

**NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**5<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

A meeting of Cabinet was held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 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 S. Hey (Resources & Customer Services)  
Councillor T. Jenkins (Leisure, Communities and Health)  
Councillor R. Roze (Planning & Enforcement)

**CB97 Apologies**

Apologies received from Councillor N. King (Business and Regeneration)

**CB98 Declarations of Interest**

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

**CB99 Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025, be approved, and signed by the Chair

**CB100 Climate Change and Sustainability Action Plan**

The Strategic Director – Place and Economy submitted a report to Cabinet asking to take the Climate Change and Sustainability Action Plan for public consultation. The is in response to the council declaring a climate emergency on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

**RESOLVED** that the Climate Change and Sustainability Action Plan be approved for public consultation.

**Speakers:**

Mr Keith Kondakor

**Options**

- a) To recommend with or without amendments.
- b) To not recommend.

**Reasons**

To address the Council's declared climate emergency of 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019

**CB101 Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2025/26**

The Assistant Director – Finance submitted to Cabinet the updated Council's Local Council Tax Support Scheme in line with the regulations required by Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government.

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the Local Council Tax Support Scheme for financial year 2025/26 be approved; and
- b) the report be marked not for call in as provided for in paragraph 15(f) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Constitution.

**Speakers:**

None

**Options**

- a) To accept the report

**Reasons**

Legislative requirements

**CB102 Non- Domestic Rates – Policy Updates**

The Assistant Director – Finance submitted a report presenting the Non-Domestic Rates policies for approval effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025

**RESOLVED** that

- a) changes to the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure policy as mandated in the Autumn budget 2024 be approved;
- b) the updates to the Supporting Small Businesses policy be approved;
- c) the policy outlining the Council’s approach to awarding discretionary rate relief be approved; and
- d) the report be marked not for call in as provided for in paragraph 15(f) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Constitution

**Speakers**

Mr Keith Kondakor

**Options**

- a) To approve the policies

**Reasons**

Legislative requirements and to provide a clear, robust and transparent approach to dealing with applications for discretionary rate relief.

**CB103 General Fund Budget Monitoring Q3**

The Assistant Director – Finance submitted a report to Cabinet presenting the forecast outturn position for the General Fund Budget Monitoring Q3 as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the forecast outturn position for the General Fund for 2024/25 be noted, with consideration given to key variances; and
- b) the revised budget following a virement for the pay award provisions across service area be noted.

**Speakers**

Mr Keith Kondakor

**Options**

- a) To accept the report
- b) Request further information on the forecasted position.

**Reasons**

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

**CB104 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Monitoring Q3**

The Assistant Director – Finance, presented the forecast revenue outturn position for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

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

**Speakers**

Mr Keith Kondakor

**Options**

- a) Accept the recommendations
- b) Request further information on the forecasted position

**Reasons**

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

**CB105 Capital Monitoring Q3**

The Assistant Director – Finance presented the Q3 forecast outturn position on capital expenditure for both the General Fund and HRA.

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the forecast outturn for Q3 for the General Fund and HRA be noted; and
- b) the amendment to the 2024/25 budget as detailed in the report and in appendix 1 be approved.

**Speakers**

Mr Keith Kondakor

**Options**

- a) Accept the recommendations
- b) Request further information on the forecasted position

Reasons

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

CB106 **Recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny Panels**

None

CB107 **Any Other Items**

None

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Chair

**PUBLICATION DATE: 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025**

**DECISIONS COME INTO FORCE: 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025**

## 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"> <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>
	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"> <li>• West Midlands Employers Board (NBBC representative)</li> <li>• Local Government Superannuation Scheme Consultative Board</li> <li>• West Midlands Employers</li> <li>• Nuneaton and Bedworth Older People's Forum</li> </ul>	
	T. Jenkins	Managing Partner – Gribblybugs LLP  Employed by Mary Creagh MP (Coventry East)	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nuneaton and Bedworth Sports Forum,</li> </ul>	

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board,</li> <li>• Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board,</li> <li>• Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel,</li> <li>• Biodiversity Champion</li> <li>• Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground</li> <li>• Exhall Education Foundation</li> <li>• Foleshill Charity Trustee – Proffitt's Charity</li> </ul>	
	N. King	Employed by Love Hair and Beauty	Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nuneaton Town Deal Board</li> </ul>	
	R. Roze	Director – InfiniTEN Ltd	Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A5 Member Partnership</li> <li>• Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd</li> <li>• PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside of London) Joint Committee Services.</li> <li>• Building Control Partnership Steering Group</li> <li>• Bedworth Town Deal Board</li> </ul>	
	J. Sheppard		Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sherbourne Asset Co Shareholder Committee</li> <li>• Warwickshire Direct Partnership</li> <li>• Warwickshire Waste Partnership</li> <li>• Nuneaton Neighbour Watch Committee</li> </ul>	
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				
	C.M. Watkins	Employee of Nutri Pack	Representative on the following outside bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coventry, Warwickshire and Hinckley and Bosworth Joint Committee</li> </ul>	

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Government Association</li> <li>• Nuneaton and Bedworth Home Improvement Agency</li> <li>• Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership</li> <li>• Warwickshire Housing Support Partnership</li> <li>• West Midlands Combined Authority Board (WMCA)</li> <li>• West Midland Combined Housing and Land delivery Board</li> </ul>	