

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

14th December, 2022

The meeting of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council was held on Wednesday, 14th December 2022 which was recorded and live streamed.

Present

The Mayor (Councillor J. Clarke)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor M. Walsh)

Councillors D. Brown, B. Beetham, C. Cape, T. Cooper, S. Croft, L. Cvetkovic, L. Downs, K. Evans, C. Golby, M. Green, J. Gutteridge, B. Hammersley, S. Harbison, J. Hartshorn, K. Kondakor, S. Markham, G. Moreton, B. Pandher, R. Baxter-Payne, J. Sheppard, T. Sheppard, E. Shiers, J. Singh, R. Smith, M. Tromans, R. Tromans, and M. Wright

Apologies were received for Councillors J. Coventry-Moreton, J. Kennaugh, N. Phillips, C. Watkins, and K. Wilson

A minute silence was held for former Mayor and Mayoress and recently awarded Alderwoman Diana Hawkes who had passed away recently.

CL33 **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 19th October 2022, were confirmed, and signed by the Mayor

CL34 **Declarations of Interests**

RESOLVED that the Declarations of Interests for this meeting are as set out in the schedule attached to these minutes.

CL35 **Announcements**

The Mayor announced that they had received an acknowledgement from His Majesty King Charles III in relation to the Councils letter of sympathy on death of the late Queen Elizabeth II.

The Chief Executive announced that we had received a commemorative certificate and miniature replica of the Queens Baton for the Councils involvement in the Baton relay and helping with the Commonwealth Games.

CL36 **Censure of a Member**

The Chief Executive read out a Censure in relation to Councillor K. Kondakor following the outcome of a complaint taken to a Standards Hearing Panel. The Censure is recorded in the minutes and was read out as follows:

Censure of Councillor Keith Kondakor: Full Council 14th December 2022

1. Background

On 25th November 2022, the Audit & Standards Sub-committee held a hearing into a complaint against Councillor Kondakor that he had failed to comply with the following paragraphs of the Council's Code of Conduct:

Paragraph 3a – You must treat others with respect; &

Paragraph 5 – You must not conduct yourself in a manner which could reasonably be regarded as bringing your office or authority into disrepute.

The complaint arose as a result of a social media exchange with another Councillor during which Councillor Kondakor stated:

“You clearly do not believe in democracy. We need a range of people on the Council, not a one party state produced by adjusting electoral systems and demonising (sic) every other party. You are getting more like Nazis every month.”

As a result of the last sentence of his statement, a member of the public took exception to the suggestion and raised a complaint. Despite being asked to remove the post and offer an apology, Councillor Kondakor refused to do so and so the complaint was investigated. When contacted by the Monitoring Officer, Councillor Kondakor did remove the post, but by then it had been retweeted several times. At the same time, Councillor Kondakor refused to offer an apology to the member who was the intended recipient of the post.

2. The Standards Local Hearing Panel decision

At the hearing, the Sub-committee found that Councillor Kondakor had breached both paragraphs of the Code of Conduct for Members.

3. Sanction

Because the statement was made on social media, the breach was considered to be significant and the Sub-committee felt that Councillor Kondakor be publicly censured at this full council meeting.

The Sub-committee also resolved

- for its findings in respect of Councillor Kondakor's conduct be published on the Council's website; and
- its findings be reported to Council for information;

4. Censure

The Sub-committee considered that Councillor Kondakor's comment was a gratuitous insult that stepped outside the bounds of ordinary political exchanges which are protected by Article 10 of the European Convention on

Human Rights. This caused offence to the complainant and the recipient of the social media post and displayed a lack of respect to both.

Publicly making the assertion demonstrated a blatant disrespect to all members of the Council, including himself. Accordingly, Councillor Kondakor had brought both the Council and his office as an elected member into disrepute. The Sub-committee agreed, therefore, that Councillor Kondakor be censured as follows:

You be formally censured that inappropriate language on social media is unacceptable. You apologise to both the complainant and to Councillor Evans publicly at this meeting for the use of the term "Nazi" as being both insulting and abusive.

This censure will be minuted and kept on public record, indefinitely.

CL37 **Public Participation**

Question 1 – Sam Margrave asked the following question to the Leader of the Council:

It is clear the Council is in financial difficulty and on the brink of bankruptcy.

The Conservatives when they stood for election in 2021 (for a three-year term in charge) promised in their manifesto "free parking throughout December & January".

You said this was vital for levelling up and helping local town centre business, and residents.

Despite the cost of living crisis residents are facing and promises, you've refused to offer free parking in December and January this year.

Broken promises aren't new, Labour in 2018 Promised the Green Bins would be free. Then put a £40 charge on them.

Both parties often lie to voters. Both parties promise change but deliver more of the same.

This isn't levelling up but levelling down and seems due to finances, so more money needs to be found for the Council to keep its promises.

Another area that the Council hasn't delivered on is cutting or scrapping Councillors allowances, which would free up hundreds of thousands of pounds to spend on things local people want.

According to the Government Councillors are meant to be voluntary like a school governor or magistrate or club secretary. They along with Town Councillors aren't paid.

In the past the Conservative Group called for Councillors allowances to be scrapped. One current member at least made the argument Mr Mayor.

Wychavon Council don't allow those on the County Council and Borough Council to receive two sets of allowances: "Councillors who are members of more than one authority (including the county council and fire authorities) may not receive allowances from more than one authority for the same duties"

Hinckley Council have something called "Renunciation" where a councillor may, by notice in writing to the Director (Corporate Services) elect to forego his/her entitlement or any part of his/her entitlement to an allowance under this scheme.

In order to make sure Council tax is going on Council services not into the pockets of Councillors; will the Council scrap allowances, or at least introduce similar schemes to Wychavon or Hinckley so Councillors who due to a good pension, full time work or getting two allowances as a County and Borough Councillor don't pocket more than they need so that cash is spent on public services not Councillors greed?

The Leader of the Council, Councillor K. Wilson, gave the following written response:

Mr Margrave is a former councillor, so I hold him to a higher standard about the knowledge of council workings, elections, and relevant legislation applicable to councils and councillors. Yet again he is trying to deflect attention from the substantive issues.

No one can avoid the issue that this council is facing financial challenges, but this is not a new situation. Every year that I have been a councillor – which included Mr Margrave's last four-year term – reductions have had to be made in budgets.

Mr Margrave is incorrect to say that we were elected to a three-year term in 2021. We only secured a one-year term as elections were due again in May 2022. Our manifesto in 2021 committed us to free car-parking in December and January and we delivered that in our Emergency Budget. This was part of a wider stimulus package to support businesses and traders in our town centres following the Covid pandemic. No further commitment was made in the subsequent election in May 2022, as he well knows.

The subject of councillors' allowances is never a popular one, which is why he has tried to deflect debating the substance of other issues with talk of allowances.

He is well aware that Borough Councillors have greater responsibilities and time commitments to the role than parish councillors or school governors. Show me a governor who takes phone calls or emails from residents at any time of day or night, or has their personal details published on public

websites! And he is well aware that the rules surrounding allowances are set out in legislation and statute, not by us as councillors.

I find it interesting that he chooses to raise this issue, seeing as he has been happy for two non-consecutive terms to pocket the very money he now professes to despise. Records are no longer available for his first term, but I'm happy to put on record the money he claimed from the council in his most recent term of office:

Row Labels	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Grand Total
Car Park Season Tickets	437.49	583.32	583.32	534.71	194.44	2,333.28
Members Allowance	4,319.34	4,886.04	4,928.58	4,934.88	451.04	19,519.88
NI Employers Contributions	43.84	16.01				59.85
Special Responsibility Allowance		2,372.71	347.53			2,720.24
Telephone - Members	308.15	365.04	368.34	368.64	30.72	1,440.89
Grand Total	5,108.82	8,223.12	6,227.77	5,838.23	676.20	26,074.14

I've looked up the dictionary definition of hypocrisy, and it defines it as: "a *situation* in which someone *pretends* to *believe* something that they do not really *believe*, or that is the *opposite* of what they do or say at another *time*." I believe that adequately sums up the premise of the question.

Question 2 – Mrs Jean Adams asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Public Services

Why destroy an iconic building that was built as an amenity for the community and could and did cater for all kinds of functions?

Councillor S. Markham, Portfolio Holder for Public Services, responded as follows:

The decision made at this time is "not re-open the Civic Hall at this time". No decision has been taken to destroy the facility. The Council is now seeking expressions of interest into opportunities from external parties.

Question 3 – Mrs Sue Pendleton asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Public Services:

"The boilers in the Civic Hall is said to be from elsewhere and previously used.

However there have been reports the boilers were ordered for the old greenhouses in Bedworth Park, but the wrong size and so put in storage and then transferred to the Civic Hall to be used, and it came straight out of the box, never being used before.

Is this true?"

Councillor S. Markham, Portfolio Holder for Public Services, gave the following written response:

No, the boilers were re-used from the Miners Welfare Park nursery, following the downsizing of the nursery in 2010 to the Civic Hall.

Question 4 – Mrs Linda Beachem asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Public Services:

“Have any plans or money put in place to deliver the sketch for a new entertainment venue been put in place as there seems to be no evidence that there are any plans to make this happen and its nothing more than a drawing meaning that the Civic Hall could be demolished with no alternative venue in the Town for years to come?”

Councillor S. Markham, Portfolio Holder for Public Services, gave the following written response:

We have published concept plans for the regeneration of Bedworth. There is further work to be undertaken including final costings, discussions with external partners, identification of funding options etc.

Question 5 – Mrs Joanne Browning asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder of Public Services:

How was SLL chosen as the consultant to look at the Civic Hall and were there other bidders who tendered for the work to conduct an assessment on the future of the Civic Hall?

Councillor S. Markham, Portfolio Holder for Public Services, responded as follows:

The Strategic Leisure Ltd were selected as a consultant for this piece of work, as NBBC were already working with them. The consultant that undertook the assessment and report have extensive years of experience from within the cultural sector.

Question 6 – Mrs Janet Batterbee submitted the following question for the Portfolio Holder for Public Services:

In the Cabinet report of the 12th of October 2022, 5.5 states “There will be security costs to consider while the building stands dormant and to ensure the Council meets its insurance requirements. Costs to be identified. What are the costs and what has been put in place to safeguard the building, so it isn’t vandalised, and damage is not caused?”

Councillor S. Markham, Portfolio Holder for Public Services responded as follows:

Nothing has been put in place at present as there are still team members on site to support the management and security of the building. Officers have been working with insurers to ensure that all required measures are adhered to, in order to protect the building from damage.

Question 7 – Mrs Valerie McCormack asked the following question for the Portfolio Holder for Public Services:

Day to Day diaries from 1973 to the last time the Civic Hall had a performance would show the vast variety of shows and artists that have been booked a performed, and how the Civic Hall has been a premier venue for the Borough and surrounding area for nearly have a century.
Will the Council make these books available to be viewed?

Councillor S. Markham, Portfolio Holder for Public Services, gave the following written response:

As I am sure you appreciate documentation from such a long period may well not be available and performances and hirers have changed significantly since the date highlighted. A review of what is available can be undertaken as to information held on the sites / corporate IT&C folders.

Question 8 – Mrs Pauline Ison submitted the question to the Portfolio Holder for Public Services:

Where has the money gone from the income from the NHS or hundreds of thousands set aside by the previous administration to undertake works at the Civic Hall?

Councillor S. Markham, Portfolio Holder for Public Services, gave the following written response:

The income received from the NHS hire was used to support the ongoing costs of the facility such as salaries, utilities, cleaning and required maintenance in order to operate the facility for vaccination use. The income received supported the overall deficit of the site as already reported to the previous Council meetings. These are available for public viewing through the Councils web site.

Question 9: - Darren Northall asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Public Services:

It was said recently by a resident that the Civic Hall Bar was profitable. Councillors however said that the Civic Hall Bar had never been profitable. Who is right, the Accounts or the Councillors?

Councillor S. Markham, Portfolio Holder for Public Services, responded as follows

The published audited accounts for the Civic Hall are the accurate figures. The Venue was not making a profit, and the Bar and Catering once taking into account operational costs and expenditure was not profitable.

Councillor K. Kondakor moved that Mr Darren Northall's question and the answer given for council be referred to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel for in depth discussion.

Councillor M. Wright seconded the motion

A vote was taken

The motion was lost

Question 10 – Mrs Christine Robson asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Public Services:

Documents that have come out recently on the process of expressions of interest for the community or someone else to come and run the Civic Hall appear to make it extremely hard for a Community Trust run by local residents to be able to make it through to stage 2 of the process. Why are Councillors preventing the Community taking over the Civic Hall instead of helping residents put in a bid?

Councillor S. Markham, Portfolio Holder for Public Services, responded as follows:

Regarding the questions in the Stage 1 Expressions Of Interests (EOI) - this is from the legal legislation and statutory guidance that NBBC is following. We have reviewed several other local authorities forms and they are similar to our approach with regards to the information being requested.

The EOI asks for top level/standard information at this stage. The guidance document does cover the legalisation and refers viewers to the section of the Act which specifies the relevant bodies.

Question 11 – Mrs Nadine Shaw submitted the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Public Services:

To book acts to reopen the Civic Hall in 2023 when the NHS would have left, would have taken 18 months.

If it was fake news that the Civic Hall was closing, why didn't Councillor Kyle Evans ensure those acts remained booked and put a plan in place to reopen in 2023"?

Councillor S. Markham, Portfolio Holder for Public Services, gave the following written response:

It was decided that after several re-scheduling of dates for opening due to COVID and the use of the site for vaccination delivery, it was only fair that we updated all hirers to cancel their booking so that did not plan to use the site and be cancelled again and expend resources for their organisations such as promotion costs of advertising dates.

Question 12 – Jennifer Tallis submitted the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Public Services

The Council appear to have held back a report commissioned and given to the then Cabinet Member Cllr Kyle Evans in November 2021. In that report there was a recommendation/option to close the Civic Hall and demolish it.

The following year it was said it was fake news that the Civic Hall was going to close.

Can you explain why the report and its recommendations did not appear on a forward plan or go to a Council committee so they could consider options to reopen the Civic Hall once the NHS left the venue?

Councillor S. Markham, Portfolio Holder for Public Services, gave the following written response:

It was a draft report and provided a review of options for the site to be considered. The site was being used as a vaccination site and supporting residents health and wellbeing as a priority. The agreement with Coventry Warwickshire Partnership Trust had been extended and this was a priority to support at that time. There were several aspects from the report that needed to be considered before final draft, it was always intended for future publication.

Question 13 – Nicola Smith asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Public Services

Why wasn't the SLL report on the future of the Civic Hall considered at the Cabinet meeting of the 12th of October 2022?

Councillor S. Markham, Portfolio Holder for Public Services, responded as follows:

It was a draft report and provided a review of options for the site to be considered. The site was being used as a vaccination site and supporting residents' health and wellbeing as a priority. The agreement with Coventry Warwickshire Partnership Trust had been extended and this was a priority to support at that time. There were several aspects from the report that needed

to be considered before final draft, it was always intended for future publication.

Question 14 – Julie Whitehouse submitted the following question to the Leader of the Council:

When in opposition Councillor Wilson, you complained it was a “Disgrace that NBBC met in Secret Session” and stated there is “No Democracy at the Town Hall.”

As Leader of the Council your Council has continued to have secret closed door meetings where other Councillors and the Public cannot attend or watch. Such as the one that decided to Close the Civic Hall.

Your Council has also used powers to stop the public seeing emails between Councillors and Officers.

There have also been rumours of a WhatsApp Group where Councillors discuss and decide things.

Instead of making decisions and discussing what you are doing with Council Taxpayers money in secret, will you publish all emails and WhatsApp messages relating to discussions and decisions about closing the Civic Hall including any regeneration plans that would see the Civic Hall demolished?

The Leader of the Council, Councillor K. Wilson, gave the following written response:

Cabinet members regularly meet together and with officers to formulate policy. Any action that requires a formal decision – whether by Cabinet or Council – is then taken to the relevant committee or meeting.

The decision to not re-open the Civic Hall was taken to a Cabinet meeting which lasted almost 3 hours (from memory), and where several speakers spoke about the proposal. It has also been raised at several other meetings, including further meetings of Cabinet, Full Council and an Overview and Scrutiny Panel to consider the call-in of the decision by Cabinet. Again, many members of the public were at these meetings, and several spoke on the relevant items.

Far from secret meetings, these various meetings have all been in public for anyone to attend or watch online. Indeed, this is probably one of the most publicised and attended decisions made by the Council in many years.

Question 15 – Rachel Hardy asked the following question to the Leader of the Council:

According to Councillor Wilson Cabinet members took the decision not to reopen the Civic Hall at the Leadership Board on the 28th September 2022.

At the same meeting the Cabinet also approved the sketch that would see the Civic Hall Demolished.

Did Councillors therefore come to the Cabinet meeting of the 12th October 2022 with a closed mind, meaning there was predetermination and as such rendering the decision not to reopen the Civic Hall taken at the Cabinet invalid pursuant to the Localism Act 2011?"

The Leader of the Council, Councillor K. Wilson, gave the following written response:

All decisions have been made according to the relevant legislative requirements.

Question 16 – Jeanne Newitt submitted the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Public Services:

We have had three conflicting figures quoted from council members regarding the cost the Civic Hall per head, ranging from Councillor Wilson at £28, Councillor Markham £25, to council officers saying it was nearer to £11 per head..

The council have quoted a number of facts and figures incorrectly including audience numbers.

How can the council make the decision not to reopen the Civic Hall without having accurate figures to hand. Shouldn't there have been a fully detailed ACCURATE audit of the costs of the Civic Hall before such hasty decisions were made and shouldn't there be one now.

Also are steps being taken during the current cold weather to ensure that there is no damage from frozen pipes etc.

Councillor S. Markham, Portfolio Holder for Public Services, gave the following written response:

There was an error with the cost per head and total attendances for the year 20/21, both of which have been addressed and corrected at previous Council meetings. The report and data which contains these figures has also been amended and made available for any parties looking to express an interest in the future operation of the Civic Hall, via our Council web site.

The annual operational and management costs for the Civic Hall, have been reported annually for many years, as part of the budget process and reported to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee/Panels. All which detail that the site requires annual financial support. The Council is under financial strain to provide a balanced budget and at this time the Civic Hall has been closed to support that challenge with finances.

In relation to the building, the team are on site undertaking weekly checks.

Question 17 – Alex Tuft submitted the following question for the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities:

I am glad to have heard from my councillors that Camp Hill is finally being funded properly, however is this just words.... Can the council please give us a update on the Police Crime Commissioner's Funding that was applied for by this council, that is supposed to be spent in the Dingles and Stubbs Pool.

Councillor C. Golby, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities, gave the following written response:

The total value of the safer street allocation to be spent in Camp Hill is £130,000

The anticipated spending will be as follows:

- £100,000 will be spent on improving entrances and site hardening to slow or deter motorbikes. The proposed changes will also be designed to enhance entrances for pedestrians and the disabled where possible, for example by removing the duck under bars and replacing them with either chicanes or K barriers, adding missing bits of path and adding new trip rail (metal), repairing existing stretches of trip rail or and removing obsolete trip rail. Unintentionally but beneficially this additional trip rail may also help to deter future traveller encampments to some parts of the Dingle/Stubbs
- £30,000 will also be spent on improving lighting - by converting columns to LEDs and adapting key columns to carry CCTV cameras.
Given the current economic climate we are reviewing the council's capital projects and a date for commencement will be announced as soon as we can confirm one. “

Question 18 – Roger Adams asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Public Services:

The Cabinet Report of the 12' October 2022 on page 21 and 22 said in 4.7, 4.8, 4.9 and 5 that Bedworth Arts Centre have an agreement with the Council for use of an area of the Civic Hall. Access to this is separate to the main Civic Hall Building however the venue shares utilities with the Civic Hall. 4.8 explained the Council would incur costs in asking the Arts Centre to surrender their lease.

The report explained there wasn't anywhere else for the users of the Arts Centre to go. The report also said there were no equality act implications relating to above. The Cabinet agreed to work to allow the Arts Centre to continue to the end of their current lease agreement (31st March 2024). The report further stated agreeing to allow retention of access to the building for Bedworth Arts Centre to continue its operation and to allow user groups to continue to use the venue until the end of the agreement in March 2024 would incur costs for the Council. However the Council knowing there was nowhere for the Arts Centre to go, and that in particular a disabled group

would lose a warm space and access to a support group, not to mention the distress caused by changes the Council instead of sharing the cost of utilities hit a vulnerable disabled group and others with the full cost of heating and utilities for the whole of the Civic Hall meaning they could not stay. In respect of above and also considering the loss of the Autism friendly panto, why was there no equality impact assessment undertaken and was the Council using such a heavy handed tactic against a vulnerable group in line with their Public Sector Equality duties?

Councillor S. Markham, Portfolio Holder for Public Services, responded as follows:

An Equality Impact Assessment was conducted for the closure of the Civic Hall. NBBC have always stipulated that Bedworth Arts Centre can remain within their premises until the end of their Lease Agreement of March 2024. There has never been an expectation that the Arts Centre would be responsible for paying the cost of heating and utilities for the whole Civic Hall building – they will just be responsible for a contribution of their own usage. NBBC continue to be willing to work with and support community groups to find alternative venues due to the closure of the Civic Hall building.

Councillor K. Kondakor moved that Mr Roger Adam's question and the answer given for council be referred to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel for in depth discussion.

Councillor M. Wright seconded the motion

A vote was taken

The motion was lost

The Mayor announced that the time for Public Questions had reached the 20 minutes allocated therefore the following questions were given written responses as follows

Question 19 – David Moore asked the following question to the Leader of the Council:

The Leader of the Council stated that the decision to close the Civic Hall was made at the Leadership Board. This Board is not mentioned in the Constitution.

Did the Councillors on the Cabinet therefore make the decision to close the Civic Hall outside of the proper decision making process and come to Cabinet with a closed mind thereby making the Cabinet decision invalid

The Leader of the Council, Councillor K. Wilson, gave the following written response:

All decisions have been made according to the relevant legislative requirements.

Cabinet members regularly meet together and with officers to formulate policy. Any action that requires a formal decision – whether by Cabinet or Council – is then taken to the relevant committee or meeting.

The decision to not re-open the Civic Hall was taken to a Cabinet meeting which lasted almost 3 hours (from memory), and where several speakers spoke about the proposal. It has also been raised at several other meetings, including further meetings of Cabinet, Full Council and an Overview and Scrutiny Panel to consider the call-in of the decision by Cabinet. Again, many members of the public were at these meetings, and several spoke on the relevant items.

Far from secret meetings, these various meetings have all been in public for anyone to attend or watch online. Indeed, this is probably one of the most publicised and attended decisions made by the Council in many years.

Question 20 – Michele Kondakor submitted the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate

I was very surprised to find a £49 Council Tax Refund put into our bank account at the end of November. The letter explaining this arrived later and informed us that it was from the remaining money in a discretionary scheme called the Council Tax Energy Rebate (Discretionary Scheme) that the Council were now distributing evenly between the Band E customers who had not previously received a payment. The Discretionary Fund came from the government and was intended to support any household in need, regardless of their Council Tax band.

I am very disappointed that this money hasn't been better targeted to those in greatest need or even the opportunity used to suggest to those that received it, but were not in need, to pass it onto local charities helping those who are really struggling during this cost-of-living crisis e.g., the Foodbank, as we have done.

Given that the Council knew about this funding and its cut-off date for many months, why was there not a concerted effort to distribute this funding more appropriately to the many struggling people in the Borough?

Councillor S. Croft, Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate, gave the following written response:

To first provide some background on the question, the council this year implemented the energy rebate scheme announced by the then-Chancellor in February which has seen us pay £150 to every A-D band property, and a

further discretionary scheme which the council targeted at those most vulnerable for any band.

This scheme was promoted via a heavy communications and outreach campaign to help and encourage customers who are struggling to come forward and make a claim for support. As part of our efforts, information was shared via social media, at forums with partner organisations, via leaflets and outreach from our Financial Inclusion officers.

Despite this, when the discretionary scheme ended in November, there was some £140k of the funds unspent raising the prospect that these monies would need to be returned to the Exchequer – which I was not prepared to countenance.

My initial preference was to make a duplicate payment to those 694 customers whom we had already paid under the discretionary scheme in bands A-D. However, issues with the system through which the scheme has been operated prevented this. Duplicate payments were not possible without manual override and intervention on each customer account which proved a) too time consuming and b) undesirable from the perspective of access to customer records.

This option being closed to us, I approved the decision to disburse the remaining monies to those households in Band E who had not yet received payment. This, in effect, expanded the initial energy rebate scheme, so that every household in Bands A-D has received £150 and every Band E household has received £48.

While this was not the ideal outcome, this has ensured that money has been paid to local people rather than being returned to the Treasury and has allowed payment to those residents who may be cash poor compared to their notional assets.

Those residents who have received payments are perfectly free to donate monies to charity should they wish, though it would have been inappropriate to suggest or push this in the official correspondence as it is not the place of the council – or any level of government – to try direct what residents do with their own money once payments have been made.

Question 21 – Wendy Snell submitted the following statement:

Councillor Wilson recently described Bedworth Civic Hall as a CARBUNCLE. While this might be his view he must be reminded this is not the opinion of everyone. To many of us the Civic Hall is an attractive building with elegant curved lines and an art deco look.

This leaves me concerned as to what style of architecture this council would consider suitable to replace the Civic Hall on this prime location of Bedworth.

It seems from further statements he made that any building of 50 years or more is at risk of the bulldozer.

If previous councils had followed this line of thought we would have lost our beautiful Alms Houses and Parsonage. Instead they have been upgraded and refurbished and made suitable for modern living.

Please be mindful of residents' views and needs before large sums of public money is used to demolish what we already have.

No reply was given

Question 22 – Steve Forester submitted the following question for the Portfolio Holder for Public Services:

What facilities are planned for the youth? (Civic Hall)

Councillor S. Markham, Portfolio Holder for Public Services, gave the following written response:

There are a range of facilities for young people across the Borough, these include leisure, museum, and arts activities through various organisations, not just the Borough Councils provision. The recent opening of the mountain bike trails in the Bedworth Miners Welfare Park, new tennis and netball courts again in the Miners Welfare Park are two examples of new provision for all ages. We are currently working with a partner to develop new table tennis facilities in Nuneaton, again which will provide for all age groups.

Question 23 – Bradley Ellis submitted the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate:

On page 32 the interest rate forecasts chart
The chart predicts "bank rate" interests rates declining from 5% in 2023 to 2.5% in September 2025

Does the council think these interest rates predictions are realistic with inflation running at 11%

What does the council think will happen to interest rates if inflation stays high and we get a second wave of inflation into 2025 with inflation remaining above 10% until 2025

If interest rates keep rising into 2025, Is the council going to stop buying property and speculative assets like property funds (as detailed on page 39), sometimes referred to by the council as "its core business".

Does the council think it's a good idea to buy property and property funds when the housing market is declining (due to interest rate increases), with property values currently falling.

Councillor S. Croft, Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate, gave the following written response:

Our forecasts are informed by Link Group, who provide us with independent treasury management and capital financing advice. So these projections, including for the interest rates, are not formed in a vacuum, but on the best expert economic analysis that is available to us. They are constantly monitored and updated, and we update our strategy to reflect that.

Interest rates are not the same as inflation and will therefore never be the same figure, but generally the trend is that interest rates tend to rise when inflation rises. However, interest rates are determined by the bank rate.

Mr Ellis has conflated two issues on property, p.39 refers to the council's investment portfolio, of which property is a small part, not direct property assets purchased by the council.

The Council has one property fund within this portfolio (CCLA, £2m), which is immaterial compared to the rest of the investment portfolio therefore diversification counteracts any potential risk. The return on this fund has improved considerably due to the high-interest rate climate.

In terms of property purchases by the council, whilst property values are expected to continue to fall, they are then subsequently predicted to rise again effectively negating this decline, therefore from a long-term perspective this is not an issue (unless we were specifically planning to sell off property/assets during 2023).

Question 24 – Peter Smith submitted the following statement:

With the publication of yet another report of dubious quality and the commissioning of another, that will no doubt be in line with the council agenda to demolish yet more public property against the wishes of residents.

This highlights the need for the halt to this project before any more public money is wasted. The lack of transparency and honesty in the whole transforming projects is a cause for concern.

Using Coventry and Warwickshire local enterprise partnership, towns fund and future high street fund and levelling up, in an attempt to mask what is in reality public money. This is deception at least if not fraudulent.

With £200 million already added to the national debt, this fact destroys the councillors claim that this project will do anything for the future, other than leave them with a massive unsuitable debt that will impoverish generations to come.

Stop the destruction of the future of Nuneaton and Bedworth and its residents now

No reply was given

Question 25 – Brian Walmsley submitted the following statement:

With respect to this Conservative council's intention to destroy and demolish our lily pad fountain, from an Overview and Scrutiny meeting:

We learnt NBBC will gain absolutely zero revenue as a result of knocking down the fountain.

We learnt WCC may get 'a few pounds' income if there were a pavement license granted.

25 Market Place was purchased on 23 January 2019, knowing full well the fountain existed.

We learnt the property does contain flats but the revenue from those flats goes to the owner.

We learnt that during November 2021 to August 2022 there were 300 ASB incidents recorded within the overall area of the town centre perimeter.

From police records, we know for a fact that ASB incidents, ACTUALLY AT THE FOUNTAIN, ARE MUCH LESS THAN TWO PERCENT OF ASB ISSUES within the town centre perimeter.

We learnt that Cllr Wilson failed to report to police that he had 'allegedly' personally witnessed drug taking, claiming he was too scared to do so!

We learnt that members of the public need to raise a formal complaint before this council will even consider action about Cllr Evans typing lies on Facebook.

We know the true cost to residents to run the lily pad fountain, over the last five years was a mere TWO PENCE PER YEAR PER RESIDENT.

$\pounds 9,207/5\text{years}/94,634(\text{population}2021) = \text{TWO PENCE PER YEAR PER RESIDENT}$

We learnt that this council does accept the findings about health benefits attributed to the sound of running water for mental health and well-being.

We learnt, from the looks on Conservative councilors faces that night, that they are unaware of their obligation towards the health and wellbeing of residents, as per the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the National Association of Local Council requirements and had not even considered their own council "health_impact_assessment" document.

We learnt there will be a shiny new public space as part of the Abbey Street planning application.

We learnt this council acknowledge there is an existing events location in Market Place.

In summary the only excuse remaining why you Conservatives want to knock down and destroy our fountain is because you will need to return £40,000 of tax payers monies to central government, a pretty pathetic reason to demolish a landmark feature of Nuneaton!

Our country is almost on its knees, as a result of Conservative government policies and actions, I actually suggest returning those £40,000 pounds of tax payers monies is a good idea as it could be spent supporting people who truly need help.

No reply was given

CL38 **Member Questions**

Question 1 - Councillor Kyle Evans asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulation:

Can the Cabinet Member for Planning confirm whether or not the landowners who form the HSG4 site within the Borough Plan signed a statement of common ground prior to the approval of the Borough Plan and did the agreement commit to delivering the site a whole and produce all the infrastructure requirements together.

Councillor R. Smith, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulation, responded as follows:

I thank Cllr Evans for the question, and I can confirm a statement of common Ground was signed between NBBC and Framptons on behalf of A R Cartwright Ltd on the 13th March 2018 as part of the Borough Plan Examination process.

The Statement of Common Ground set out that the parties agree that the site is suitable, available, and deliverable for development and sets out an agreement for the production of a master plan showing an indicative layout for development, together with facilities and infrastructure, which includes a local centre and new primary school.

There is no reference in the Statement of Common Ground to the phasing of the site coming forward for development and no commitment to delivering the site as a whole although there was disagreement over the capacity of the site.

To date there has been no formal pre-application discussion or any application submitted for either part of the whole HSG4 site.

Question 2 - Councillor Brett Beetham asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulation:

For the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulation. I have several concerned residents in Kingswood who are looking at new builds for themselves or their children who are ready to move out and they have been looking to purchase new builds in other areas of Nuneaton. They've seen several videos and online comments about the quality of new builds in Nuneaton and Bedworth. What enforcement powers does Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council have on the monitoring of the building standards for new builds or in fact any builds and what action can or has been taken if they fall below the required standard?

Councillor R. Smith, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulation, responded as follows:

I thank Cllr Beetham for his question.

The quality of new build homes is controlled by national standards and building control regulations, these standards are checked by Building Control Regulators and in the case of NBBC this is function carried out by a joint partnership with several of our Local Authority partners. Any developer large or small has to engage with a Building Control Regulator and has a choice over which regulator service they use. If they choose our partnership service, then we automatically get involved, however they do have the choice to go elsewhere, and some smaller developers do.

That said all building control regulators are governed by the same building regulations, so they all have the power to insist that standards are met or else the property will not be signed off for occupation.

Question 3 - Councillor K. Kondakor asked the following question to the Leader of the Council:

I am very concerned by comments at last week's scrutiny meeting, that imply that the council is about to agree to build a Cinema fully at council tax payers expense on the Abbey Street development and, separately, will appoint an operator to run it. Cinemas have occupancy levels around 15% and are very dependent on discretionary spending. We know that they have not fully recovered from the impact of pandemic and the Bank of England is expecting us to have the longest recession since the 1920s. The idea of a second cinema in the borough comes from a 7 year old report investigating possibilities for small independent cinemas in Warwickshire.

Given the significant risks the building of a cinema carries, will the leader of the council confirm that the project has an updated robust business case, that it will require no long term subsidy and that the tax-payer has some protection should the operator fail?

Councillor K. Wilson, Leader of the Council, gave the following written response:

Firstly, the delivery of a cinema a part of the Abbey Street development has been a feature since day 1. There has been strong interest from 5 cinema operators to deliver a new offer in the Town Centre which demonstrate that from an operator perspective there is sufficient demand to support a for a cinema. The operator selected will take a lease of the building shell and deliver a viable proposition appropriate to the Town Centre – please be assured we are not talking about a massive multi-plex

I can confirm that the Abbey Street development has a robust business case for its delivery which is regularly reviewed with the Council's development managers, Queensberry Real Estate.

The cinema will be let on commercial terms dictated by the market, however, as you will appreciate there is a risk with any commercial property letting, however, the Council will seek to mitigate any risks associated with the cinema letting as far as reasonably possible.

Question 4 – Councillor M. Green asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Health and Environment:

My first official engagement as a councillor in Arbury ward was to "Plant tree for the Jubilee" with Cllr. Golby, as part of the platinum jubilee celebrations, the Queen's Green Canopy. Trees provide a vital habitat for wildlife, produce Oxygen and remove CO2, while improving the urban spaces for our residents. Can you update the council of any plans regarding the planting of new trees across the Borough?

Councillor J. Gutteridge, Portfolio Holder for Health and Environment, responded as follows:

Thank you, Councillor Green for the question.

Trees are to be planted at various locations across the borough this autumn and winter, subject to weather conditions, and this is hoped to be the beginning of a wider tree planting across the borough in years to come.

Locations for more than 240 new trees have been identified by the Borough Council after Warwickshire County Council secured funding from the Forestry Commission, species to be planted this year in the borough include Elder, Common Oak, Copper Beach, Common Lime, Wild Cherry, Field Maple and London Plain.

Tree planting is planned in Nuneaton at Coronation Walk, Weddington Meadows, Tomkinson Recreation Ground, Stockingford, Recreation Ground Whittleford Park, Stubbs Pool and The Dingle. Shelbourne Avenue, Popular Tree Farm, Skey Drive, Attleborough Recreation Ground, Stanley Road Rec, Riversley Park and Tibetan Drive.

Tree planting is also planned in Bedworth at Anderton Road, Keresley Recreation ground and St Giles Recreation ground and in Bulkington at the Bulkington Recreation Ground and Brewer Road.

The good news of tree planting comes shortly after I revealed that Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council has already taken steps towards increasing the biodiversity within green spaces by creating new and enhancing existing areas of trial Wildflower Meadows.

Question 5 – Councillor M. Wright asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate

We are all facing the prospect of higher energy bills at the moment; but the increase in the council's electricity bill to an estimated £1.9 million for next year seems rather more than can be explained by the unit price increase alone. What targets have been set for improving the energy efficiency of the council, and what progress is being made towards meeting these targets? Also, could we have estimates for next year's gas and diesel bills?

Councillor S. Croft, Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate, responded as follows:

Thank you very much Mr Mayor,

To give a bit of background, we purchase our gas and electricity through an organisation called ESPO, which is the public sector procurement organisation, through a system is called forward purchasing, which gives us consistency throughout the year. We know what we are going to pay within the year, it goes up between years obviously, the ESPO rates are commercially sensitive so I cannot publish those or give them to you but it should be fairly clear, from the current situation, what the market pressures are on energy costs.

To clarify the 1.9 million forecast electricity cost is based on the new rates from ESPO, these are matched against our previous consumption over the past 12 months and it's actually about 100% price increase on our previous year. We had budgeted in the draft budget initially for 50%, you will have seen an addendum come around Monday last. When we actually got the rates from ESPO we knew what the increase was going to be and that is due to two factors.

Commodity Costs and what's called Non-Commodity Costs. Commodity because of the actual product itself, it's fairly obvious what has driven the price of energy through the roof, I mean, we don't need to recite it now we have still got the supply chain issues from the pandemic working through the system, and of course, due to the problems in Eastern Europe. At the moment with the Russians using energy as effectively a diplomatic pressure tool it's driven prices up across Europe.

The Non-Commodity Cost includes things like transportation, distribution charges, and also government levies and taxes, and if I may inject what may be slightly controversial remark into a fairly dry subject if we're not very careful this is what Net Zero is going to feel like across the piece passing on attempts to phase out fossil fuels, it will end up being felt by the customer increased costs and reduced bills, and of course Mr Mayor the suppliers have inflationary costs as well, so that's driving the price increases.

So our current rate is fixed until the end of March 2023. For gas, I cannot give him the gas projections for us because ESPO is still working out the rates on the forward purchasing for that, but again, gas and electricity prices are very interlinked so it will be the same situation I expect.

On targets we are currently doing a pretty wide scale review of energy consumption across the estate housing and the general fund council estate, looking to see how we can reduce our energy usage. we do have to balance this and as was discussed at cabinet last week whether energy reduction schemes are going to be beneficial, there is going to be a cost benefit analysis. There's no point having huge Capital outlays if we still get stung by the energy prices because of factors outside of our control, but we are already taking some minor steps to reduce energy. We are trying to as, for example, rent out part of the Town Hall and that will be energy costs that come off the tax bill and go on to whoever our eventual tenant is. I understand that the Leader of the Council has already given instructions that we won't be wasting money on keeping the lights on overnight outside the town hall. I hope that answers his question and gives an overview of the situation.

Councillor M. Wright asked a supplementary question:

I just like to point out that with the falling cost of Renewables that it seems a bit odd to blame rising energy costs on Net Zero rather than on the government's failure to properly insulate and increase energy efficiency. Thank you.

No reply was given

CL39 **Special Urgency Decisions**
None.

CL40 **Petition – Save our Civic Hall – Hold a Public Meeting, Listen to Residents & Stop Closure/Demolition**

A petition was received by Mr Sam Margrave in respect of the above. The petition had over 700 valid signatories and was therefore referred to full council for debate. The Petition made the following requests:

'Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, Warwickshire County Council, Nuneaton and Bedworth Councillors and the local MP (Craig Tracey) to work to save the Civic Hall and to:

1. Scrap plans to Close or Demolish the Civic Hall.
2. Hold a Public meeting at the Civic Hall to hear residents' views (Chaired by the MP with Councillors in attendance to listen and answer questions).
3. For NBBC (possibly with a Citizens panel) to undertake a full consultation, and work, to set out a package to rescue the existing Civic Hall, to reduce costs, and to bring the venue back into use.
4. Ensure WCC and NBBC work together with the community to develop plans for wider regeneration of Bedworth Town Centre to bring more into the town and invest to make Bedworth and our Borough Better with a bold vision for the future, to level up, not level down our Towns without losing all the current venue provides.
5. Call on Civic Leaders to commit to make Bedworth the home for the Boroughs primary and premier conference and theatre activities in any future development.'

Mr S. Margrave presented his petition to the council.

Councillor C. Golby moved the following motion:

- a) this Council notes the receipt of the petition;
- b) further notes that there have been further decisions of cabinet and Council since the receipt of the petition, to condemn the lack of proper business planning and future proofing of the Civic Hall during the previous labour administration;
- c) to welcome the expressions of Interest process that has been launched to move the running of the Civic Hall from an unsustainable and expensive public subsidy to a third sector model; and
- d) to welcome under this conservative administration we finally have a vision for what Transforming Bedworth could look like in the future that allows us to begin the process of engaging further on the regeneration of Bedworth

Councillor G. Moreton seconded the motion

Councillor K. Kondakor moved an amendment as follows:

- a) this council notes the receipt of the petition;
 - b) convene a Bedworth Citizens Assembly chaired by the North Warwickshire MP early in the new year; and
- Delete c) and d)

Councillor M. Wright seconded the amendment.

A recorded vote was taken on the amendment as follows:

FOR: Councillors K. Kondakor and M. Wright

AGAINST: Councillors R. Baxter – Payne, B. Beetham, D. Brown, C. Cape, J. Clarke, T. Cooper, S. Croft, L. Cvetkovic, L. Downs, K. Evans, C. Golby, M. Green, J. Gutteridge, B. Hammersley, S.

Harbison, J. Hartshorn, S. Markham, G. Moreton, B. Pandher, J. Singh, R. Smith, M. Tromans, R. Tromans, and M. Walsh

ABSENCES: J. Sheppard and E. Shiers.

The amendment was lost.

Councillor J. Sheppard moved the following amendment:

- a) the Council notes the receipt of the petition; and
- b) the petition is accepted and the request of the signatories is agreed
- Delete c) and d)

Councillor E. Shiers seconded the amendment.

A recorded vote was taken as follows.

FOR: Councillors J. Sheppard, K. Kondakor, E. Shiers, and M. Wright

AGAINST: Councillors R. Baxter – Payne, B. Beetham, D. Brown, C. Cape, J. Clarke, T. Cooper, S. Croft, L. Cvetkovic, L. Downs, K. Evans, C. Golby, M. Green, J. Gutteridge, B. Hammersley, S. Harbison, J. Hartshorn, S. Markham, G. Moreton, B. Pandher, J. Singh, R. Smith, M. Tromans, R. Tromans, and M. Walsh

ABSENCES: None

The amendment was lost.

A vote was taken on the substantive motion put forward by Councillor C. Golby.

The motion was carried.

RESOLVED that

- a) this Council notes the receipt of the petition;
- b) this Council notes that there have been further decisions of Cabinet and Council since the receipt of the petition, to condemn the lack of proper business planning and future proofing of the Civic Hall during the previous labour administration;
- c) to welcome the Expressions of Interest process that has been launched to move the running of the Civic Hall from an unsustainable and expensive public subsidy to a third sector model; and
- d) to welcome under this conservative administration, we finally have a vision for what Transforming Bedworth could look like in the future that allows us to begin the process of engaging further on the regeneration of Bedworth.

CL41 **Cabinet**

The Deputy Leader of the Council submitted the Leaders report on behalf of Cabinet. The report highlighted matters considered at the Cabinet meetings held on 9th November, and 7th December and details of reports from the West Midlands Combined Authority Board, which has a direct impact on NBBC.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

CL42 **Recommendations from Cabinet and Other Committees**

i) **Sub Regional – Materials Recycling Facility (MRF)**

At the Cabinet meeting held on the 9th November a report was considered and a recommendation then put forward for Council approval. Councillor S. Markham proposed the recommendation for approval. This was seconded by Councillor J. Gutteridge

RESOLVED that an additional loan of £233,784 be made to Sherbourne Recycling Limited to address the increased capital costs of constructing the sub-regional Materials Recycling Facility and this be included in the Medium Term Financial Strategy for payment in 2023/24.

ii) **Q2 Treasury Management Report – Mid-Year Review**

At the Cabinet meeting held on 9th November 2022, it was recommended to Council that the mid-year Treasury Management Report for 2022/23 be noted. Councillor S. Croft proposed the recommendation with an amendment to Table 6.1 of the report as follows:

Capital Expenditure by Portfolio	2022/23 Original Budget £m	2022/23 Latest Budget £m
Business & Regeneration	46.748	48.814
Finance & Corporate	0.125	0.632
Housing & Communities	6.075	6.117
Public Services	8.406	9.014
Planning & Regulation	0.044	0.067
Health & Environment	0.100	0.100
Housing Revenue Account	22.938	25.119
Total capital expenditure	84.436	89.863

The recommendation and amendment were seconded by Councillor K. Evans.

RESOLVED that the mid-year Treasury Management Report for 2022/23 with the amendment to Table 6.1 be noted.

Councillor K. Kondakor requested that his vote against the recommendation be recorded in the minutes.

iii) Updates to text and date amendments to the Local Development Scheme

At the Cabinet meeting held on 9th November 2022, the following recommendation was made to Council that the amendments to the Local Development Scheme be approved. The recommendations were proposed by Councillor R. Smith, and was seconded by Councillor R. Baxter-Payne

RESOLVED that the amendments to the Local Development Scheme be approved

Councillor K. Kondakor requested that his vote against the recommendation be recorded in the minutes.

Mayor

Council - Schedule of Declarations of Interests – 2022/2023

	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
	R. Baxter-Payne	Manager Brinklow Quarry Ltd, Brinklow; County Councillor - WCC	Spouse: Self-employed childminder Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Midlands Combined Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee • Warwickshire Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (substitute) 	
	B. Beetham	Employed at The George Eliot Hospital; Warwickshire County Council – Camp Hill	Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camp Hill Urban Village: Pride in Camp Hill Board • Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground 	
	D. Brown	Employed by H.M Land Registry	Regional Coordinator, Ragdoll Rescue Charity. Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity Champion • Exhall Education Foundation • Warwickshire Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee 	
	C. Cape	Director of Capability	Member of the following	

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
		Coaching and Consultancy Ltd.	Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armed Forces Covenant Meeting 	
	J. Clarke	Employed by Marcus Jones MP	County Councillor W.C.C. Nuneaton Conservative Association; Deputy Chairman Officer of the Abbey Preceptory No.541 - Nuneaton Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton Festival of Arts 	
	T. Cooper	None	Member on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camp Hill Urban Village: Pride in Camp Hill Board • Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground 	
	J. Coventry-Moreton	School Receptionist – St Nicholas Chamberlaine School, Bedworth	Share in rental dwelling at Sealand Drive, Bedworth and Tresilian Road, Bedworth.	
	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"> • Champion for Safeguarding (Children and Adults) • Local Government Superannuation Scheme Consultative Board • West Midlands Employers 	
	L. Cvetkovic	Head of Geography (Teacher), Sidney Stringer Academy, Coventry	The Bulkington Volunteers (Founder); Bulkington Sports and Social Club (Trustee) Member on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Control Partnership Steering Group 	
	L. Downs	River Bars Limited; Coventry Plus Beyond the Plane	Member on the following Outside Body: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hammersley, Smith and Orton Charity 	
	K. Evans	Employed by UK Parliament	Sponsorship: Election Expenses – North	

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
			Warwickshire Conservative Association Membership of Other Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Midlands Combined Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee (substitute) Executive Officer – North Warwickshire Conservative Association; Member of the Conservative and Unionist Party.	
	C. Golby		Member of Warwickshire County Council Membership of Other Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership • Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd. • Nuneaton and Bedworth Home Improvement Agency • Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board • Warwickshire Housing and Support Partnership • Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel • George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust – Public/User Board • George Eliot Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Governors • District Leaders (substitute) • Local Enterprise Partnership (substitute) • Coventry, Warwickshire and Hinckley and Bosworth Joint Committee (substitute) 	
	M. Green	Employed by Horiba Mira – Calibration Technician	Chair of Education Standards Committee – St Thomas Moore School Executive Member – Nuneaton Conservatives. Secretary – St Vincent De Paul Society at Our Lady of the Angels Church. Our Lady of the Angels Church. Member of the George Eliot Fellowship	

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
			Member of the Nuneaton Education Strategy Board Member on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friendship Project for Children. 	
	J. Gutteridge		Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board • Age UK (Warwickshire Branch) • Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground • West Midlands Combined Authority Wellbeing Board 	
	B. Hammersley	County Councillor – W.C.C.	Member on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hammersley, Smith and Orton Charity 	
	S. Harbison	Self Employed	Member of Conservative and Unionist Party. Member on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Astley Charity 	
	J. Hartshorn	Employed by Asda Nuneaton	Member of Nuneaton Conservatives	
	J. Kennaugh	County Councillor W.C.C. Employed by FedEx Express UK Ltd	Member of the W.C.C. Regulatory Committee Member of the Conservative Party Member of UNITE the Union Member on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EQUiP 	
	K.A. Kondakor	Electronic Design Engineer (self-employed semi-retired); Statistical data analyst and expert witness (self employed)	Unpaid director of 100PERCENTRENEWABLEUK LTD	
	S. Markham	County Councillor – W.C.C.	Governor at Ash Green School Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton and Bedworth Sports Forum • Warwickshire Direct Partnership 	

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warwickshire Waste Partnership • Sherbourne Asset Co Shareholder Committee 	
	G. Moreton	Member of School Appeals Panels at Warwickshire County Council	<p>Share in rental dwellings at Sealand Drive, Bedworth and Tresillian Road, Exhall.</p> <p>Member on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bedworth Neighbourhood Watch Committee 	
	B. Pandher		<p>Member of Warwickshire County Council</p> <p>Treasurer & Trustee of Nanaksar Gurdwara Gursikh Temple; Coordinator of Council of Sikh Temples in Coventry; Secretary of Coventry Indian Community; Trustee of Sikh Monument Trust Vice Chair Exhall Multicultural Group</p> <p>Member of the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foleshill Charity Trustee – Proffitt's Charity 	
	N. Phillips	Employee of DWP	<p>Member of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton Labour CLP • The Fabian Society • The George Eliot Society • The PCS Union • Central Credit Union • Stockingford Sports and Allotment Club • Haunchwood Sports and Social Club 	
	J. Sheppard		Partnership member of the Hill Top and Caldwell Big Local.	Dispensation to speak and vote on any matters of Borough Plan that relate to the Directorship of Wembrook Community Centre
Director of Wembrook Community Centre.				
Member of the Management Committee at the Mental Health Drop in.				
	T. Sheppard	Employee of Dairy Crest		
	E. Shiers	Employed by and Director of Cannon	The Labour Party Coventry East Credit Union	

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
		Enterprise Ltd. Director of The Fresh Dessert Company	Member of the Pride in Camp Hill Board. Member of the governing board for Camp Hill Primary School. Member of the Board of Trustees of Camp Hill Community Association. Volunteer for the Coventry and Warwickshire district RSPCA	
	J. Singh			
	R. Smith		Chairman of Volunteer Friends, Bulkington; Trustee of Bulkington Sports and Social Club; Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A5 Member Partnership; • PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulation Outside of London) Joint Committee; • Building Control Partnership Steering Group • Bulkington Village Community and Conference Centre • Representative on the Nuneaton and Bedworth Older Peoples Forum • West Midlands Combined Authority and Land Delivery Board 	
	M. Tromans	RTC Ltd, Nuneaton; WCC, Warwick	Nuneaton Acorns WI	
	R. Tromans	RTC, Nuneaton AFL, Wellingborough	W.C.C. Warwick Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton Neighbourhood Watch Committee • Hospice Charity 	
	M. Walsh	Employed by MacInnes Tooling Ltd. – UK Sales Manager		

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
	C.M. Watkins	Employee of Nutri Pack	Representative on the following outside bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd. (NABCEL) 	
	K.D. Wilson	Acting Delivery Manager, Nuneaton and Warwick County Courts, HMCTS, Warwickshire Justice Centre, Nuneaton	Deputy Chairman – Nuneaton Conservative Association Corporate Tenancies: properties are leased by NBBC to Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd, of which I am a Council appointed Director. Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd (NABCEL) • Coventry, Warwickshire and Hinckley & Bosworth Joint Committee • District Council Network • Local Government Association • Director of Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership Ltd (CWLEP) • West Midlands Combined Authority 	
	M. Wright			