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Dear Sir/Madam,

Council – 16th September, 2020

I refer to item no. 8 on the Agenda for the meeting of Council on Wednesday 16th September, 2020 and attach the Cabinet Report which was marked 'to follow' on the agenda.

Yours faithfully,

BRENT DAVIS

Executive Director

To: Members of the Council

Cabinet Report to Council, 16th September 2020

1. Introduction

This report deals with the Cabinet meeting held on 22nd July and 9th September 2020.

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 of 24th July

2. 9th September, 2020 Cabinet Meeting

a) General Fund and Housing Revenue Account Quarterly Budget Monitoring Q1 2020/21

Finance and Civic Affairs – Councillor J.A. Jackson (**Key Decision**)

The Executive Director – Resources submitted a report to Cabinet detailing the budget position from the first quarter. The report showed the financial impact of the pandemic on the Council's budget and that whilst government funding has contributed towards closing the in-year gap, there is still a shortfall. The gap will therefore need to be funded by in year savings, deferrals to the Capital Programme and reserve contributions. The additional reserve contributions are just to cover the unexpected impact during 2020/21 and any longer-term impact of COVID-19 will need to be considered when setting the budget for 2021/2022.

b) Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) – Adoption

Planning Development and Health – Councillor Neil Phillips (**Key Decision**)

The Director – Democracy, Planning and Public Protection submitted a report to Cabinet to then be submitted for Council approval. The report detailed the changes that had been made to the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) due to government guidance in light of the current pandemic. The SCI in its current form could not be complied with whilst also maintaining the guidance on combating the spread of the Coronavirus. The update therefore included the use of online methods to their full potential. In normal circumstances any change to the SCI would require consultation however due to the pandemic and the guidance set out in the SCI this is not currently possible. It should be noted that these changes are temporary whilst the restrictions to COVID-19 take place.

c) Draft Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule

Planning Development and Health – Councillor Neil Phillips **(Key Decision)**

A report was submitted from Director – Democracy, Planning and Public Protection detailing the benefits and regulatory processes for having a CIL. Cabinet approved the request to go out to consultation prior to its submission for independent examination as once in place the CIL will maximise the potential for new development to generate income for the delivery of new infrastructure whilst also ensuring that proposed rates do not render new development in the Borough financially unviable.

d) Local Development Scheme

Planning, Development and Health – Councillor Neil Phillips **(Key Decision)**

Cabinet approved the Local Development Scheme (LDS) which had been prepared in order to identify current planning policy documents that are being applied in Nuneaton and Bedworth and to provide a three year project plan that outlines what the replacement planning policy documents will be and their stages of preparation. This is being submitted for Council approval.

e) NBBC – Leisure Procurement Strategy

Arts and Leisure Portfolio – Councillor Ian Lloyd **(Key Decision)**

Cabinet approved a report submitted by Director – Leisure, Recreation and Health that detailed a Leisure Procurement Strategy for Nuneaton and Bedworth which would support its future development and delivery of leisure facilities working with Sports England, its Project Management and Design & Cost Consultants and partners. This is a positive step which will hopefully see real change to our Leisure facilities.

Other items considered

a) General Fund, Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Capital programme Outturn 2019/20 (Key Decision)

Finance and Civic Affairs Portfolio – Councillor J. Jackson

b) Submission of Final Business Case to Future High Streets Fund (Key Decision)

Housing and Communities Portfolio – Councillor C. Watkins

c) Strategic Risk Register Review

Finance and Civic Affairs Portfolio – Councillor J.A. Jackson

d) Local Plan Review

Planning, Development and Health Portfolio – Councillor N. Phillips

e) Evidence Base and Planning for the Future

Planning, Development and Health Portfolio – Councillor N. Phillips

f) Devolution White Paper

Finance and Civic Affairs Portfolio – Councillor J.A. Jackson

g) Next Steps Accommodation Programme (NSAP)

Housing and Communities – Councillor C. Watkins

h) Proposal for the Allocation of Warwickshire County Council (WCC) Homelessness Prevention Grant (Key Decision)

Housing and Communities – Councillor C. Watkins

- i) Redevelopment of Byford Court (Key Decision)
Housing and Communities Portfolio – Councillor C. Watkins
- j) Annual Treasury Management Report 2019/20 (Key Decision)
Finance and Civic Affairs Portfolio – Councillor J.A. Jackson
- k) Nuneaton and Bedworth – Sport England “Facilities Planning Models” (Key Decision)
Arts and Leisure Portfolio – Councillor I. Lloyd
- l) British Cycling – Stage Two Application (Key Decision)
Arts and Leisure Portfolio – Councillor I. Lloyd
- m) Report of the Climate Change Emergency Working Party
Planning, Development and Health Portfolio – Councillor N. Phillips

3. West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA)

The WMCA Board meeting on the 24th July included a report on Economic Recovery in the West Midlands, focusing on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the WMCA’s response so far. This included a ‘State of the Region’ update, analysing the region’s economic performance and how this has been impacted by COVID. A progress update on the WMCA’s Regional Recovery Plan and a summary of the ‘Recharge the West Midlands’ case to government was also included in the report.

The Board also received a Financial Monitoring report as at the end of May 2020 which showed that the WMCA, as with other local authorities in the region, is experiencing significant income reductions due to the COVID-19 pandemic and this is putting pressure on the short and medium term financial position.

6. 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 J.A. Jackson
Leader of the Council on behalf of Cabinet