

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT AND STANDARDS ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

15th June 2023

A meeting of the Audit and Standards Assessment Sub-Committee was held on Thursday 15th June 2023. This meeting was held in the Council Chamber and was live streamed and recorded.

Present

Councillor R. Baxter-Payne (Chair)

Councillors: J. Kennaugh and J. Sheppard.

PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS

ASASC1 **Election of a Chair**

RESOLVED that it was proposed and seconded that Councillor R. Baxter-Payne be elected as Chair for the meeting.

ASASC2 **Apologies**

None

ASASC3 **Declarations of Interest**

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

ASASC4 **Exclusion of Public and Press**

RESOLVED 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 (i) and (ii) of Part I and II of Schedule 12A to the Act.

ASASC5 **Complaint 4/22**

Speaker: Councillor K. Kondakor.

Councillor K. Kondakor then left the meeting at this point.

The Monitoring Officer advised the Sub-Committee that a further issue had arisen in connection with the complaint and presented this for consideration.

RESOLVED that

- a) the further issue considered by the Sub-Committee be added to the investigation of complaint 4/22;
- b) the Subject Member be advised they should have no contact with witnesses or the complainant in relation to this complaint; and
- c) the complainant be informed.

ASASC6 **Preliminary Assessment Report – Complaint 5/23**

The Monitoring Officer presented the preliminary assessment report 5/23 to the sub-committee for consideration on the action to be taken in accordance

with the Members Code of Conduct Complaint Process at Part 5A of the Constitution.

RESOLVED that no further action be taken on the basis that the complaint falls outside the Code or does not justify investigation and there is no informal resolution.

ASASC7

Preliminary Assessment Report – Complaint 6/23

The Monitoring Officer presented the preliminary assessment report 6/23 to the sub-committee for consideration on the action to be taken in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct Complaint Process at Part 5A of the Constitution.

RESOLVED that no further action be taken on the basis that the complaint falls outside the Code or does not justify investigation and there is no informal resolution.

Chair

Audit and Standards Assessment Sub-Committee - Schedule of Declarations of Interests – 2023/2024

| | Name of Councillor | Disclosable Pecuniary Interest | Other Personal Interest | Dispensation |
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| | 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) | |
| | 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"> • EQUIP | |
| | J. Sheppard | | Partnership member of the Hill Top and Caldwell Big Local. Director of Wembrook Community Centre. Member of the Management Committee at the Mental Health Drop-in. | Dispensation to speak and vote on any matters of Borough Plan that relate to the Directorship of Wembrook Community Centre |