

**NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**AUDIT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**11<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

A meeting of the Audit & Standards Committee was held on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Nuneaton. The meeting was recorded for publication on the Council website.

**Present**

Councillor R Baxter Payne – Chair

Councillors: D. Brown, T. Cooper, L. Cvetkovic, L. Downs, J. Hartshorn, J. Kennaugh, and N. Phillips.

Apologies: J. Sheppard (Vice-Chair), B. Beetham and R. Tromans.

**PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS**

ASC1 **Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Audit and Standards Committee meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023 be approved and signed by the Chair.

ASC2 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor R. Baxter-Payne declared a disclosable pecuniary interest by way of his change in employment to Vinci Construction Major Projects UK Ltd (VCMP UK Ltd).

**RESOLVED** that the declarations of interest are as set out in the Schedule attached to these minutes, with the addition of the change in employment declared by Councillor R. Baxter-Payne.

ASC3 **Employee Code of Conduct – Recommended Changes by the External Auditor**

A report of the Monitoring Officer provided the Committee with the opportunity to consider and approve the recommendations from the Constitution Review Working Party and recommend changes to the constitution.

**Public Speakers: Councillor K. Kondakor  
Michele Kondakor**

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the recommendations as set out in the report and appendix be approved; and
- b) IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL that the Constitution be amended accordingly.

ASC4 **Recommendations from the Constitution Review Working Party**

A report of the Monitoring Officer provided the Committee with the opportunity to consider and approve the recommendations from the Constitution Review Working Party and recommend changes to the Constitution.

**Public Speakers: Michele Kondakor  
Councillor K. Kondakor.**

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the recommendations as set out in the report and appendices be approved;
- b) a review of the changes relating to the number of public speakers to be allowed on planning applications as referred to in the Planning Code of Practice be undertaken in twelve months time by the Constitution Review Working Party;
- c) paragraphs 5.4 and 5.5 of appendix H be added to relevant Committee agenda's under 'Public Consultation' and be added to the Council's Website under Guidance for Public Speaking at Committee Meetings; and
- d) IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL that the constitution be amended accordingly.

ASC5 **Proposed Core Work Programme 2023/24**

A Report of the Assistant Director – Governance and Democracy and the Monitoring Officer gave the Committee an opportunity to consider and approve the Audit and Standards Committee Core Work Programme for 2023/24, after taking into the consideration the purpose and functions of the Committee.

**Public Speaker: Councillor K. Kondakor.**

**RESOLVED** that the Audit and Standards Committee Core Work Programme for 2023-24 be approved.

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

## Audit and Standards Committee - 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>
	R. Baxter-Payne (Chair)	Manager Brinklow Quarry Ltd, Brinklow; County Councillor - WCC	Spouse: Self-employed childminder  Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• West Midlands Combined Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee</li> <li>• Warwickshire Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (substitute)</li> </ul>	
	B. Beetham	Senior PowerBi Lead at Wye Valley Hospital Trust; Warwickshire County Council – Camp Hill	Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camp Hill Urban Village: Pride in Camp Hill Board</li> <li>• Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground</li> </ul>	
	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"> <li>• Exhall Education Foundation (Council appointment).</li> </ul>	
	T. Cooper	None	Member on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camp Hill Urban</li> </ul>	

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			Village: Pride in Camp Hill Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground</li> </ul>	
	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"> <li>• Building Control Partnership Steering Group</li> </ul>	
	L. Downs	River Bars Limited; Coventry Plus Beyond the Plane Little Caesars Donuts Limited NBBC Council Contract for market pitch	Member on the following Outside Body: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hammersley, Smith and Orton Charity</li> </ul>	
	J. Hartshorn	Employed by Asda Nuneaton	Member of Nuneaton Conservatives	
	J. Kennaugh	County Councillor W.C.C.  Employed by FedEx Express UK Limited.	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"> <li>• EQUiP</li> </ul>	
	N. Phillips	Employee of DWP	Member of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nuneaton Labour CLP</li> <li>• The Fabian Society</li> <li>• The George Eliot Society</li> <li>• The PCS Union</li> <li>• Central Credit Union</li> <li>• Stockingford Sports and Allotment Club</li> <li>• Haunchwood Sports and Social Club</li> </ul>	
	J. Sheppard (Vice-Chair)		Partnership member of the Hill Top and Caldwell Big Local. Director of Wembrook Community Centre. Member of Labour Party.	Dispensation to speak and vote on any matters of Borough Plan that relate to the Directorship of Wembrook Community Centre
	R. Tromans	Compliance, GIM, Coventry  Warwickshire County Councillor	Member of the Conservative Party  Member of the Chartered Institute of Credit Management	

	<b>Name of Councillor</b>	<b>Disclosable Pecuniary Interest</b>	<b>Other Personal Interest</b>	<b>Dispensation</b>
		(Weddington) Share in a rental property in Hydes Pastures, Nuneaton		