

## **NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **CABINET**

**6<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

A meeting of Cabinet was held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 in the Council Chamber which was recorded and uploaded onto the Council's website.

### **Present**

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

#### **CB111****Apologies**

Councillor J. Gutteridge (Health and Environment)

#### **CB112****Declarations of Interest**

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

Councillor K. Wilson declared an Other Interest by way of him being a Board Member of the Conservative Association.

#### **CB113****Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024, be approved, and signed by the Chair.

#### **CB114****Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2024 - 2029**

The Assistant Director – Strategic Housing submitted a report to Cabinet presenting the new Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy for consideration.

**RESOLVED** that the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2024 -2029 as at Appendix A of the report be approved.

#### **Speakers:**

Mr Peter Smith  
Mrs Michele Kondakor  
Councillor Keith Kondakor

#### **Options**

- 1) Seek amendments to the Strategy following consideration of the report
- 2) Reject the Strategy

#### **Reasons**

The Council is statutorily required to have a Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy in place. The Council's current Strategy is out of date and without a replacement the Council will not be compliant with Statutory legislation.

**CB115 Bedworth Physical Activity Hub (BPAH) Update**

The Strategic Director –Public Services provided a report to Cabinet with a Leisure Development update in relation to BPAH enabling works and leisure management procurement timetable.

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the progress on the BPAH be noted;
- b) delegated authority be given to the Strategic Directors for Economy & Transformation and Finance & Governance in consultation with the Assistant Director for Recreation & Culture and the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Public Services, to agree and sign contract terms for the enabling works package in advance of RIBA Stage 5 for the BPAH;
- c) the progress on the Leisure Management procurement work taking place, to align the delivery of the new BPAH and management of the two existing NBBC facilities of Pingles and Jubilee sports centre be noted; and
- d) the report be marked not for call in as provided for in paragraph 15(f) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Constitution.

**Speakers:**

Mrs Michele Kondakor  
Councillor Keith Kondakor

**Options**

- a) Accept the recommendations in full.
- b) Do not accept the recommendations and suggest alternative options.

**Reasons**

To note the progress made on the BPAH project.

To deliver the project by agreed timelines, with external funds secured and achieve the first milestones that the new Physical Activity Hub building will be in completed by September 2025, as it is crucial that enabling works are undertaken on site to keep within agreed time limits.

Enabling works identified being on site in early April to establish pathway construction, site entrance for construction, hoarding and compound set up with the ability to commence earth moving works at the Bedworth MWP site. These works in advance of formally agreeing the final contract sum in June 2024, provide around three/four months of advance works.

Discussion with the project management team and BAM has been ongoing as to agreeing a formal legal way forward for the enabling works to be undertaken totalling around £3M costs, as part of the overall estimated project cost of £30.6M.

CB116 **Building a Better Borough (BaBB) 2022 / 2025 – Review of Assessment Document for 2024/25**

The Strategic Director – Economy and Transformation presented to Cabinet the Building a Better Borough 2022/2025 – Review of Assessment Document for 2024/25 to consider a more effective means of assessing the progress of corporate objectives identified in the BaBB 2022-25.

**RESOLVED** that the refreshed Building a Better Borough Assessment Document for 2024/25 be approved.

**Speakers**

Mrs Michele Kondakor  
Councillor Keith Kondakor

Options

Approve the proposed recommendations.  
Approve the proposed recommendations subject to identified amendments.  
Reject the proposed recommendations.

Reasons

To establish the assessment document in relation to monitoring the Council's corporate objectives for the final year of the Building and Better Borough 2022-25 Document.

CB117 **General Fund Budget Monitoring Q3 2023/24**

The Strategic Director – Finance and Governance provided an update on the financial performance of the General Fund and anticipated outturn position.

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

**Speakers**

Mrs Michele Kondakor  
Councillor Keith Kondakor

Options

To accept the report or request further information on the forecast outturn position.

Reasons

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

CB118 **Housing Revenue Account Budget Monitoring Q3 2023/24**

The Strategic Director – Finance and Governance provided an update on the financial performance of the Housing Revenue Account Budget Monitoring and anticipated outturn position.

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

**Speakers**

Mrs Michele Kondakor

Councillor Keith Kondakor

Options

To accept the report or request further information on the forecast outturn position.

Reasons

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

**CB119** Capital Budget Monitoring Q3 2023/24

The Strategic Director – Finance and Governance provided an update on the financial performance of the Capital Budget Monitoring 2023/24 and anticipated outturn position.

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

**Speakers**

Michele Kondakor  
Councillor Keith Kondakor

Options

To accept the report or request further information.

Reasons

To comply with regulations.

**CB120** Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2024/25

The Assistant Director – Finance updated Cabinet on the Council's Local Council Tax Support Scheme in-line with the regulations required by Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC).

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the changes to the Local Council Tax Support Scheme be noted;
- b) the Local Council Tax Support Scheme for financial year 2024/25 be approved; and
- c) the report be marked not for call in as provided for in paragraph 15(f) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the constitution.

**Speakers**

Michele Kondakor  
Councillor Keith Kondakor

Options

To accept the report

Reasons

Legislative requirements

**CB121 Civic Honours – Street Renaming (x2)**

The Assistant Director – Democracy and Governance submitted a report to Cabinet to seek approval for the commencement and implementation of the renaming.

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the formal commencement and implementation of the renaming of Clinic Drive to Fusilier Louis Carter Drive be approved; and
- b) the formal commencement and implementation of Clinic Drive (the unnamed section) to Angels Way be approved.

**Speakers**

Michele Kondakor  
Councillor Keith Kondakor

**Options**

To approve and implement  
To not approve and implement

**Reasons:**

Officers have undertaken the review in accordance with the Council's Street Naming and Numbering Policy following the request from the Civic Honours Sub Committee. As a result of the review, both requests comply with the criteria set out in the policy.

**CB122 Recommendations From Overview and Scrutiny Panels**

None

**CB123 Any Other Items**

None

**CB124 Exclusion of Public and Press**

**RESOLVED** that that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item, it being likely that there would be disclosure of exempt information of the description specified in paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act.

**CB125 Nuneaton Market Operational Review**

The Assistant Director – Economy and Regeneration submitted a report outlining options for a review of the operation of Nuneaton Market.

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the proposal to explore the self-erect model further be supported, including consultation with Market Traders and other stakeholders; and
- b) a report be brought to Cabinet on the findings and recommendations

**Speakers:**

None

Options

- 1) Continue with the existing model of operation which is presenting a substantial financial burden on the general fund.
  
- 2) Investigate further the self erect model presented in the report which would significantly reduce operating costs and provide opportunities to reduce pitch rates for traders.

Reasons

Failing trader numbers across the UK, together with pressures on Local Authority funding and rising operational costs, necessitate a review of the current operation of our Town Centre Markets. We aim to consider all alternative options for the future delivery of the service to ensure value for money and resilience. We want to provide opportunities for markets to thrive as town centres evolve in the face of the changing retail and town centres landscape.

**CB126 Revised Governance Arrangements**

The Strategic Director – Finance and Governance submitted a report seeking approval of the revised Governance Arrangements.

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the council joins the Central Midlands Audit Partnership (CMAP) on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 be approved;
  
- b) the Internal Audit Team consisting of 2.60 FTE transfer in accordance with TUPE Regulations into CMAP from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 be approved;
  
- c) the Chair of Audit & Standards Committee to sit on the Partnership Board and the S151 officer to sit on the Operational Board to represent the Council;
  
- d) this report be considered and approved by Cabinet as a key decision;
  
- e) Delegated Authority be given to the Strategic Director – Finance & Governance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member – Finance & Corporate, to enter into and sign the CMAP partnership agreement; and
  
- f) the report be marked not for call in due to urgency for the approval of the contract with CMAP.

**Speakers:**

None

Options:

To accept or reject the proposal

Reasons:

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

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Chair

**PUBLICATION DATE: 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024**

**DECISIONS COME INTO FORCE: 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024**

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

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
	General dispensations granted to all members under s.33 of the Localism Act 2011			Granted to all members of the Council in the areas of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Housing matters</li> <li>- Statutory sick pay under Part XI of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992</li> <li>- An allowance, payment given to members</li> <li>- An indemnity given to members</li> <li>- Any ceremonial honour given to members</li> <li>- Setting council tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992</li> <li>- Planning and Licensing matters</li> <li>- Allotments</li> <li>- Local Enterprise Partnership</li> </ul>
	S. Croft	Employed at Holland & Barrett Retail Ltd	Treasurer of the Conservative Association Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Champion for Safeguarding (Children and Adults)</li> <li>• Local Government Superannuation Scheme Consultative Board</li> </ul> West Midlands Employers	
	C. Golby		Member of Warwickshire County Council  Membership of Other Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership</li> <li>• Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd.</li> <li>• Nuneaton and Bedworth Home Improvement Agency</li> <li>• Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board</li> <li>• Warwickshire Housing and Support Partnership</li> <li>• Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel</li> <li>• George Eliot Hospital</li> </ul>	



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

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