

**NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**AUDIT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**25<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

An extraordinary meeting of the Audit & Standards Committee was held on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Nuneaton.

**Present**

Councillor J. Bonner – Chair

Councillors: D. Brown (Vice-Chair), T. Cooper, L. Cvetkovic, B. Hancox, W. Markham, K. Price, B. Saru, C. Smith and M. Wright.

Apologies: Councillor J. Hartshorn.

**PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS**

ASC44 **Declarations of Interest**

**RESOLVED** that the declarations of interest are as set out in the Schedule attached to these minutes.

ASC45 **Statement of Accounts 2023/24 Approval**

A Report of the Strategic Director – Corporate Resources, with a presentation from representatives of the External Auditors provided the Committee with the final version of the 2023/24 Statement of Accounts for approval.

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the Audit Opinion on the Statement of Accounts be noted;
- b) the Auditor's Completion Report be noted;
- c) delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director – Corporate Resources and Chair of Audit and Standards Committee to sign the Accounts; and
- d) delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director – Corporate Resources and Chair of Audit and Standards Committee to sign the Letter of Representation.

ASC46 **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

**RESOLVED** that under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item, it being likely that there would be disclosure of exempt information of the description specified in paragraph (7) of Part I and II of Schedule 12A to the Act.

**PART II – EXEMPT ITEM/S**

ASC47 **Auditor Completion Report Addendum**

A Report of the Strategic Director – Corporate Resources, with a presentation from representatives of the External Auditors allowed Members to view and ask questions on the action plan for ICT cyber security risks.

**RESOLVED** that the action plan for ICT cyber security risks be noted.

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

**Audit and Standards –  
Schedule of Declarations of Interests – 2024/2025**

	<b>Name of Councillor</b>	<b>Disclosable Pecuniary Interest</b>	<b>Other Personal Interest</b>	<b>Dispensation</b>
	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"> <li>- Housing matters</li> <li>- Statutory sick pay under Part XI of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992</li> <li>- An allowance, payment given to members</li> <li>- An indemnity given to members</li> <li>- Any ceremonial honour given to members</li> <li>- Setting council tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992</li> <li>- Planning and Licensing matters</li> <li>- Allotments</li> <li>- Local Enterprise Partnership</li> </ul>
	J. Bonner	Employed by Etone College (Matrix Academy Trust) - Teacher	The Labour Party (sponsorship) Member of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Labour Party</li> <li>- National Education Union</li> </ul>	
	D. Brown	Employed by H.M Land Registry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Regional Coordinator, Ragdoll Rescue Charity.</li> <li>-Trustee of the Exhall Education Foundation Charity</li> </ul>	
	T. Cooper			
	L. Cvetkovic	Head of Geography (Teacher), Sidney Stringer Academy, Coventry	Trustee of Bulkington Volunteers (Founder); Bulkington Sports and Social Club (Trustee)  Member on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Building Control Partnership Steering Group</li> </ul>	
	B. Hancox		The Labour Party (sponsorship) Member of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Labour Party</li> <li>- Unite the Union</li> <li>- British Gurkha Veterans Association (Adviser)</li> </ul> Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nuneaton Festival of Arts</li> <li>- Bedworth Neighbourhood Watch Committee</li> <li>- Nicolas Chamberlaine's School Foundation</li> </ul>	

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	J. Hartshorn	Employed by Asda Nuneaton	Member of Nuneaton Conservatives	
	W. Markham		Member of the following bodies: - Unite Union - Free Speech Union - Exhall Multicultural Group	
	K. Price	Warwickshire County Council	The Labour Party Unite the Union BASW Social Work England Registration	
	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	
	M. Wright			