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Dear Sir/Madam,

Council – 5th July 2023

I refer to item 9, on the agenda for the meeting of Council on Wednesday, 5th July 2023 and attach the Cabinet report to Council which was marked 'to follow' on the agenda.

Yours faithfully,



BRENT DAVIS

Chief Executive

To: Members of the Council

Cabinet Report to Council July 2023

1. Introduction

This report deals with the Cabinet meetings held on 24th May 2023 and 21st June 2023.

It also references any reports from the West Midlands Combined Authority [WMCA] Board, which have, or may have in the future, a direct impact on NBBC, namely the WMCA Board meeting held on 9th June 2023.

2. 24th May 2023 - Cabinet Meeting

a) Bedworth Civic Hall – Update – Next Steps – Public Services – Councillor S. Markham (Key Decision)

Cabinet received a report that set out the next steps for consideration on the future operation of the venue following the expression of interest submissions. Specifically, the timescales and selection criteria for the forthcoming selection exercise. Cabinet agreed to undertake the required formal procurement exercise to ensure that it complies with the openness and transparency provisions of the procurement regulations.

This decision was called in by the opposition on the 8th June 2023 and an Extraordinary Meeting of the Finance and Public Services OSP called on the 28th June 2023.

b) Reimagining Museum & Art Gallery Parks Revival – Business and Regeneration – Councillor K. Wilson (Key Decision)

The Cabinet received an update to the Reimagining Museum & Art Gallery revival. The report details the next stages of the redevelopment and the funding that has been allocated to begin Phase 1. Cabinet will be provided with further timely updates as the project continues.

c) Creation of Flexible Tenancies, Downsizing Policy and Local Lettings Plan within the Council Housing Stock – Housing and Communities – Councillor C. Golby (Key Decision)

Cabinet approved the above report detailing the Council's policy on encouraging tenants currently under occupying to move to smaller accommodation that better suits their needs. This will have a positive impact on temporary accommodation costs with larger families being able to be offered suitable accommodation.

d) Funding Arrangements – Economic Development and Public Safety – Housing and Communities – Councillor C. Golby

Cabinet approved the establishment of a Town Centre Business Grant Scheme which has used the funding that was previously given to the Local Enterprise Partnership which has now been subsumed within Warwickshire County Council's

duties. The scheme will provide more locally focused use of the resources for the benefit of the Borough.

e) **UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) – Business & Regeneration and Housing & Communities (Key Decision)**

An update was approved by Cabinet regarding the UKSPF and the funding that was allocated to projects in Year One. The report gave an update on the progress of the year one projects looking forward then to the proposed further projects for Years 2 and 3 providing a cohesive approach to supporting local businesses, representing the priorities set by the Council via the corporate plan, Building a Better Borough.

3. **21st June 2023 Cabinet Meeting**

a) **The Serious Violence Duty – Housing and Communities – Councillor C. Golby (Key Decision)**

Cabinet were provided with and approved a report detailing the statutory requirement of the Serious Violence Duty as set out in the Police Crime Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (The Act). It places a new duty on 'specified authorities' including Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council to

- Conduct a Strategic Needs Assessment
- Develop a Serious Violence Prevention Strategy
- Develop and Implement a Serious Violence Delivery Plan for the Local Area

b) **Local Development Scheme Updated Timetable – Planning and Regulation – Councillor R. Smith (Key Decision)**

A report was put before Cabinet as a special urgency item to seek approval to update the timetables for the Borough Plan Review and Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations Development Plan Documents. The scheme needed to be updated, in the public domain and adopted prior to any public consultation on the Borough Plan Review. Cabinet approved the new timetable for the Local Development Scheme in order to not delay consultation.

Other items considered

Vehicle Tyre Replacement Contract (Key Decision)

4. **West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA)**

In terms of items which have, or may have in the future, a direct impact on NBBC the WMCA Board meeting of 9th June 2023 considered:

- A report noting the appointments made by constituent, non-constituent and observer member authorities to the WMCA Board and its committees/sub-boards for 2023/24 and agreeing the timetable of meetings for the WMCA Board and its committees/sub-boards for 2023/24

- A report providing a summary of the financial position for the 2022/23 Revenue and Capital Budgets; updates on the Investment Programme; Administered Funds and the Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023. The figures set out in the report represent the provisional outturn position for the 2022/23 financial year. The WMCA external audit procedures will be completed between July and September 2023, with the anticipated signing date for the 2022/23 Statutory Accounts being the end of September 2023.
- A report setting out the recommendations from the Transport Governance Review that the existing Transport Delivery Committee should evolve into a new Transport Delivery Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The new Transport Delivery Overview and Scrutiny Committee will have 20 members, with membership (for constituent councils) continuing to be based on the percentage transport levy paid. However there will be also be 4 Elected Members representing the non-constituent shire areas. Including these non-constituent members, in a non-voting capacity, on the committee will provide an additional perspective and wider evidence base for its discussions.
- A report asking the WMCA Board to note the Government's requirement for the WMCA to select a 'Primary Sector' in relation to the development of the West Midlands Investment Zone proposition and to endorse the recommended Primary Sector for the West Midlands Investment Zone as advanced manufacturing, to inform and underpin further co-development of the Investment Zone proposition.
- A report providing a short update about the West Midlands Trailblazer Deeper Devolution Deal [that was announced March 2023] implementation process and seeking formal approval to initiate statutory processes regarding some aspects of the Deal. The report also set out the process that constituent authorities will need to follow to allow for formal ratification of the Deal before the WMCA Board meeting in October 2023.
- A report seeking the WMCA Board's endorsement of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee 2022/23 annual report and its support for the proposed work plan of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee for 2023/24.

5. Conclusion

This report is presented on behalf of Cabinet, and, as always, my colleagues and I are only too happy to take any questions in relation to this report.

Councillor K. Wilson
Leader of the Council on behalf of Cabinet