach is being undertaken to source savings and opportunities for income generation.
- 4.11 The draft position on the General Fund is a £2.96m deficit. The funding for the Council in 2025/26 is assumed to be through NNDR and Council Tax with a small level of New Homes Bonus.

	£'000
Portfolio Total	24,167
Central Adjustments	-1,890
Council Net Expenditure	22,278
Total Funding	-19,318
Draft Deficit	<u>2,960</u>

- 4.12 At this stage, New Homes Bonus has reduced slightly based on current Council Tax estimations. The same level of one-off grants for 2024/25 has been included but will change once details of the Local Government Financial Settlement are released. NNDR is kept at the same level as 2024/25 whilst awaiting the NNDR1 completion. The Council Tax base has increased for the growth of the borough as noted at 4.1 and the expected position on the Council Tax fund has changed from a deficit to a surplus for 2025/26. These updates are resulting in an increase of £184k in overall core funding between years.
- 4.13 Working with partners, the Council is seeking approval to submit a funding application for Arts Council England for revenue funding for delivery of cultural activities in Nuneaton and Bedworth. This supports the adopted NBBC Cultural Strategy and outcomes delivered by the Cultural Explorers project which comes to an end in March 2025.

- 4.14 The application will build upon the delivery of the Sanctuary / Creative Explorers project in Nuneaton and Bedworth if successful. NBBC is asked to provide a financial contribution towards the project totalling £150,000, financed over 2 financial years. This would be subject to NBBC being successful in its application and accepting the grant if awarded.
- 4.15 The contribution required from the Council is not currently included in the draft budget and will present a growth pressure if the grant application is successful.

5. Future Plan

- 5.1 As noted in the recommendations, the Council must look to review services and potential income generation. To continue to support discretionary services, the Council must undertake a complex review of what can be afforded and what is required under statute. Where discretionary services are not cost neutral, further analysis regarding the value added to residents of the Borough will be completed.
- 5.2 To ensure the Council fully recovers its costs, there is a review underway of fees and charges as inflationary pressures and the staff pay award are by default making the cost to manage services more expensive.
- 5.3 Transformation, as reported in the quarterly outturn reports, is now gaining traction and a number of areas are under review. It is expected that savings will be found by drawing out inefficiencies with a fundamental review of the effectiveness of procedures. Although work is underway, nothing has yet been included within the budget.
- 5.4 Cabinet are going to review the line item detail of the proposed draft budget over the coming weeks, in line with the Local Government Finance Settlement, implementing savings and growth areas as necessary.
- 5.5 Some smaller savings have already been proposed but not compiled as a whole and a full review of opportunities not yet included in the draft is underway.

6. Earmarked Reserves

- 6.1 As part of the budget setting process, reserves must be reviewed to determine whether they are at a sufficient level to cover any risks faced by the Council.
- 6.2 On the General Fund, the minimum general reserve balance of £1m is currently exceeded and earmarked reserves are available to support specific expenditure, however these can only be utilised once.

6.3 The expected balance on earmarked reserves for 2025/26 is £12.9m based on the draft budget.

6.4 There are earmarked reserves scheduled for drawdown in 2024/25 and any deficit will also need to be funded from specific reserves set aside although this needs to be avoided and cannot be a solution for next financial year. Reserve balances are reducing annually and control over the financial sustainability of the Council is critical.

7. Conclusion

7.1 The Council needs to make some difficult decisions regarding services and fees in the coming months. The unknown future financial settlements create uncertainty and the draw on reserves being seen in recent years is not sustainable into the medium-term.

8. Appendices

8.1 None

9. Background Papers

9.1 None