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Date: 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Addendum Council – 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2020**

I refer to item no.10 on the agenda and attach the Cabinet report that was marked to follow. **(page 3)**

I refer to item no. 11 on the agenda and on the outcome of the Barpool By-election the Council composition is as follows:

Conservatives	25
Labour	6
Independent	2
Green Party	1

Therefore, the new proposed Committee/Panel seating allocation is as follows and is recommended for approval:

Committee Size	Seats to Allocate	Conservative	Labour	Green & Independent		
Business, Regeneration & Planning OSP	9	7	1	1		9
Finance & Public Services OSP	9	6	2	1		9
Housing, Environment & Health OSP	9	7	1	1		9
Employment	5	4	1	0		5
Audit & Standards (Excl co-optees)	11	8	2	1		11
Planning	11	8	2	1		11
Licensing	11	8	2	1		11
Appeals	10	7	2	1		10
NABCEL	6	4	1	1		6
Borough Plan	9	7	2	0		9
<b>Total</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>90</b>

Subject to the approval of the seating allocation the Conservative Group have proposed the following changes:

**Business, Regeneration and Planning OSP**

Councillor J. Kennaugh and Councillor J. Hartshorn be added  
Councillor R. Baxter-Payne be removed

**Housing, Environment and Health OSP**

Councillor B. Beetham be added

**Audit and Standards Committee**

Councillor S. Markham be removed and Councillor J. Hartshorn be added

**Planning Applications Committee**

Councillor J. Hartshorn and Councillor S. Harbison be added  
Councillor K. Evans and Councillor S. Croft be removed

**Licensing Committee**

Councillor K. Evans nominated as the new Chair of Licensing

**Additional Item:**

**14. Recovery of all non-domestic rates, council tax, business improvement district and other debts**

Due to a change in staffing, it is necessary to update the appointment of officers authorised to institute or defend on behalf of the Council, proceedings before a County or Magistrates' Court, in relation to the recovery of all non-domestic rates, council tax, business improvement district and other debts and to appear in such proceedings.

IT BE RECOMMENDED THAT

Rachael Dobson	Jade Fuller	Victoria Church
Karen Rosten	Simon Jones	Sharon Oliver

Be authorised to institute or defend, on behalf of the Council, proceedings before a County or Magistrates' Court, in relation to the recovery of all non-domestic rates, council tax, business improvement district and other debts and to appear in such proceedings:

Yours faithfully,

BRENT DAVIS

Chief Executive

To: Members of the Council

# **Cabinet Report to Council, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

## **1. Introduction**

This report deals with the Cabinet meetings held on 13<sup>th</sup> October and 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

It also includes details of any reports from the West Midlands Combined Authority Board, which have, or may have in the future, a direct impact on NBBC, namely the Board meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September and 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

## **2. 13<sup>th</sup> October Cabinet Meeting**

### **a) COVID-19: Support Measures for Businesses Business and Regeneration – Councillor Kris Wilson (Key Decision)**

Cabinet approved the COVID-19 support measures for Businesses. These various schemes such as Business Recovery & Growth Scheme, Shop Front Enhancement Scheme, Town Centre, Arts & Leisure Scheme and a further Hardship Scheme targeted for small and medium enterprises will continue to support businesses and the local economy to recover, sustain and grow.

### **b) Public Space Protection Order – Begging Control Planning and Regulation – Councillor R. Smith (Key Decision)**

Cabinet approved a Public Space Protection Order to address the issues caused by begging within the Borough and its impact on residents and businesses.

### **c) Highway Car Sales Public Space Protection Order Planning and Regulation – Councillor R. Smith (Key Decision)**

The Cabinet also approved a Public Space Protection Order under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 relating to the exposing for sale of vehicles on the highway. This PSPO will prohibit the sale of any vehicle on A or B category roads in the Borough. The Council and in particular its Council members have for some time received ongoing complaints related to the exposure for sale of vehicles in prominent positions on main roads in the Borough which is detrimental to the street scene and unfair on other car sale businesses.

### **Other items considered**

- Cabinet Support Members
- Outside Bodies

### **3. 10<sup>th</sup> November Cabinet Meeting**

#### **a) Leisure Development – Bedworth Physical Activity Hub (BPAH) Public Services – Councillor K. Evans (Key Decision)**

Cabinet approved the Leisure Development Update which will allow further progress to be made on the Bedworth Physical Activity Hub. The successful Levelling Up bid was a pivotal source of income in allowing this project to continue. The work being undertaken to deliver future leisure and greenspace/active design activities is a key strategic outcome for the Council and will be supporting residents with opportunities for improvements in their health and wellbeing.

#### **b) Enterprise Strategy Finance and Corporate – Councillor S. Croft and Business and Regeneration – Councillor K. Wilson (Key Decision)**

The Enterprise Strategy, approved by Cabinet, will provide a mechanism that will support the Council's financial requirements and assist in the delivery of a sustainable financial position. Many Councils have experienced significant financial challenges following changes to the local authority finance arrangements and whilst the Council have implemented many initiatives such as lean reviews and shared services, the Council recognises the need to continue to explore opportunities to both decrease operational costs and to increase its income.

#### **c) Outcome of Local Government Association Corporate Peer Challenge Business and Regeneration – Councillor K. Wilson (Key Decision)**

The Council received the final report of the Local Government Association Team that undertook a Corporate Peer Challenge for the Council in late September 2021. From this an action plan has been created to ensure the recommendations given in the report are addressed. Cabinet agreed the action plan and noted that the Local Government Association will be undertaking a "six month check in" to receive an update on the Council's progress against the action plan.

#### **Other items considered**

- Air Quality Action Plan – Consultation
- Establishment of Cabinet Working Party on the Local Government Boundary Commission on Borough Council Ward Boundaries.
- Procurement of Gas
- Building a Better Borough – refresh of NBBC Corporate Plan
- Quarterly Review of Strategic Performance Report (Second Quarter 2021-22)

#### **d) West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA)**

In terms of items which have, or may have in the future, a direct impact on NBBC the WMCA Board meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021 considered:

- A report to provide an update on the Combined Authority's finances [revenue and capital] as at the end of July 2021 (including the financial implications of Covid-19), and an update on the forecast outturn for 2021/22.
- A report setting out the WMCA's approach towards the submission of a regional transport infrastructure programme into Government to be considered as part of the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) and seek approval for this approach and submission.
- A report to present, and seek endorsement of, the Full Business Case submitted to Government on 20th August 2021, under Phase 2 of the Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas (ZEBRA) 2021-2022 competition.
- A report seeking approval for West Midlands Rail Ltd (WMR Ltd) to enter into a new Collaboration Agreement with the Department for Transport (DfT) as the changes to rail franchising as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic mean that the existing Collaboration Agreement between WMR Ltd and DfT will terminate in September 2021. As such, a new agreement must be negotiated in order to protect WMR Ltd's ongoing role working in partnership with Government to manage rail services in the region, as well as its grant income.

The WMCA Board meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021 considered:

- A report to inform WMCA Board of the latest draft of the WMCA Aims and Objectives, which was recommended for agreement. The purpose of the WMCA Aims and Objectives document is to:
  - Set out how the WMCA will deliver on the region's priorities
  - Guide the WMCA's use of powers and money secured from central government
  - Enable the WMCA to measure progress against its priorities
- A report to provide an update on the Combined Authority's finances [revenue and capital] as at the end of September 2021 (including the financial implications of Covid-19).
- A report proposing the establishment of a new Economic Growth Board (EGB) with decision-making powers, led by the Portfolio Lead for Economy, which will put regional economic development at the heart of WMCA decision making.

- Minutes of the Housing and Land Board regarding the WMCA Investment Prospectus, to include potential redevelopment sites across the geography of the Combined Authority. The Leader of the Council expressed an interest at the Housing and Land Board in a meeting between WMCA and NBBC to consider potential projects from NBBC that could be included in the Investment Prospectus and a separate meeting has been requested.

## **5. Conclusion**

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

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