

## **NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **CABINET**

**8<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

A meeting of Cabinet was held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 in the Council Chamber which was recorded and uploaded onto the Council's website.

### **Present**

Councillor K. Wilson (Leader and Business and Regeneration)  
Councillor C. Golby (Deputy Leader and Housing and Communities)  
Councillor S. Croft (Finance and Corporate)  
Councillor J. Gutteridge (Health and Environment)  
Councillor S. Markham (Public Services)  
Councillor R. Smith (Planning and Regulation)

CB58 **Apologies**

None

CB59 **Declarations of Interest**

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

CB60 **Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023, be approved, and signed by the Chair.

CB61 **Pingles Leisure Centre and Pingles Stadium Decarbonisation Scheme**

The Assistant Director – Recreation & Culture and Plant Maintenance & Energy Officer submitted a report to Cabinet providing an overview the Council's application for Government funding and Sport England funds to support new commercial heating systems within the Pingles Leisure Centre and the Pingles Stadium

**RESOLVED** that

- a) Delegated Authority be given to the Strategic Directors for Finance & Governance and Public Services in consultation with the Assistant Director for Recreation & Culture and the Portfolio Holders for Public Services and Health & Environment to accept a large-scale funding award to deliver the Pingles Leisure Centre & Pingles Stadium Decarbonisation Scheme project;
- b) Delegated Authority be given to the Strategic Directors for Finance & Governance and Public Services in consultation with the Assistant Director for Recreation & Culture and the Portfolio Holders for Public Services and Health & Environment to deliver the Pingles Leisure Centre & Pingles Stadium Decarbonisation project; and
- c) subject to the outcome of the external funding submissions and recommendations from Cabinet the Capital Programme be updated to include this work if approved.

**Speakers:**

Councillor Keith Kondakor

**Options**

- a) Accept the recommendation/s in full.
- b) Do not accept the recommendation/s

**Reasons**

A successful bid will address the current serious pressures of the mechanical & electrical (M&E) systems within The Pingles Leisure Centre and the Pingles Stadium being past their expected lifespans and the aging of this plant reducing the operational reliance's and building performance for the residents and visitors alike.

A bid to decarbonise the assets and fully modernise the crucial energy consuming plant will provide a sustainable and energy efficient future for the sites for the next 20 plus years to come.

**CB62 Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places**

The Chief Executive submitted a report to Cabinet as following the Ward Boundary Review, and under statutory duty the council is required to update its scheme of polling districts and polling places to ensure "reasonable facilities for voting" are provided.

**RESOLVED** that

- a) it be recommended to Council, that the scheme of polling districts and pilling places at Appendix A of the report be approved; and
- b) Delegated Authority be given to the Chief Executive in their role as Returning Officer to make minor amendments to this scheme in order to provide suitable facilities for voting at short notice, following consultation with group leaders.

**Speakers:**

Councillor Keith Kondakor

**Options**

- a) The attached scheme is approved by Council as is
- b) Make recommendations for changes to the attached scheme as Cabinet sees fit, for council to approve;
- c) Ask officers to produce further report at a later date with amendments to the attached scheme.

**Reasons**

In order to implement this scheme of polling districts ahead of the publication of revised register of electors on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 (the register used for the elections in May)

**CB63 General Fund Budget Monitoring Q2**

The Strategic Director – Finance and Governance presented the forecast revenue outturn position for the General Fund as of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

**RESOLVED** that the forecast outturn position for the General Fund for 2023/24 be noted, with consideration given to key variances.

**Speakers:**

Councillor Keith Kondakor

Options

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

Reasons

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

CB64 **HRA Budget Monitoring Q2**

The Strategic Director – Finance & Governance presented the forecast revenue outturn position for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) as of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

**RESOLVED** that the forecast outturn position for the HRA for 2023/24 be noted, with consideration given to key variances.

**Speakers:**

Councillor Keith Kondakor

Councillor Richard Baxter-Payne

Options

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

Reasons:

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

CB65 **Capital Monitoring Q2**

The Strategic Director – Finance & Governance updated Cabinet on the Council's Q2 forecasted outturn position on capital expenditure for both the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account (HRA)

**RESOLVED** that the Q2 forecasted capital outturn position for 2023/24 for the General Fund and HRA be noted.

**Speakers:**

Councillor Keith Kondakor

Options

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

Reasons

To ensure the Council has an accurate capital budget.

CB66 **Recommendations From Overview and Scrutiny Panels**

None

CB67 **Any Other Items**

a) **Appointment of Honorary Aldermen/Alderwomen and Honorary Freeman/Freewoman**

A recommendation from Civic Honours Sub-Committee held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 was submitted to Cabinet on the above.

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the Head of Paid Service be requested to convene an Extraordinary Council for the purposes of voting upon the nominated Honorary Aldermen/ Honorary Alderwomen and Honorary Freeman/Freewomen; and
- b) Mrs Abeda Suleman Vorajee MBE be accepted and put forward as a nomination to receive the title of Honorary Freewomen.

CB68 **Exclusion of 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 3 and 5 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act.

CB69 **Revised Governance Arrangements**

The Strategic Director – Finance and Governance submitted a report to cabinet to commence internal proceedings to change the delivery of the Internal Audit Service.

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the proposal to join the Central Midlands Audit Partnership (CMAP) on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 be noted; and
- b) Delegated Authority be given to the Strategic Director – Finance & Governance to commence consultation regarding the proposed change to the delivery of the Internal Audit Service.

**Speakers:**

Councillor Keith Kondakor

Options

To accept or reject the proposal.

Reasons

To ensure increased resilience in the Internal Audit Service supporting the control environment and governance.

CB70 **Regeneration Projects Update – Land at Vicarage Street**

A report of the Strategic Director – Economy and Transformation submitted an update on the land at Vicarage Street and its redevelopment as part of the Transforming Nuneaton Programme.

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the disposal of the Council's land as shown as "Plot A" and "Plot B" on the plan attached at Appendix 1 of the report on the terms as outlined in the report to Warwickshire County Council be approved;
- b) Delegated Authority be given to the Strategic Director – Economy and Transformation to agree the terms for the disposal in consultation with the Leader of the Council; and
- c) Delegated Authority be given to the Strategic Director – Housing and Community Safety to agree the terms for the acquisition of the affordable housing.

**Speakers:**

Councillor Keith Kondakor

**Options**

- a) To accept the recommendations
- b) To give direction to explore alternative courses of action or revise the delegation.
- c) To reject the recommendations.

**Reasons**

To facilitate the redevelopment of the site at Vicarage Street by Warwickshire County Council as part of the wider Transforming Nuneaton Programme.

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Chair

**PUBLICATION DATE: 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**

**DECISIONS COME INTO FORCE: 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**

## Cabinet - Schedule of Declarations of Interests – 2023/2024

	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. Croft	Employed at Holland & Barrett Retail Ltd	Treasurer of the Conservative Association Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Champion for Safeguarding (Children and Adults)</li> <li>• Local Government Superannuation Scheme Consultative Board</li> </ul> West Midlands Employers	
	C. Golby		Member of Warwickshire County Council  Membership of Other Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership</li> <li>• Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd.</li> <li>• Nuneaton and Bedworth Home Improvement Agency</li> <li>• Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board</li> <li>• Warwickshire Housing and Support Partnership</li> <li>• Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel</li> <li>• George Eliot Hospital</li> </ul>	

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
			<p>NHS Trust – Public/User Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• George Eliot Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Governors</li> <li>• District Leaders (substitute)</li> <li>• Local Enterprise Partnership (substitute)</li> <li>• Coventry, Warwickshire and Hinckley and Bosworth Joint Committee (substitute)</li> </ul>	
	J. Gutteridge		<p>Representative on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board</li> <li>• Age UK (Warwickshire Branch)</li> <li>• Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground</li> <li>• West Midlands Combined Authority Wellbeing Board</li> </ul> <p>Member of NABCEL</p>	
	S. Markham	County Councillor – WCC (Portfolio Holder for Children’s Services)	<p>Governor at Ash Green School</p> <p>Member of the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nuneaton and Bedworth Sports Forum</li> <li>• Warwickshire Direct Partnership</li> <li>• Warwickshire Waste Partnership</li> <li>• Sherbourne Asset Co Shareholder Committee</li> <li>• Hammersley, Smith and Orton Charities</li> </ul>	
	R. Smith		<p>Chairman of Volunteer Friends, Bulkington;</p> <p>Trustee of Bulkington Sports and Social Club;</p> <p>Director of NABCEL;</p> <p>Member of the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A5 Member Partnership;</li> <li>• PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulation Outside of London) Joint Committee;</li> <li>• Building Control Partnership Steering Group</li> <li>• Bulkington Village Community and Conference Centre</li> <li>• West Midlands Combined</li> </ul>	

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
			Authority and Land Delivery Board	
	K.D. Wilson	Acting Delivery Manager, Nuneaton and Warwick County Courts, HMCTS, Warwickshire Justice Centre, Nuneaton	<p>Deputy Chairman – Nuneaton Conservative Association</p> <p>Corporate Tenancies: properties are leased by NBBC to Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd, of which I am a Council appointed Director.</p> <p>Representative on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director of Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd (NABCEL)</li> <li>• Coventry, Warwickshire and Hinckley &amp; Bosworth Joint Committee</li> <li>• District Council Network</li> <li>• Local Government Association</li> <li>• LGA People &amp; Places Board (Member)</li> <li>• West Midlands Combined Authority</li> </ul>	