

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

**ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE OVERVIEW
AND SCRUTINY PANEL**

30th January 2025

A meeting of the Environment and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Panel was held on Thursday, 30th January 2025 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall Nuneaton.

Present

Councillor T. Venson (Chair)

Councillors: A. Bull, E. Amaechi, J. Collett, M. Walsh (Vice-Chair) S. Markham, W. Markham and C. Smith.

Apologies: Councillor J. Gutteridge and A. Bull left the meeting due to ill health.

PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS

EL18 **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Environment and Leisure OSP meeting held on 3rd October 2024 be approved and signed by the Chair.

EL19 **Declarations of Interest**

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

EL20 **Questions to Cabinet**

The portfolio holder for Leisure, Communities and Health (Councillor T. Jenkins) was in attendance to answer questions from the Panel.

No questions from the panel were asked.

EL21 **Integrated Performance Report – Second Quarter 2024/25**

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

The following was raised:

- Agency staff spend is a red risk and has increased from last year. The agency spend is in areas such as refuse where the turnover is high, this is offset by staff vacancy savings
- Member enquiry forms have increased for 2024/25, is this due to more members using MEF rather than customer services? The officer advised that it is likely due to having designated corms for certain service areas such as ground maintenance.
- The museum all attendance total has an 8k difference to the in-person visits. The officer advised that all attendance total includes outreach contacts such

as social media, the panel felt this was misleading and requested the title be amended to better reflect the data presented.

RESOLVED that

- a) the contents of the report be noted; and
- b) the amendment to the museum titles be approved.

EL22 Air Quality Management Report

A report was submitted to the panel by the Senior Environmental Health Officer (SEHO) in response to a deferred Cabinet report on the revocation of Leicester Road gyratory AQMA 1 to consider the data related to the area and to ensure if the removal was approved this would not impact on the monitoring of Air Quality in the Borough.

The following points were discussed:

- The revocation of Leicester Road gyratory will mean that the data readings will not be submitted to DEFRA but the air quality in that area will still be monitored and analysed on a monthly basis. No cost saving of revoking as the tubes will remain and be monitored.
- The tubes are not placed randomly and there is guidance on where tubes will be placed for monitoring.
- A lot of the work that is completed by NBBC relies on partnership working for example with Warwickshire County Council and with an Air Quality Steering group is held annually, NBBC does not have the authority to make decisions on air quality.
- Concerns with the amount of housing development in the Borough that this will affect the air quality levels. The SEHO advised that due to the advancement of car engines the levels are reducing quicker than the new developments are being built.

RESOLVED that it be recommended to Cabinet that the revocation of Leicester Road Gyratory AQMA 1 be approved.

EL23 12 Month Review – Sherbourne Recycling

A report by Richard Dobbs – the Managing Director of Sherbourne Recycling Limited was submitted the panel containing a review of the last 12 months progress.

Councillor S. Markham raised the following questions to be submitted for a response:

- 1) In reference to the fire on 11th December which was caused by batteries/discarded vapes, the plant closed down for 5 days which meant we had to take the recycling to another recycling centre. How much did this cost us? And can you confirm or deny if the batch in question that caused the fire came from NBBC and if so which area? And what have we done to advise the public of the dangers?
- 2) The costs to repair and close the centre must be significant, have costs been covered by insurance or do partners have to pay for the costs? If so, what is the proportion?

In addition, potential dates to a site visit of the Sherbourne Recycling Centre were circulated to the panel prior to the meeting for agreement.

RESOLVED that

- a) the report be noted; and
- b) the panel agreed a date of 18th March at either 10.30am or 3pm for a site visit to Sherbourne Recycling Centre.

EL24 **Forward Plan**

The Forward Plan showing the key decisions that will be made in the four months commencing 1st February 2025, was provided to the Panel for information.

RESOLVED: that the Forward Plan be noted.

EL25 **Work Programme**

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

RESOLVED that

- a) the Work Programme be noted; and
- b) the amendments to the Work Programme be approved.

EL26 **Any Other Items**

None

EL27 **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 paragraphs 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act.

EL28 **Everyone Active Annual Report**

A presentation by an SLM representative was given to the panel on the last 12 months, in respect of usage, membership/swimming lessons and fitness. In addition to community health and wellbeing and social added value.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Chair

**Environment and Leisure OSP –
Schedule of Declarations of Interests – 2024/2025**

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
	General dispensations granted to all members under s.33 of the Localism Act 2011			Granted to all members of the Council in the areas of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Housing matters - Statutory sick pay under Part XI of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 - An allowance, payment given to members - An indemnity given to members - Any ceremonial honour given to members - Setting council tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 - Planning and Licensing matters - Allotments - Local Enterprise Partnership
	E. Amaechi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Employed NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP) - Ricky Global Consultants Ltd - Purple Dove Events Ltd - Director – Techealth Ltd 	The Labour Party (sponsorship) - Foundation Governor - Our Lady and St. Joseph Academy, Nuneaton. - Member of: - British Computer Society. - Igbo Community Coventry. - Mbaise Community, Coventry. Representative on the following Outside Bodies: - Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground - EQuIP: Equality and Inclusion Partnership - West Midlands Combined Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee - Pride in Camp Hill (PinCH)	
	A. Bull	Employed by FedEx	The Labour Party (sponsorship) - CWU Trade Union Member Representative of the following Outside Bodies: - Age UK (Warwickshire Branch)	
	J. Collett	Employed by: - Director, Research and Insights for Fullbrook Strategies Ltd.	- Nuneaton Conservative Association (sponsorship) Member of: - Nuneaton Rugby Club - Nuneaton Town Football Club	

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
		- Managing Director - Consigliere Strategy Ltd	- Nuneaton Cricket Club	
	J. Gutteridge			
	S. Markham	County Councillor – WCC (Portfolio Holder for Children’s Services)	Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hammersley, Smith and Orton Charities • Trustee of Abbey Theatre • Bedworth Board • Free Speech Union • Exhall Multicultural Group 	
	W. Markham		Governor at Ash Green School for SEND Member of the following bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unite Union - Free Speech Union - Exhall Multicultural Group 	
	C. Smith	Software Engineer – Prophet PLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Member of Labour Party and Unite - Safeguarding – Manor Park RFC Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Astley Charity 	
	T. Venson	Employed by Freightliner Heavy Haul	ASIEF Trade Union The Labour Party Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Building Control Partnership Steering Group - Warwickshire Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee 	
	M. Walsh	Employed by MacInnes Tooling Ltd. – UK Sales Manager	Trustee of the Nuneaton Scouts Association. Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hammersley Smith and Orton Charity 	