



**AGENDA
for a
MEETING OF
THE COUNCIL**

to be held on

Wednesday, 17th July, 2019

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To: All Members of the Borough Council

A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Nuneaton, on **Wednesday, 17th July, 2019 at 6.00 p.m.**

All members of the Council are summoned to attend to determine the business as set out below.

Please note that meetings will be recorded for future broadcast.

AGENDA

1. **EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

A fire drill is not expected, so if the alarm sounds please evacuate the building quickly and calmly. Please use the stairs and do not use the lifts. Once out of the building, please gather outside the Yorkshire Bank on the opposite side of the road.

Please exit by the door by which you entered the room or by the fire exits which are clearly indicated by the standard green fire exit signs.

If you need any assistance in evacuating the building, please make yourself known to a member of staff.

Please also make sure all your mobile phones are turned off or set to silent.

2. APOLOGIES - to receive apologies for absence from the meeting.
3. FILMING - all Members are requested to turn on their microphones before speaking, to speak clearly into the microphone in front of them and remember to turn it off when they have finished speaking. A microphone will be provided for members of the public to use who have notified that they wish to speak.
4. MINUTES - to confirm the following minutes:
 - a) Annual Council Meeting held on the 15th May, 2019 (**Page 7**)
 - b) Extraordinary Meeting held on the 15th May, 2019 (**Page 21**)
 - c) Extraordinary Meeting held on 10th June, 2019 (**Page 27**)
5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in matters under consideration pursuant to Council procedure Rule 4A.2(iii).

Declaring interests at meetings

If there is any item of business to be discussed at the meeting in which you have a disclosable pecuniary interest or non-pecuniary interest (Other Interests), you must declare the interest appropriately at the start of the meeting or as soon as you become aware that you have an interest.

Arrangements have been made for interests that are declared regularly by members to be appended to the agenda (**Page 42**). Any interest noted in the Schedule at the back of the agenda papers will be deemed to have been declared and will be minuted as such by the Committee Services Officer. As a general rule, there will, therefore, be no need for those Members to declare those interests as set out in the schedule.

There are, however, TWO EXCEPTIONS to the general rule:

- 1. When the interest amounts to a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest that is engaged in connection with any item on the agenda and the member feels that the interest is such that they must leave the room. Prior to leaving the room, the member must inform the meeting that they are doing so, to ensure that it is recorded in the minutes.**
- 2. Where a dispensation has been granted to vote and/or speak on an item where there is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, but it is not referred to in the Schedule (where for example, the dispensation was granted by the Monitoring Officer immediately prior to the meeting). The existence and nature of the dispensation needs to be recorded in the minutes and will, therefore, have to be disclosed at an appropriate time to the meeting.**

Note: Following the adoption of the new Code of Conduct, Members are reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of their personal interests at the commencement of the relevant item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is a Disclosable

Pecuniary or a Deemed Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, the Member must withdraw from the room.

Where a Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest but has received a dispensation from Audit and Standards Committee, that Member may vote and/or speak on the matter (as the case may be) and must disclose the existence of the dispensation and any restrictions placed on it at the time the interest is declared.

Where a Member has a Deemed Disclosable Interest as defined in the Code of Conduct, the Member may address the meeting as a member of the public as set out in the Code.

Note: Council Procedure Rules require Members with Disclosable Pecuniary Interests to withdraw from the meeting unless a dispensation allows them to remain to vote and/or speak on the business giving rise to the interest.

Where a Member has a Deemed Disclosable Interest, the Council's Code of Conduct permits public speaking on the item, after which the Member is required by Council Procedure Rules to withdraw from the meeting.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS - to receive announcements from the Mayor, Leader, Members of the Cabinet or the Executive Director.
7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - (Council Procedure Rule 9) - to hear and answer questions by any resident of the Borough concerning the work of the Council where notice has been given (maximum 20 minutes). A copy of Procedure Rule 9 is attached. **(Page 48)** and this is not subject to debate.
8. SPECIAL URGENCY DECISIONS - (Access to Information Procedure Rule) There have been no decisions taken under the Special Urgency Rule.
9. POLITICAL BALANCE – a report of the Director – Arts, Leisure and Democracy, attached **(Page 50)**.
10. CABINET – report by Leader of the Council attached. **(Page 55)**
Members may ask questions on the report and receive answers from the Leader or other Cabinet members, and this is not subject to debate.
11. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CABINET OR OTHER COMMITTEES
 - (a) Resident Involvement Strategy 2019-2022

At its meeting on 26th June, 2019, Cabinet considered a report on the above **(Page 61)** and **RESOLVED** that it be recommended to Council that the Resident Involvement Strategy 2019-2022 be adopted and included within the Council's policy framework.

(b) General Fund, Housing Revenue Account and Capital Programme Outturn 2018/19

At its meeting on 26th June, 2019, Cabinet considered a report on the above and **RESOLVED** that the updated General Fund and HRA Capital Programmes for 2019/20 (**Page 77**), be recommended to Council for approval.

(c) Pay Policy Statement 2019

At an Individual Cabinet Member Decision Meeting held on 28th June, 2019, the Portfolio Holder for Central Services and Refuse considered a report on the above (**Page 80**) and **RESOLVED** that it be recommended to Council that in accordance with Section 38 of the Localism Act 2011, the Council ratify and approve the publication of the Statement.

(d) Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer Communities Partnership, Partnership Plan 2019 - 2022

At its meeting held on 22nd May 2019, Cabinet considered a report on the above (**Page 87**) and **RESOLVED** that it be recommended to Council that the Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer Communities Partnership, Partnership Plan 2019-2022 be adopted for inclusion within the Council's policy framework.

12. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS - (Council Procedure Rule 10).
A copy of Procedure Rule 10 is attached (**Page 105**) and this is not subject to debate.

NOTE: Points of Order and Personal Explanation can only be raised in accordance with Council Procedure Rules which are set out below:-

Point of order

A Member may raise a point of order at any time. The Mayor will hear them at the end of the speech of the Member speaking at the time the point is raised. A point of order may only relate to an alleged breach of these Council Rules of Procedure or the law. The Member must indicate the rule of law and the way in which he/she considers it has been broken. The Mayor shall consider the Point of Order and, if necessary, take advice on the matter from the Monitoring Officer and, shall then rule on the Point of Order raised. There shall be no discussion or challenge to the advice given or the Mayor's decision in the meeting. If a Member persistently seeks to raise a Point of Order but is unable to identify the procedure rule or legal principle infringed then, after having been warned by the Mayor, any further abuse of this procedure rule shall not be tolerated and the Mayor shall move that the Member not be heard further pursuant to Procedure Rule 4.19.13. The ruling of the Mayor on the matter will be final.

Personal explanation

A Member may make a point of personal explanation at any time. The Mayor will hear them at the end of the speech of the Member speaking at the time the point is raised. A personal explanation may only relate to some material part of an earlier speech by the Member which may appear to have been misunderstood in the present debate. The ruling of the Mayor on the admissibility of a personal explanation will be final.

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

ANNUAL COUNCIL

15th May, 2019

The meeting of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council was held at the Town Hall, Nuneaton, on Wednesday, 15th May, 2019.

Present

The Mayor (Councillor C.M. Watkins)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor J. Tandy)

Councillors, J.B. Beaumont, K. Brindley-Edwards, D. Brown, S. Croft, G. Daffern, S. Doughty, P.M. Elliott, K. Evans, J. Glass, C. Golby, S. Gran, J. Gutteridge, L. Hocking, J.A. Jackson, K.A. Kondakor, A. Llewellyn-Nash, I.K. Lloyd, B.J. Longden, B. Pandher, N.J.P. Phillips, G.D. Pomfrett, M. Rudkin, A. Sargeant, J. Sargeant, J. Sheppard, T. Sheppard, R. Smith J. Tandy, R. Tromans and K.D. Wilson.

Apologies were received from: Councillors D. Gissane and H. Walmsley.

CL1 Election of the Chair (The Mayor)

It was proposed by Councillor B. Longden and seconded by Councillor J. Jackson that Councillor J. Tandy be appointed Chair of the Borough Council of Nuneaton and Bedworth (to be styled Mayor) for the ensuing municipal year.

Councillor R. Tromans proposed and seconded by Councillor K. Evans that Councillor S. Gran be elected Chair of the Borough Council of Nuneaton and Bedworth (to be styled Mayor) for the ensuing municipal year.

RESOLVED that Councillor J. Tandy be elected Chair of the Borough Council of Nuneaton and Bedworth (to be styled Mayor) for the ensuing municipal year.

Councillor C.M. Watkins then vacated the Chair and invested the newly elected Mayor with the Chain of office.

Having accepted the appointment, Councillor J. Tandy made and subscribed the declaration of acceptance of the office and thanked the Council for the honour conferred upon her in electing her to the office of Mayor.

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR J. TANDY) IN THE CHAIR

CL2 Vote of Thanks

It was **RESOLVED** that the best thanks of this Council be tendered to Councillor Christopher Watkins and Mrs Collette Watkins for the able and courteous manner in which they fulfilled the duties of Mayor and Mayoress during the past Municipal Year.

CL3 **Election of the Deputy Mayor**

It was proposed by Councillor M. Rudkin and seconded by Councillor I. Lloyd that Councillor W. J. Hancox be appointed Vice-Chair of the Borough Council of Nuneaton and Bedworth (to be styled Deputy Mayor) for the ensuing municipal year.

Councillor K.D. Wilson proposed and seconded by Councillor D. Brown that Councillor A. Llewellyn-Nash be elected Vice-Chair of the Borough Council of Nuneaton and Bedworth (to be styled Deputy Mayor) for the ensuing municipal year.

RESOLVED that Councillor W. J. Hancox be appointed Vice-Chair of Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council (to be styled Deputy Mayor) for the ensuing Municipal Year.

The Mayor then invested the Deputy Mayor with the Deputy Mayor's badge. Having accepted the appointment, Councillor W. J. Hancox made and subscribed the declaration of acceptance of the office and thanked the Council for the honour conferred upon him in appointing him to the office of Deputy Mayor.

CL4 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 17th April, 2019 were approved.

The minutes from the Ordinary Council meetings held on 30th January, 2019 and 18th February, 2019 were approved, as amended.

CL5 **Interests**

The Declarations of Interest for this meeting are as set out in the Schedule attached to these minutes.

CL6 **Announcements**

The Mayor made the following announcement:

The Mayor's Appeal for 2019/20 is *The George Eliot Hospital Serenity Garden*, a charity supporting stroke and dementia patients' recovery and care with the launch being held on Thursday 16th May 2019 at 10.30am.

CL7 **Composition and Membership of Committees and appointments to outside bodies**

It was **RESOLVED** that

- a) The Leader's appointments to and allocation of responsibilities for the Cabinet Portfolios as given below be agreed as per the recommendations in appendix 9:

Portfolio Holder	Member Appointed
Finance and Civic Affairs	Councillor J.A. Jackson (Leader)
Arts and Leisure	Councillor I. Lloyd (Deputy Leader)
Housing and Communities	Councillor C. Watkins
Planning, Development and Health	Councillor N. Phillips
Central Services and Refuse	Councillor J. Sheppard

The responsibilities of Portfolios are changed as follows:

1. Finance and Civic Affairs – to include Economic Development;
2. Arts, Leisure and Economic Development is now Arts and Leisure;
3. Central Services and Refuse – the following move from Finance and Civic Affairs: Procurement; Audit and Performance; Equalities and Insurance and Emergency Planning;
4. Planning and Development now has responsibility for Health and will be called Planning, Development and Health;
5. Housing, Health and Communities is now Housing and Communities.

The Deputy Leader will continue to sit on the LEP; Transforming Nuneaton member Board; NABCEL Board and be a substitute member on the WMCA.

The Leader will continue as a substitute member of the LEP Board.

<u>Committee/ Scrutiny Panels</u>	<u>Labour</u>	<u>Cons</u>	<u>Green</u>	<u>Total Membership</u>
Cabinet	5			5
Internal Overview and Scrutiny Panel	7	6	1	14
External Overview and Scrutiny Panel	7	7		14
Audit and Standards Committee	6	5		11
Planning Applications Committee	7	6		13
Licensing Committee	5	5		10
Appeals Committee	4	5	1	10
NABCEL Shareholder Committee	3	3		6
TOTALS	39	37	2	78

b) The Membership of Committees and Overview and Scrutiny Panels for 2019/20 be approved as follows:

Appeals (10)

Councillors S. Doughty, K. Evans, D. Gissane, L. Hocking, K. Kondakor, M. Rudkin, A. Sargeant, R.T Smith, J. Tandy and R. Tromans.

Notes:

1. 5 members will be selected from the pool as required.
2. The Chair will be appointed at each particular meeting.

Audit and Standards Committee (11)

Councillor J. Tandy (Chair),
Councillor S. Croft (Vice-chair),

Councillors D. Brown, G. Daffern, P. Elliott, K. Evans, J. Glass, L. Hocking, G. Pomfrett, R. Tromans, and H Walmsley.

Co-opted Members: Mrs. C. Bacon and Mr. G. Sonola.

Licensing (10)

Councillor P. Elliott (Chair),
Councillor K. Evans (Vice-chair),

Councillors S. Croft, J. Gutteridge W.J. Hancox, L. Hocking, B. Pandher, N. Phillips, T. Sheppard and K Wilson.

Planning Applications (13)

Councillor W.J. Hancox (Chair),
Councillor K. Wilson (Vice-chair)

Councillors J. Beaumont, S. Gran, A. Llewellyn–Nash, I. Lloyd, B. Longden, B. Pandher, M. Rudkin, A. Sargeant, J. Sheppard, R. Smith and C. Watkins.

Internal Overview and Scrutiny Panel (14)

Councillor J. Glass (Chair)
Councillor A. Sargeant (Vice-Chair)

Councillors J. Beaumont, S. Croft, S. Doughty, P. Elliott, S. Gran, J. Gutteridge, L. Hocking, K. Kondakor, B. Pandher G. Pomfrett, J. Tandy and H. Walmsley.

Co-opted Members: Mrs. L. Price and Mrs D. Ross.

External Overview and Scrutiny Panel (14)

Councillor T. Sheppard (Chair)
Councillor H. Walmsley (Vice-Chair)

Councillors J. Beaumont, K. Brindley-Edwards; D. Brown, G. Daffern,
K. Evans, C. Golby, W.J. Hancox, L. Hocking, A. Llewellyn-Nash,
B. Longden, M. Rudkin and J. Sargeant.

Co-opted Members: Ms. I. Kabilsz and Mr. I. Sheikh

**Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprise Limited Shareholder
Committee (6)**

Councillor I. Lloyd (Chair)

Councillors K. Brindley-Edwards, M. Rudkin, R. Smith, J. Tandy and
R. Tromans.

CL8 **Representatives on Outside Bodies**

RESOLVED that the appointments to outside bodies - lists showing existing
appointments attached are considered and agreed.

Schedule A - Appointments by office where no decisions are required.

Schedule B - Appointments where decisions are required.

Schedule C - Appointments for which the term of office have not yet expired
and therefore, no appointments need to be made.

CL9 **Scheme of Delegation**

RESOLVED that the Scheme of Delegation for the Executive functions, as set
out in item 13 of the agenda as determined by the Leader be noted; and the
council functions, as set out in item 10 of the agenda, be approved

Mayor

SCHEDULE 'A'

APPOINTMENTS BY OFFICE (Period of Office 12 Months Commencing in May, 2018)

<u>Body</u>	<u>Present Representative</u>	<u>Number of Representatives</u>	<u>Travel and Subsistence</u>	<u>Indemnity</u>
A5 Member partnership	Cabinet Member for Planning, Development & Health	1	Yes	Indemnity Applies
Champion for Safeguarding (Children and Adults)	Cabinet Member for Central Services and Refuse	1	Yes	Indemnity Applies
Coventry, Warwickshire and Hinckley and Bosworth Joint Committee	Leader (Deputy Leader as substitute)	1	Yes	Indemnity Applies
District Leaders	Leader (Deputy Leader as substitute)	1	Yes	Indemnity Applies
Local Government Association	Leader (Cabinet Member as Substitute)	1	Yes	Indemnity Applies
Local Enterprise Partnership	Deputy Leader (Leader as Substitute)	1	Yes	Indemnity Applies
Local Government Superannuation Scheme Consultative Board	Cabinet Member for Central Services and Refuse	1	Yes	Indemnity Applies
Nuneaton and Bedworth Home Improvement Agency	Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities	1	Yes	Indemnity Applies
Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership	Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities	1	Yes	Indemnity Applies
Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd	Leader, Deputy Leader and Leader of the Opposition or his/her representative	1	Yes	Indemnity Applies

SCHEDULE 'A' CONTINUED

<u>Body</u>	<u>Present Representative(s)</u>	<u>Number of Representatives</u>	<u>Travel and Subsistence</u>	<u>Indemnity</u>
Nuneaton and Bedworth Sports Forum	Cabinet Member for Arts & Leisure	1	Yes	No indemnity – Member decision
Nuneaton Festival of Arts	The Mayor	1	Yes	No Indemnity – Member decision
PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside of London) Joint Committee Services	Cabinet Member for Planning, Development & Health	1	Yes	Indemnity Applies
Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board	Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities	1	No	No Indemnity – Member Decision
Warwickshire Direct Partnership	Cabinet Member for Central Services & Refuse	1	Yes	Indemnity Applies
Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board	Cabinet Member for Planning, Development & Health	1	Yes	Indemnity Applies
Warwickshire Housing Support Partnership	Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities	1	Yes	Indemnity Applies
Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel	Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities	1	Yes	Indemnity Applies
Warwickshire Waste Partnership	Cabinet Member for Central Services & Refuse	1	Yes	Indemnity Applies
West Midlands Combined Authority Board	Leader (Cabinet Member as Substitute)	1	Yes	Indemnity Applies
West Midland Employers	Cabinet Member for Central Services & Refuse	1	Yes	No Indemnity – Member Decision
Warwickshire Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel	Chair of the External Overview and Scrutiny Panel	1	Yes	No Indemnity – Member Decision

SCHEDULE 'B'
APPOINTMENTS NOT NECESSARILY BY OFFICE

Body	Representation	Terms of Office	Present Representative (s)	Travel and Subsistence	Indemnity
Advice Rights	1 Councillor	1 Yr	Councillor A. Sargeant	No	No indemnity – Member decision
Age UK (Warwickshire Branch)	1 Councillor	1 Yr	Councillor J. Gutteridge	No	No indemnity - Member decision
Armed Forces Covenant Meeting	1 Councillor	1 Yr	Councillor B.J. Longden	No	No indemnity Member decision
Astley Charity	1 Councillor	1 Yr	Councillor B.J. Longden	No	No indemnity Member decision
Biodiversity Champion	1 Councillor	1 Yr	Councillor J.B Beaumont	Yes	Indemnity Applies
Building Control Partnership Steering Group	Cabinet Member for Planning & Development plus 1 Councillor	1 Yr	Cabinet Member for Planning & Development and Councillor W.J. Hancox	Yes	Indemnity Applies
Bulkington Village Centre Project	1 Representative (not necessarily a Councillor)	1 Yr	Councillor J. Beaumont	Yes	No Indemnity – Member Decision
Camp Hill Urban Village: Pride in Camp Hill Board	1 Councillor	1Yr	Councillor I. Lloyd (Substitute Member L. Hocking)	Yes	Indemnity applies
Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground	2 Councillors	1 Yr	Councillor L. Hocking and Councillor I. Lloyd	No	No Indemnity – Member Decision
Exhall Education Foundation	Trustee (not necessarily a Councillor and preferably from Exhall Parish)	1 Yr	Mr R.N. Chattaway	No	No Indemnity – Member Decision

SCHEDULE 'B' (CONTINUED)

<u>Body</u>	<u>Representation</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>	<u>Present Representative</u>	<u>Travel and Subsistence</u>	<u>Indemnity</u>
Friendship Project for Children	1 Councillor	1 Yr	Councillor P.M. Elliott	No	No Indemnity – Member decision
George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust – Public/User Board	1 Councillor	1 Yr	Councillor B.J. Longden	Yes	Indemnity Applies
George Eliot Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Governors	1 councillor	1 Yr	Councillor B.J. Longden	Yes	Indemnity Applies
Nuneaton and Bedworth Older People's Forum	1 Councillor	1 Yr	Councillor J.B. Beaumont	Yes	Indemnity Applies
Nuneaton Neighbour Watch Committee	1 Councillor	1 Yr	Councillor J. Sheppard	No	No Indemnity – Member decision
Bedworth Neighbourhood Watch Committee	1 Councillor	1 Yr	Councillor M. Rudkin	No	No Indemnity – Member decision
Warwickshire Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee	1 Councillor	1 Yr	Councillor J. Beaumont	Yes	Indemnity Applies
Warwickshire Race Equality Partnership	1 Councillor	1 Yr	Councillor J. Tandy	No	No Indemnity – Member decision
West Midlands Combined Authority Audit Group	1 Councillor (plus 1 substitute)	1 Yr	Councillor J. Tandy (Substitute Member Councillor J. Beaumont)	Yes	Indemnity Applies
Foleshill Charity Trustee – Proffitt's Charity	1 Trustee (not necessarily a Councillor)		Mr J. Haynes	No	No indemnity – Member decision

SCHEDULE 'C'
TERMS OF OFFICE NOT YET EXPIRED

<u>Body</u>	<u>Representation</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>	<u>Present Representative (s)</u>	<u>Travel and Subsistence</u>	<u>Indemnity</u>
Hammersley Smith and Orton Charity	2 Representatives (not necessarily Councillors)	4 Yrs to Oct 2020	Councillor W.J. Hancox And Mr J. Haynes	No	No Indemnity Member decision
King Edward VI College Foundation – Trustee	1 Representative (Not necessarily a Councillor)	4 Yrs to June 2020	Councillor K.L Brindley-Edwards	No	No Indemnity Member decision
Poor's Piece Charity	1 Nominative Trustee (Not necessarily a Councillor)	4 Yrs to Dec 2020	County Councillor C. Davies	No	No Indemnity Member decision
Charity of Willoughly and Others	1 Nomination Trustee (not necessarily a Councillor)	4 Yrs to May 2022	Mr D.J. Lewis	No	No indemnity – Member decision
Hammersley Smith and Orton Charity	2 Representatives (not necessarily Councillors)	4 Yrs to Oct 2022	Mr R.G. Copland and Mr J. Hunt	Yes	No indemnity – Member decision
Hospice Charity	1 Representative (not necessarily a Councillor)	4 Yrs to May 2022	Councillor A. Llewellyn-Nash	No	No indemnity – Member decision
Hospice Charity	1 Representative (not necessarily a Councillor)	4 Yrs to June 2022	Deferred for further clarification as to whether there are two positions.	No	No Indemnity – Member decision
Nicolas Chamberlaine's School Foundation Nicholas Chamberlaine's Hospital and Sermon Charity	1 Representative (Not necessarily a Councillor)	4 Yrs to May 2022	Alan Lewis	Yes	No Indemnity – Member decision
Poor's Piece Charity	1 Nomination Trustee (not necessarily a Councillor)	4 Yrs to May 2022	Councillor I.K Lloyd	No	No Indemnity – Member Decision
William Bentley's and Job Potter's Charities	2 Representatives (not necessarily Councillors)	4 Yrs to May 2022	Mr D. Aldington and Mr B.L. Hawkes	No	No Indemnity – Member decision
William Bentley's and Job Potter's Charities	2 Representatives (not necessarily Councillors)	4 years to May 2022	Mrs D.F Hawkes and Mr J. Haynes	No	No Indemnity – Member decision

Council - Schedule of Declarations of Interests

	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"> - 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
	J. Beaumont		Board member of Bulkington Community Library CIC in addition to an unpaid Manager of the library. Board member of Bulkington Village Centre	
			Member of the Police and Crime Panel	
	K. Brindley-Edwards	Teacher and Head of 6 th Form at Beauchamp College		
	D. Brown	Employed by H.M Land Registry		
	S. Croft	Employed at Holland & Barrett Retail Ltd	Deputy Chairman Nuneaton Conservative Association	
	G. Daffern	Cover Supervisor and teacher at Sidney Stringer Academy, Coventry; Teacher at Stoke Park School Coventry	Co-opted Governor at Newdigate Primary School	

	P. Elliott	Employee of CW Mind ASD Support Service Mentor	Governor at Stockingford Nursery	
	K. Evans	Student at De Montford University; Officer Cadet at Birmingham University Royal Navy Unit.	Officer at the North Warwickshire Conservative Association	
	D. Gissane		Member of Warwickshire County Council	
	C. Golby		Member of Warwickshire County Council	
	S. Gran		Member of Warwickshire County Council	
	J. Gutteridge	Startin Tractors		To speak and vote on any matters involving the Borough Plan related to land at Leyland Road Bulkington
	L. Hocking	Employed by Openreach	Unite the Union	
	J.A Jackson	Any matter relating to the employment policies and procedures of Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council or any matter relating to the contractual arrangements with Sport & Leisure Management Ltd.		Dispensation to speak and vote on matters that do not relate specifically to her husband's contract of employment.
			Non Executive Director with Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Limited	Dispensation to speak and vote
	K.A. Kondakor		Member of Warwickshire County Council	
	A. Llewellyn-Nash	Employee of BMI Healthcare		
	I. Lloyd	Employee of Jaguar Land Rover	Non Executive Director with Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Limited.	Dispensation to speak and vote
	B.J. Longden		Daughter and son-in-law work in the NHS	
			Member of the Stockingford Community Centre	
			Ex-Officiate of the Veterans Contact Point Board	
	B. Pandher	Manager of the Indian Community	Member of Warwickshire County Council	

	Centre Association, Coventry	Treasurer & Trustee of Nanaksar Gurdwara Gursikh Temple; Coordinator of Council of Sikh Temples in Coventry; Secretary of Coventry Indian Community; Trustee of Sikh Monument Trust Vice Chair Exhall Multicultural Group	
M. Rudkin	Employee of People in Action	Unite the Union	
A. Sargeant		Member of Warwickshire County Council	
J. Sargeant	SATCOL Charity Project Manager		To speak and vote on any matters related to the Salvation Army Charity (SATCOL) or related bodies, unless the matter directly affects the contract of employment of the Councillor
J. Sheppard		Partnership member of the Hill Top and Caldwell Big Local.	
		Director of Wembrook Community Centre.	Dispensation to speak and vote on any matters of Borough Plan that relate to the Directorship of Wembrook Community Centre
		Member of the Management Committee at the Mental Health Drop in.	
T. Sheppard	Employee of Dairy Crest		
R. Smith		Director of Volunteer Friends, Bulkington; Board of Directors at Bulkington Village Community and Conference Centre	
J.A. Tandy		Partnership member of the Hill Top and Caldwell Big Local. Member of Warwickshire Police & Crime Panel.	
H. Walmsley	Chief of Staff to Julian Knight MP Self-employed Public Relations Consultant.	Chartered Institute of Public Relations	

	K.D Wilson	Employee of the courts service	Non Executive Director with Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Limited	Dispensation to speak and vote
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NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

15th May, 2019

An Extraordinary meeting of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council was held at the Town Hall, Nuneaton, on Wednesday, 15th May, 2019.

PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor J. Tandy)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor W.J. Hancox)

Councillors J.B. Beaumont, K. Brindley-Edwards, D. Brown, S. Croft, G. Daffern, S. Doughty, P.M. Elliott, K. Evans, J. Glass, C. Golby, S. Gran, J. Gutteridge, L. Hocking, J.A. Jackson, K.A. Kondakor, A. Llewellyn-Nash, I.K. Lloyd, B.J. Longden, B. Pandher, N.J.P. Phillips, G.D. Pomfrett, M. Rudkin, A. Sargeant, J. Sargeant, J. Sheppard, T. Sheppard, R. Smith, R. Tromans, C. Watkins and K.D. Wilson.

Apologies were received from Councillors D. Gissane and H. Walmsley.

CL10 Declaration of Interests

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

CL11 Notice of Motion – Borough Plan Review

In accordance with Procedure Rule Part 4.3.1(d) of the Council's Constitution, the Head of Paid Service requested the calling of an Extraordinary Meeting following a requisition from Councillors K. Wilson, C. Golby, D. Gissane, S. Gran, J. Gutteridge, K. Brindley-Edwards, R. Smith, K. Evans, B. Pandher, A. Llewellyn-Nash, S. Croft, A. Sargeant, J. Sargeant, D. Brown, R. Tromans and H. Walmsley to consider the following motion:

"We submit a request for an Extraordinary Meeting of the Full Council to be called to consider the following motion:

Borough Plan Review

- i. To amend the Constitution of the Council at Article 7 – Cabinet and insert:

7.9 Local Plan Committee

There shall be a standing committee appointed by the Leader of the Council to make recommendations as any local plans for the Borough of Nuneaton and Bedworth as required by law and shall meet in open session, subject to the requirements of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, Regulations 6 and 7.

The Committee shall consist of 9 members and shall be subject to the political balance rules, and chaired by the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Development.

The Committee will conduct its proceedings in accordance with the Cabinet Procedure Rules set out in Part 4D of this Constitution and make recommendations to Cabinet as to the content and progress of the local plan.

- ii. This Council believes that a review of the Borough Plan should be conducted before the 2023 recommendation of the Inspector of the Borough Plan and requests Cabinet to convene the Local Plan Committee as soon as possible in the municipal year 2019-2020.”

Councillor K. Wilson proposed the motion be accepted and this was seconded by Councillor N. Phillips.

A vote was taken and the motion was carried.

RESOLVED that

1. The Constitution of the Council at Article 7 – Cabinet be amended as follows:

“7.9 Local Plan Committee

There shall be a standing committee appointed by the Leader of the Council to make recommendations as any local plans for the Borough of Nuneaton and Bedworth as required by law and shall meet in open session, subject to the requirements of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, Regulations 6 and 7.

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2. This Council believes that a review of the Borough Plan should be conducted before the 2023 recommendation of the Inspector of the Borough Plan and requests Cabinet to convene the Local Plan Committee as soon as possible in the municipal year 2019-2020.”

(Councillor K. Kondakor requested that his vote against the motion be recorded).

(Mayor)

Council - Schedule of Declarations of Interests

	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"> - 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
	J. Beaumont		Board member of Bulkington Community Library CIC in addition to an unpaid Manager of the library. Board member of Bulkington Village Centre <hr/> Member of the Police and Crime Panel	
	K. Brindley-Edwards	Teacher and Head of 6 th Form at Beauchamp College		
	D. Brown	Employed by H.M Land Registry		
	S. Croft	Employed at Holland & Barrett Retail Ltd	Deputy Chairman Nuneaton Conservative Association	
	G. Daffern	Cover Supervisor and teacher at Sidney Stringer Academy, Coventry; Teacher at Stoke Park School Coventry	Co-opted Governor at Newdigate Primary School	

	P. Elliott	Employee of CW Mind ASD Support Service Mentor	Governor at Stockingford Nursery	
	K. Evans	Student at De Montford University; Officer Cadet at Birmingham University Royal Navy Unit.	Officer at the North Warwickshire Conservative Association	
	D. Gissane		Member of Warwickshire County Council	
	C. Golby		Member of Warwickshire County Council	
	S. Gran		Member of Warwickshire County Council	
	J. Gutteridge	Startin Tractors		To speak and vote on any matters involving the Borough Plan related to land at Leyland Road Bulkington
	L. Hocking	Employed by Openreach	Unite the Union	
	J.A Jackson	Any matter relating to the employment policies and procedures of Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council or any matter relating to the contractual arrangements with Sport & Leisure Management Ltd.		Dispensation to speak and vote on matters that do not relate specifically to her husband's contract of employment.
			Non Executive Director with Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Limited	Dispensation to speak and vote
	K.A. Kondakor		Member of Warwickshire County Council	
	A. Llewellyn-Nash	Employee of BMI Healthcare		
	I. Lloyd	Employee of Jaguar Land Rover	Non Executive Director with Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Limited.	Dispensation to speak and vote
	B.J. Longden		Daughter and son-in-law work in the NHS	
			Member of the Stockingford Community Centre	
			Ex-Officiate of the Veterans Contact Point Board	
	B. Pandher	Manager of the Indian Community	Member of Warwickshire County Council	

	Centre Association, Coventry	Treasurer & Trustee of Nanaksar Gurdwara Gursikh Temple; Coordinator of Council of Sikh Temples in Coventry; Secretary of Coventry Indian Community; Trustee of Sikh Monument Trust Vice Chair Exhall Multicultural Group	
M. Rudkin	Employee of People in Action	Unite the Union	
A. Sargeant		Member of Warwickshire County Council	
J. Sargeant	SATCOL Charity Project Manager		To speak and vote on any matters related to the Salvation Army Charity (SATCOL) or related bodies, unless the matter directly affects the contract of employment of the Councillor
J. Sheppard		Partnership member of the Hill Top and Caldwell Big Local.	
		Director of Wembrook Community Centre.	Dispensation to speak and vote on any matters of Borough Plan that relate to the Directorship of Wembrook Community Centre
		Member of the Management Committee at the Mental Health Drop in.	
T. Sheppard	Employee of Dairy Crest		
R. Smith		Director of Volunteer Friends, Bulkington; Board of Directors at Bulkington Village Community and Conference Centre	
J.A. Tandy		Partnership member of the Hill Top and Caldwell Big Local. Member of Warwickshire Police & Crime Panel.	
H. Walmsley	Chief of Staff to Julian Knight MP Self-employed Public Relations Consultant.	Chartered Institute of Public Relations	

	K.D Wilson	Employee of the courts service	Non Executive Director with Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Limited	Dispensation to speak and vote
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NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

10th June, 2019

An Extraordinary meeting of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council was held at the Town Hall, Nuneaton, on Monday, 10th June, 2019.

PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor J. Tandy)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor W.J. Hancox)

Councillors J.B. Beaumont, D. Brown, S. Croft, G. Daffern, S. Doughty, P.M. Elliott, K. Evans, D. Gissane, J. Glass, C. Golby, , S. Gran, J. Gutteridge, L. Hocking, J.A. Jackson, K.A. Kondakor, A. Llewellyn-Nash, I.K. Lloyd, B.J. Longden, B. Pandher, N.J.P. Phillips, G.D. Pomfrett, M. Rudkin, A. Sargeant, J. Sheppard, T.E. Sheppard, R.T. Smith, R. Tromans, H. Walmsley, C.M. Watkins and K.D. Wilson.

Apologies were received from Councillors J. Sargeant and K. Brindley-Edwards.

CL12 Declaration of Interests

Councillor J.B. Beaumont requested that his interests on the schedule attached to the minutes, be amended as they were not correct. He has never been a Member of the Police and Crime Panel.

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

CL13 Public Participation

1. Mr Allen Gilbey presented the following statement:

“The Borough Plan has come under much criticism during its development and many of the points already raised by concerned residents remain.

“The Inspector may have ruled that it is compliant with planning regulations but this does not mean that it meets the needs of the borough or its residents.

“The Plan admits that Nuneaton and Bedworth is already the most densely populated borough in Warwickshire – somewhere approaching 6 times the number of residents per hectare than the Warwickshire average – yet an overspill of over 4000 houses from Coventry was unnecessarily agreed to. This should be renegotiated urgently.

“The Plan also acknowledges the existing traffic concerns, which extend way outside the central area covered by Transforming Nuneaton, yet nothing positive appears in the Plan to overcome this. I refer to areas such as Heath End Road, Midland Road, Weddington Lane, Long Shoot and the roads leading to the double mini in Whitestone.

“With the lack of job opportunities, the borough will increasingly become a dormitory or commuter town – again leading to more traffic. Compared to Hinckley, Rugby and Coventry, Nuneaton and Bedworth appears to be a new job desert.

“It is significant that, despite the alleged pressure on building houses, 3 recent major planning applications in Weddington and Long Shoot were refused due to the affect on traffic so perhaps the message is at last getting through.

“There are insufficient plans for upgrading already overstretched doctors, schools or hospital to support the proposed population explosion.

“Where will all these new residents go shopping? The town centre has lost many significant ‘anchor’ stores such as M&S and the Coop and is about to lose Topman/Topshop and Currys PC World. Surely Debenhams will soon follow them.

“Many of the sites in the Plan are on green field or, more importantly green belt, most of which is prime productive agricultural land providing the food we need to survive. Green belt can only be built on under exceptional circumstances which do not exist here. Reducing the housing numbers will protect these important sites.

“Too many large sites will lead to extended build out times and unfinished estates which might allow developers to avoid paying infrastructure contributions.

“As our elected representatives you are here to protect and improve our borough and not surrender it over to developers with no interest in what they will destroy for ever.

“This is not a party political issue – it is one that will affect our borough for ever and will be seen as your legacy.

“Do the right thing by your electorate and review this plan before adoption to reduce the excessive housing numbers, protect the environment and make Nuneaton and Bedworth a better place to live, work and shop.”

2. Mr Lubs Cvetkovic presented the following statement:

“Today this Council will vote on the adoption of the Borough Plan. I hope that Councillors will not just vote blindly to adopt the plan without considering some of the implications of this decision. If adopted this plan will certainly be the biggest decision that this generation of Councillors will ever make. In adopting this plan you will change this Borough beyond recognition and I hasten to add not for the better.

“A vote to adopt the Borough Plan means uncertainty in the deliverability of much needed infrastructure and amenities from Doctors surgeries, to primary and secondary schools. There is no guarantee that S106 money will be spent where it is most needed or that the amount negotiated will be sufficient to meet the costs, you have no control of the statutory bodies who will be expected to provide roads, schools, hospitals, drainage and sewage leaving many with a lack of essential infrastructure and amenities.

“A vote to adopt the Borough Plan also does not offer long term protection from further development applications the plan as it stands provides a 5.4 year housing land supply. Once it drops below 5 years we are once again exposed to the mercy of developers putting in further applications for even more land.

“A vote to adopt the Borough Plan is a vote for an extra 15000 plus houses, which will add tens of thousands of extra cars to the roads of the Borough causing widespread traffic congestion issues and a reduction in air quality across the Borough. Do not be surprised when there is an increase in respiratory issues particularly amongst our oldest and the youngest in the community. Not forgetting the extra burden this will place upon health care providers and the reduction in quality of life for local residents.

“A vote to adopt the Borough Plan, will not deliver on the affordable housing that is required. Looking at many of the newer developments going up 2 bedroom homes are being marketed in excess of £200,000. Social housing that will be delivered by the Borough Plan will be insufficient to meet the demands of the Borough. Please remember developers are in the business of making money and a healthy profit. They will not do anything out of the goodness of their hearts to improve this Borough or help it's people.

“A vote to adopt the Borough Plan means we will accept a huge overspill from Coventry. In the region of 4000 additional dwellings. Coventry City Council would rather pocket vast sums of money from the University as they sell of their own land supplies. I would suggest that the true cost of Coventry's economic dominance and the University expansion is being paid for by the people of this Borough. We are being forced to take on additional unwanted and unneeded housing which we will struggle to sell. ONS data shows that the numbers are to high and that the population explosion which we have been told needs to be factored in is in reality not going to happen.

“If you vote to adopt the Borough Plan today you will be going against the wishes of the majority of people in this Borough. All the Polls show that approximately 80% of residents do not support this plan. It has been badly thought out, the plan is already out dated and it does not represent either the needs or the wishes of those who elected you as the guardians of this Borough.

“I would therefore ask you to think very carefully about the wishes of the electorate that you all claim to represent. This is not about party politics this is about doing the right thing for the people of this Borough. Please do not vote to adopt this third rate Borough Plan.”

3. Isobel Jacques presented the following statement:

“Thank you Mayor. I'm Isobel Jacques from Ash Green Exhall and here to represent the majority of Ash Green residents of Nuneaton and Bedworth and their views on the Inspector's Report of the Local Borough Plan 2017 before the full Council makes its final decision to commend or not, the Plan, to the Secretary of State tonight.

“Since 2009, I and others have liaised with many residents groups and professionals throughout the whole ongoing progress of the Local Borough Plan. A lot of this was to try and secure all Green Belt throughout the Borough was, and is preserved for our future generations.

“All Green Belt is precious wherever it is and whatever the grade is. That said a lot of the opposition to the Plan is to the number of houses and industrial sites to be built on Green Belt.

“The theme throughout is: build on Brownfield first, look at reducing housing numbers and why have we had to accept Coventry's overspill? Figures which no doubt others will, and have presented to you show that housing and industrial units are in decline migration, housing numbers, NPPF government changes, ONS figures all point to this, yet developers still want to use Green Belt land.

“It is often pointed out to campaigners who are against building on Green Belt that Green Belt has to be built on. Indeed the Inspector has also stated this in his report. If this premise is correct, and you the Council do vote to adopt the Plan I would also like to remind the Council, Green Belt had been taken away from communities prior to the Plan. We feel this should be taken into account in any future reviews.

“Small strips of Green Belt - as in Ash Green and Exhall - are all that are left after building the M6 and the surrounding infrastructure on the Green Belt land, in the 1960s, in fact modifications are still going on today.

“How the officers can sort out reducing housing and unit numbers' is going to be a thankless task, but hopefully fairness, openness and transparency to all, will be shown, whatever methodology is chosen.

“Thank you for this opportunity to speak again and put forward the views of Ash Green, Exhall and other groups as expressed in the 6600 petition against building on Green Belt land and the excessive housing numbers, and presented to the Council December 2018 on behalf of the Residents Action Group, many who will and have spoken again tonight or at previous meetings.”

4. Michele Kondakor presented the following statement:

“After years of responding to consultations, attending meetings etc., I am finally at a meeting that might adopt the Borough Plan. But when I look at the document presented, it is far from a blueprint that I and, I believe, most residents of the Borough would want for the area. In recent meetings it seems to have been acknowledged by all sides that the numbers are too high and not appropriate and yet, it is still being brought forward as a final draft and without the numerous Supplementary Planning Documents necessary to support it. As a member of the public, it is hard to know exactly what was happening behind the scenes and how much was driven by officers and how much by politicians from the ruling group. What is clear is that the public were not listened to.

“This is a quote from the Issues and Options Consultation summary from 2009:

‘High levels of disagreement were recorded in relation to the amount of future growth proposed in the document. 10,800 new homes was viewed as too many’.

“If only the people had been listened to 10 years ago.....

“With the number now standing at over 14,000, this cannot be a fit and proper Borough Plan for the people of the Borough and should not be adopted.”

5. Brian Walmsley presented the following statement:

“So everyone is aware, I have a housing development at the bottom of my garden, where there once was a farmers field, there are approximately 150 houses in various states of build, which included ripping out the hawthorn hedgerow boundary, however I am not here to blame NBBC for allowing that development, I am not here to blame the landowners for selling their land to developers, however I do blame the conservative government; their National Planning Policy Framework, allowing development on green belt and I do blame the conservative party accepting multi-million pound donations from developers and builders.

“We are gathered tonight to see if NBBC adopt the borough plan or not...

“I thank the NBBC officers for their compliance with very difficult tasks: -

- Having to comply with ever-changing government guidelines and legal requirements.
- Having to satisfy the conservative government’s newly created “Duty to co-operate”, forcing additional housing numbers on the borough.
- Having to see conservative controlled Warwickshire County Council actively proposing selling and building on Nuneaton land they owned.
- Having to see conservative controlled Warwickshire County Council abdicate concerns about traffic and school places in our borough in favour of developer lobbying pressure.
- Having to generate a plan in which they were never allowed to reduce local targets.

“I also congratulate NBBC on taking a lower figure of ‘Coventry overspill’ than some other Local Plans; I note Warwick have taken 5976 ^[1]. (Although we, as a borough, should still look to reduce our figure).

“I noted with interest that the conservative government’s inspector directed an increase to housing allocation numbers ^[2].

“The major issues of this evening are... will these Conservative Councillors vote against adoption of The Local Plan?...

- effectively voting against the conservative government policies and conservative NPPF guidance?
- effectively voting against the recommendation of their conservative government inspector?
- that they abstained from having any dialogue into?
- that they offered absolutely zero alternative to?
- which will force major, wholly unnecessary, costs onto the council tax payers of our borough?
- which would give developers free access to build where and how they like (yet again part of their conservative government rules)?

“I hope not, we need to move forward, as unpleasant as it may feel to some people in the borough, I hope we see this Local Plan adopted and, as has been stated by our Labour Council, we look to review it immediately, to reduce the overall numbers.

“To take a quote from Teddy Roosevelt, a ‘republican’ aka ‘conservative’; “Complaining about a problem without posing a solution is called whining”, so hopefully, as these local conservatives posed no solutions and no alternatives, they stop whining and vote to adopt this Local Plan.”

References: -

[1] Warwick District Local Plan, “Local_Plan_POST_COUNCIL.pdf”, accessed 3 Jun 19.

[2] Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Plan Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications April 2019, “INS42_Schedule_of_MMs__amended_1_May_2019_.pdf”, accessed 3 Jun 19.

6. A representative of Woodlands Action Group presented the following statement:

“The reason why we are all here tonight is to see whether this labour council will accept the 4000 extra houses from Coventry in an over spill, and adopt a plan that even the inspector said in his report is 40% higher than the boroughs actual need. Since this plan was put together in around 2015 I and many other residents have come along to meetings such as this, we have also participated in all the dodgy consultations for what, to be ignored by the ruling labour group. It is quite clear this plan has been officer lead with certainly no input from councillors, the portfolio holders job just seems to be to read out prepared answers/statements given to him by planning officers.

“The 4000 extra houses accepted by NBBC from Coventry which according to the inspector and the law of the land did not have to be accepted. This compiled with their three year stance that it was the Governments fault surely puts doubts into any councillors minds about the fairness of the over spill on this boroughs residents. Any Labour councillor and especially ones from Bedworth voting for its adoption tonight which

obviously includes Coventry's over spill will be campaigned against at every election in which they stand by the Woodlands Action Group it must be pointed out the Action Group election campaigns have been a great success thus far with a four out of four 100% success rate.

"Councillors Glass, Beaumont, Doherty and Daffern really need to vote with their residents thoughts in mind given the mass damage to the environment and biodiversity this plan with the over spill will cause in their wards. Councillor Glass on the front page on the Bedworth Echo some years ago said about building at the woodlands " Nicholas Chamberlaine would be turning in his grave " well councillor Glass what will it be tonight your " Principles " or " political hypocrisy ".

"This plan will be a disaster for the borough, the housing numbers are miles to high which is due again to the 4000 extra houses over spill accepted by NBBC from Coventry which by law they did not have to. There are no new jobs locally to warrant such high development targets, plus the infrastructure is not there in any certainty. What this plan will do is turn this Borough into England's biggest commuter car park with even worse traffic gridlock and pollution for decades.

"Do it for the insects and Bats and not the any deal is better than good deal attitude, and vote against adoption."

7. Zoe Mayou asked the following question of the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Development and Health:

"I understand that we all have points and concerns about this plan, and no plan will be 100% satisfactory to all councillors and residents. However, I understand that the Borough Plan has followed the Conservative Governments Policy Framework, sanctioned by our own Conservative MPs. It has also been viewed and signed off by a Conservative Government appointed planning inspector, who has come out and visited the Borough. In view of this, what will happen if we do not adopt the plan this evening and what are the implications?"

Councillor N.J.P. Phillips, Portfolio Holder for Planning, Development and Health, responded as follows:

"What are the implications of withdrawing the emerging Local Plan? The existing adopted Local Plan 2006 has an end date of 2011 which is plainly out of date. This means that planning applications would be determined in line with the presumption in favour of sustainable development as per the National Planning Policy Framework irrespective or not that there is a five year housing supply. Another problem will be there will be development pressure on the edges of all settlements, large or small, particularly those outside the Green Belt. This may lead to more development which does not accord with the Council's preferred strategic pattern of development set out in the emerging Local Plan.

“Also Madam Mayor, there is likely to be more ‘planning by appeal’ which will be a drain on Council financial resources, much needed affordable housing will be delayed with adverse social consequences, and economic regeneration will be delayed.

“That didn’t come from a Council Officer, Madam Mayor, that came from a legal barrister on whether or not our plan is legal and the implications of not adopting the plan.”

8. A representative from Campaign to Protect Rural England, Warwickshire Branch, asked the following questions of the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Development and Health:

“Will the Council defer adoption of the Local Plan while it commissions an independent review of the population and household projections, using the most up-to-date statistics available, including the claimed Coventry overspill requirement?”

“If the Council resolves to adopt the Plan on 10 June 2019, will it resolve now that the independent review proposed in Question (1) be undertaken and if the review shows that land being removed from the Green Belt under the new Local Plan is not required for housing or employment use, the Plan will be amended to return these areas of land to the Green Belt.”

Councillor N.J.P. Phillips, Portfolio Holder for Planning, Development and Health, responded as follows:

“The choice is to adopt or withdraw. Withdrawing the plan would mean starting again, with revised evidence base that would require the agreement of the other Warwickshire districts, and Coventry, under the duty to cooperate and as all the inspectors of local plan examinations have accepted that Coventry and Warwickshire is in the housing market area. So we would have to bring all these together. I have said time and time again we will review this plan, but to review it you’ve got to adopt it otherwise you’re putting all residents and giving a free hand to developers.

9. Mr David Parr presented the following statement:

“Thirty seven years ago, in January, there were deep snowdrifts in Ash Green. I put my small son in a carrying sling on my chest and we tramped across the fields between Ash Green and Wilson’s Lane, rolling about in the snow piled up against the hedges and marvelling at the Artic-like wilderness. The experience was magical for both of us. A few years later both my sons were old enough to accompany me on the footpaths, picking blackberries from those same hedgerows – they learned about nature and I learned that some things are beyond price.

“Now I’m not going to bombard you with yet more figures illustrating what’s wrong with this Local Plan, heavens knows there have been enough of those throughout the examination process. And as logical as those figures may have been, and as convincing as they should have been, none of them had much effect, or we would not be here today discussing this plan in its current form.

“Instead, I’d like to appeal to you all, whatever party you represent, and feel obliged to support, to pause and consider the people your decision is going to affect, and to show you care. I’m one of those people, and I’ve been caring about the area since those days of snow blackberries. So I’ll talk about this one area because it illustrates what’s wrong with this plan.

“After the A444 by-pass was built there were applications to develop the fields on the eastern side for industrial units. There was a lengthy public inquiry, conducted by 2 inspectors, who listened attentively to all the evidence.

“Inspector Lacey dismissed the appeal, to avoid the loss of this (quote) “attractive stretch of countryside” and said he concurred with “more than one inspector in the past ... who have remarked on the high amenity value of the area, even to the extent that it should be permanently safeguarded as Green Belt.

“Inspector Platts said the area had (quote) “value as an accessible and pleasantly-secluded retreat for nearby residents” and it had “particular importance as a break between the Coventry and Bedworth built-up areas.”

“They were wise men.

“Until now nothing has been built on this area but today we have Inspector Spencer’s report, which states “This is not a tranquil area or readily interpreted as part of a wider area of countryside. It performs poorly in terms of the purposes of Green Belt”, he says, quoting the Joint Green Belt Study. And if ever there was a textbook example of manipulating evidence to achieve the desired result, that study was it.

“As I see it, there are two possible explanations for his recommendation:

1. firstly, that the issue was decided beforehand, regardless of the evidence, in which case the whole exercise has been a colossal waste of time and money
2. or alternatively, the man is a fool.

“I ask councillors to show they are not fools, and they will not be remembered for environmental vandalism in destroying so much Green Belt, but take responsibility to pass on our natural inheritance to future generations.

“Thank you.”

CL14 **Recommendations from Cabinet – 22nd May 2019**

On 22nd May 2019, Cabinet considered a report and appendices in connection with Examination in Public into the draft Borough Plan. Councillor N.J.P. Phillips, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Planning, Development and Heath, reported on the recommendations made at Cabinet on 22nd May, 2019, in respect of the above.

Councillor Phillips moved a motion to approve the recommendations, which was seconded by Councillor J. Jackson.

Councillor W.J. Hancox moved a friendly amendment to add a fourth recommendation as follows:

“All Members be provided with mandatory training on the adopted Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Local Plan.”

Councillor Phillips seconded the friendly amendment.

A vote was taken on the friendly amendment which was carried.

[Councillor K. Kondakor requested that it be recorded that he abstained from voting. Councillors K. Evans and H. Walmsley requested that their vote against accepting the friendly amendment be recorded.]

[Councillor D. Gissane left the Chamber.]

A recorded vote was taken on Councillor Phillips' motion, as amended:

For: Councillors J.B. Beaumont, G. Daffern, S. Doughty, P.M. Elliott, J. Glass, W.J. Hancox, L. Hocking, J.A. Jackson, I.K. Lloyd, B.J. Longden, N.J.P. Phillips, G.D. Pomfrett, M. Rudkin, J. Sheppard, T.E. Sheppard, J.A. Tandy and C.M. Watkins.

Against: Councillors D. Brown, S. Croft, K. Evans, C. Golby, S. Gran, J. Gutteridge, K.A. Kondakor, A. Llewellyn-Nash, B. Pandher, A. Sargeant, R.T. Smith, R. Tromans, H. Walmsley and K.D. Wilson.

Abstentions: None.

The motion was carried.

RESOLVED that:

1. the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Local Plan published in January 2017 as amended by:
 - (i) the Inspectors final report (Appendix B);
 - (ii) the schedule of Main Modifications recommended by the Inspector (Appendix C); and
 - (iii) the schedule of minor modifications (Appendix D)be adopted;
2. subject to 1. above, as soon as reasonably practicable, the Council:
 - (a) make available in accordance with regulation 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning)(England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) —

- (i) the Borough Plan;
 - (ii) an adoption statement;
 - (iii) the sustainability appraisal report; and
 - (iv) details of where the Borough Plan is available for inspection and the places and times at which the document can be inspected;
- (b) send a copy of the adoption statement to any person who has asked to be notified of the adoption of the local plan; and
- (c) send a copy of the adoption statement to the Secretary of State; and delegated authority be given to the Head of Planning in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning, Development and Health to make further minor modifications to the Plan prior to final publication, where these modifications correct typographical errors, amendments to numbering or cross referencing;
3. delegated authority be given to the Head of Planning in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Development to make further minor modifications to the Plan prior to final publication, where these modifications correct typographic errors, amendments to numbering or cross referencing; and
4. all Members be provided with mandatory training on the adopted Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Local Plan.

(Mayor)

Council - Schedule of Declarations of Interests

	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"> - 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
	J. Beaumont		Board member of Bulkington Community Library CIC in addition to an unpaid Manager of the library. Board member of Bulkington Village Centre	
	K. Brindley-Edwards	Teacher and Head of 6 th Form at Beauchamp College		
	D. Brown	Employed by H.M Land Registry		
	S. Croft	Employed at Holland & Barrett Retail Ltd	Deputy Chairman Nuneaton Conservative Association	
	G. Daffern	Cover Supervisor and teacher at Sidney Stringer Academy, Coventry; Teacher at Stoke Park School Coventry	Co-opted Governor at Newdigate Primary School	
	S. Doughty	People in Action Cherville Limited	Unite the Union	
	P. Elliott	Employee of CW Mind ASD Support	Governor at Stockingford Nursery	

		Service Mentor		
	K. Evans	Student at De Montford University; Officer Cadet at Birmingham University Royal Navy Unit.	Officer at the North Warwickshire Conservative Association	
	D. Gissane		Member of Warwickshire County Council	
	C. Golby		Member of Warwickshire County Council	
	S. Gran		Member of Warwickshire County Council	
	J. Gutteridge	Startin Tractors		To speak and vote on any matters involving the Borough Plan related to land at Leyland Road Bulkington
	W.J Hancox	None	Hammersley and Orton	
	L. Hocking	Employed by Openreach	Unite the Union	
	J.A Jackson	Any matter relating to the employment policies and procedures of Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council or any matter relating to the contractual arrangements with Sport & Leisure Management Ltd.		Dispensation to speak and vote on matters that do not relate specifically to her husband's contract of employment.
			Non Executive Director with Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Limited	Dispensation to speak and vote
	K.A. Kondakor		Member of Warwickshire County Council	
	A. Llewellyn-Nash	Employee of BMI Healthcare		
	I. Lloyd	Employee of Jaguar Land Rover	Non Executive Director with Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Limited.	Dispensation to speak and vote
	B.J. Longden		Daughter and son-in-law work in the NHS	
			Member of the Stockingford Community Centre	
			Ex-Officiate of the Veterans Contact Point Board	
	B. Pandher	Manager of the Indian Community	Member of Warwickshire County Council	

	Centre Association, Coventry	Treasurer & Trustee of Nanaksar Gurdwara Gursikh Temple; Coordinator of Council of Sikh Temples in Coventry; Secretary of Coventry Indian Community; Trustee of Sikh Monument Trust Vice Chair Exhall Multicultural Group	
G.D Pomfrett	None	None	
N. Phillips	Employee of DWP	Member of: - A5 Sterling Group (Council Representative) - Nuneaton Labour CLP - The Fabian Society - The George Eliot Society - The PCS Union - Nuneaton Credit Union	
M. Rudkin	Employee of People in Action	Unite the Union	
A. Sargeant		Member of Warwickshire County Council	
J. Sargeant	SATCOL Charity Project Manager		To speak and vote on any matters related to the Salvation Army Charity (SATCOL) or related bodies, unless the matter directly affects the contract of employment of the Councillor
J. Sheppard		Partnership member of the Hill Top and Caldwell Big Local.	
		Director of Wembrook Community Centre.	Dispensation to speak and vote on any matters of Borough Plan that relate to the Directorship of Wembrook Community Centre
		Member of the Management Committee at the Mental Health Drop in.	
T. Sheppard	Employee of Dairy Crest		

	R. Smith		Director of Volunteer Friends, Bulkington; Board of Directors at Bulkington Village Community and Conference Centre	
	J.A. Tandy		Partnership member of the Hill Top and Caldwell Big Local. Member of Warwickshire Police & Crime Panel.	
	R. Tromans	Director of RTC Ltd		
	H. Walmsley	Chief of Staff to Julian Knight MP Self-employed Public Relations Consultant.	Chartered Institute of Public Relations	
	C.M Watkins	Employee of Hermes	Member of Labour Group	
	K.D Wilson	Employee of the courts service	Non Executive Director with Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Limited	Dispensation to speak and vote

Council - Schedule of Declarations of Interests – 2019/2020

	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"> - 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
	J. Beaumont		Board member of Bulkington Community Library CIC in addition to an unpaid Manager of the library. Board member of Bulkington Village Centre Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton and Bedworth Older People's Forum 	
	K. Brindley-Edwards	Teacher and Head of 6 th Form at Beauchamp College	Representative on the following Outside Body: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • King Edward VI College Foundation - Trustee 	
	D. Brown	Employed by H.M Land Registry		
	S. Croft	Employed at Holland & Barrett Retail Ltd		
	G. Daffern	Trainee teacher at Sidney Stringer Academy, Coventry; Teacher of History, Etone College, Nuneaton	Co-opted Governor at Newdigate Primary School	
	S. Doughty	People in Action Cherville Limited	Unite the Union	
	P. Elliott	Employee of CW Mind ASD Support Service Mentor	Governor at Stockingford Nursery Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friendship Project for Children 	

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
	K. Evans	Employee of Wildlife Fundraising (Central) Ltd.	Executive Officer at the North Warwickshire Conservative Association	
	J. Glass	None	None	
	D. Gissane		Member of Warwickshire County Council	
	C. Golby		Member of Warwickshire County Council	
	S. Gran		Member of Warwickshire County Council	
	J. Gutteridge	Startin Tractors	Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age UK (Warwickshire Branch) 	To speak and vote on any matters involving the Borough Plan related to land at Leyland Road Bulkington
	W.J. Hancox		Unite the Union Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building Control Partnership Steering Group Hammersley Smith & Orton Charity 	
	L. Hocking	Employed by Openreach	Unite the Union Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Groun 	
	J.A. Jackson	Any matter relating to the employment policies and procedures of Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council or any matter relating to the contractual arrangements with Sport & Leisure Management Ltd.		Dispensation to speak and vote on matters that do not relate specifically to her husband's contract of employment.
Non Executive Director with Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Limited			Dispensation to speak and vote	
Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coventry, Warwickshire & Hinckley and Bosworth Joint Committee District Leaders Local Government Association Local Enterprise Partnership West Midlands Combined Authority				
	K.A. Kondakor		Member of Warwickshire County Council	

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
	A. Llewellyn-Nash	Employee of BMI Healthcare	Treasurer of Exhall Multi-cultural Group Representative of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospice Charity 	
	I. Lloyd	Employee of Jaguar Land Rover	Non Executive Director with Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Limited.	Dispensation to speak and vote
			Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton & Bedworth Sports Forum • Camp Hill Urban Village and Pride in Camp Hill • Poor's Piece Charity • Committee of Management of Hartshill & Nuneaton Recreation Group 	
	B.J. Longden		Daughter and son-in-law work in the NHS	
			Member of the Stockingford Community Centre	
			Ex-Officiate of the Veterans Contact Point Board	
			Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust – Public/User Board • George Eliot Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Governors • Armed Forces Covenant Meeting • Astley Charity 	
	B. Pandher	Manager of the Indian Community Centre Association, Coventry	Member of Warwickshire County Council Treasurer & Trustee of Nanaksar Gurdwara Gursikh Temple; Coordinator of Council of Sikh Temples in Coventry; Secretary of Coventry Indian Community; Trustee of Sikh Monument Trust Vice Chair Exhall Multicultural Group	
	G.D. Pomfrett	None	None	

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
	N. Phillips	Employee of DWP	Member of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A5 Sterling Group (Council Representative) • Nuneaton Labour CLP • The Fabian Society • The George Eliot Society • The PCS Union • Nuneaton Credit Union Non-Executive Director with Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Limited.	
			Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A5 Member Partnership • PATROL Joint Committee • Warwickshire Health & Wellbeing Board Building Control Partnership Steering Group	
	M. Rudkin	Employee of People in Action	Unite the Union Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bedworth Neighbourhood Watch Committee 	
	A. Sargeant		Member of Warwickshire County Council Chairman of The Nook (Nuneaton) Residents Association. Chair of Attleborough Community Matters group. Volunteer at Volunteer Friends Bulkington.	
			Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice Rights 	
	J. Sargeant	SATCOL Charity Project Manager		To speak and vote on any matters related to the Salvation Army Charity (SATCOL) or related bodies, unless the matter directly affects the contract of employment of the Councillor
	J. Sheppard		Partnership member of the Hill Top and Caldwell Big Local.	
			Director of Wembrook Community Centre.	Dispensation to speak and vote on any matters of Borough Plan that relate to the Directorship of Wembrook Community Centre
			Member of the Management Committee at the Mental Health Drop in.	

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
			Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Champion for Safeguarding (Children & Adults) • Local Government Superannuation Scheme Consultative Board • Warwickshire Direct Partnership • Warwickshire Waste Partnership • West Midland Employers • Nuneaton Neighbour Watch Committee 	
	T. Sheppard	Employee of Dairy Crest	Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warwickshire Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel 	
	R. Smith		Director of Volunteer Friends, Bulkington; Board of Directors at Bulkington Village Community and Conference Centre	
	J.A. Tandy		Partnership member of the Hill Top and Caldwell Big Local. Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton Festival of Arts • Warwickshire Race Equality Partnership • Warwickshire Race Equality Partnership • West Midlands Combined Authority Audit Group 	
	R. Tromans	Director of RTC Ltd		
	H. Walmsley	Chief of Staff to Julian Knight MP Self-employed Public Relations Consultant.	Chartered Institute of Public Relations	
	C.M. Watkins	Landlord of a privately rented property	Representative on the following outside bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton and Bedworth Home Improvement Agency. • Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership. • Safer Warwickshire 	

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
			Partnership Board. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warwickshire Housing Support Partnership. • Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel. 	
	K.D. Wilson	Employee of the Courts Service	Non Executive Director with Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Limited	Dispensation to speak and vote

4A.9 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4.9.1 General

At each Ordinary Meeting or Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council, 20 minutes (which can be extended at the discretion of the Mayor) shall be set aside for questions or statements from the public gallery by any resident of the Borough in relation to matters in respect of which the Council has powers or duties, or which affect the Borough. In the case of an Extra Ordinary Meeting the question or statement must relate to the business of that meeting.

4.9.2 Notice of Questions and Statements

No such question shall be asked, or statement made, unless it shall have been delivered in writing to the Head of Paid Service no later than 12 noon on the day before the meeting of the Council.

4.9.3 Scope of Questions and Statements

The Head of Paid Service may reject a question or statement if it:

- a) is not about a matter for which the Council has a responsibility or which doesn't affect the Borough;
- b) is defamatory, frivolous or offensive;
- c) is substantially the same as a question or statement which has been put at a meeting of the Council in the past six months;
- d) requires or involves the disclosure of confidential or exempt information; or
- e) It is not a question nor a statement, as provided for in these Procedure Rules.

4.9.4 For these Procedure Rules a question shall comprise of a small paragraph of no more than 3 sentences, with the purpose of seeking information on a single matter. A statement shall be an expression of opinion which does not seek nor require an answer or response.

4.9.5 The Mayor will invite the relevant Cabinet Member or Committee Chair to give a reply. Such reply shall not exceed three minutes.

4.9.6 Time Limit and Number of Questions

No question or statement shall exceed three minutes. In the event of there being more than one question or statement, the Head of Paid Service will ensure that questions and statements are dealt with in the order received. At the expiry of the 20 minute period, or such period as

may be agreed by the Mayor, or after the reply to the final question or statement, whichever shall first occur, the Council will proceed to the next business.

4.9.7 Record of Questions and Statements

The question or statement and the reply given shall be minuted.

4.9.8 Reference of Question to the Cabinet or a Committee

Unless the Mayor decides otherwise, no discussion will take place on any question, but any Member may move that a matter raised by a question be referred to the Cabinet or the appropriate Committee. Once seconded, such a motion will be voted on without discussion.

4.9.9 Any question or statement which cannot be dealt with during Public Participation because of lack of time will be dealt with in writing, and recorded in accordance with paragraph 9.6

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to: Council – 17th July 2019

From: Director – Arts, Leisure & Democracy

Subject: Political Balance

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To consider the political balance of the Council, following the formation of the Independent Group on the Council; to update the appointment of members to the Council's committees and panels arising from the change in political proportionality; and to appoint a new vice - chair to the Internal Overview & Scrutiny Panel.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That the political balance be noted;

2.2 the allocation of seats as shown in Table 1 in Appendix A be approved; and

2.3 That the allocation of members to each Committee and Panel, as shown in Appendix A be approved.

3. Background

3.1 By virtue of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989, as amended by the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, the Council is required to allocate committee and panel seats based upon the proportion of seats held by each political group. As part of this exercise, the overall number of seats held by each group should also be in proportion to the overall membership of the Council.

3.2 On 15 May 2019, Council noted the political balance of the Council and agreed appointments to the various Committees and Panels on this basis. Immediately after that meeting, an Extraordinary meeting of Council was held which created an additional Committee, the Local Plan Committee, to which additional members now need appointing.

3.3 In addition to 3.1 above, on the 19th June, Councillors A. Sargeant and Councillor J. Sargeant formed an Independent political group on the Council. In view of this, the allocations to each group has been revised, shown in Table 1, at Appendix A.

These changes have affected the Group allocations on each Committee, which now need updating.

- 3.4 Following discussion with Group Leaders and Councillor Kondakor, the allocations, as set out in Appendix A have been agreed for all Committees and Panels. These are presented for endorsement.

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COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES AND OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANELS (2019/2020)

Table 1: Allocation of Committee Seats to groups

<u>Committee/ Scrutiny Panels</u>	<u>Labour</u>	<u>Cons</u>	<u>Green</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Total Membership</u>
Total Group membership on the Council	17	14	1	2	34
Cabinet (Excluded for political balance rules)	5				5
Internal Overview and Scrutiny Panel	7	5	1	1	14
External Overview and Scrutiny Panel	7	6		1	14
Audit and Standards Committee	6	5			11
Planning Applications	7	5		1	13
Licensing	5	4		1	10
Appeals	3	5	1	1	10
NABCEL	3	2	1		6
Local Plan Committee	5	4			9
TOTAL SEATS ALLOCATED	43	36	3	5	87

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANELS (2019/2020)

RECOMMENDED that:

(a) the membership of committees/scrutiny panels for 2019/2020 be as follows and the Chairs and Vice-chairs be appointed as indicated:

Appeals (10)

Councillors S. Doughty, K. Evans, D. Gissane, S. Gran, L. Hocking, K. Kondakor, M. Rudkin, J. Sargeant, R.T Smith, J. Tandy and R. Tromans

1. 5 members will be selected from the pool as required.
2. The Chair will be appointed at each particular meeting.

Audit and Standards Committee (11)

Councillor J. Tandy (Chair),
Councillor S. Croft (Vice-chair),

Councillors D. Brown, G. Daffern, P. Elliott, K. Evans, J. Glass, L. Hocking, G. Pomfrett, R. Tromans, and H Walmsley.

Licensing (10)

Councillor P. Elliott (Chair),
Councillor K Evans (Vice-chair),

Councillors S. Croft, J. Gutteridge W.J. Hancox, L. Hocking, N. Phillips, A. Sargeant, T. Sheppard and K Wilson.

Planning Applications (13)

Councillor W.J. Hancox (Chair),
Councillor K Wilson (Vice-chair)

Councillors J. Beaumont, S. Gran, A. Llewellyn–Nash, I. Lloyd, B. Longden, B. Pandher, M. Rudkin, A. Sargeant, J. Sheppard, R. Smith and C. Watkins.

Internal Overview and Scrutiny Panel (14)

Councillor J. Glass (Chair)

Councillor S. Gran (Vice-Chair) (drawn from an opposition group (Part 4(e) Paragraph 6 of OSP Procedure Rules))

Councillors J. Beaumont, S. Croft, S. Doughty, P. Elliott, J. Gutteridge, L. Hocking, K. Kondakor, A. Llewellyn-Nash G. Pomfrett, A. Sargeant, J. Tandy, H. Walmsley

External Overview and Scrutiny Panel (14)

Councillor T. Sheppard (Chair)

Councillor H. Walmsley (Vice-Chair) (drawn from an opposition group (Part 4(e) Paragraph 6 of OSP Procedure Rules))

Councillors J. Beaumont, K. Brindley-Edwards, D. Brown, G. Daffern, K. Evans, C. Golby, W.J. Hancox, L. Hocking, B. Longden, B. Pandher, M. Rudkin and J. Sargeant.

Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprise Limited Shareholder Committee (6)

Councillor I Lloyd (Chair)

Councillors K. Kondakor, M. Rudkin, R. Smith, J. Tandy and R. Tromans.

Local Plan Committee (9)

Councillor N. Phillips (Chair)

Councillors J. Beaumont, C. Golby, S. Gran, B. Longden, J. Sheppard, J. Tandy, R. Tromans and H. Walmsley.

Cabinet Report to Council, 17th July, 2019

1. Introduction

This report deals with the Cabinet meetings held on 10th April, 22nd May and 26th June, 2019.

It also includes details of any reports from the West Midlands Combined Authority Board, which have a direct impact on NBBC, namely the Board meetings of 22nd May and 28th June 2019.

2. 10th April, 2019 Cabinet Meeting

a) Central Services & Refuse Portfolio – Councillor J. Sheppard

i. Sub-Regional Materials Recycling Facility – KEY DECISION

A report regarding the above was submitted seeking Cabinet approval for Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council to become 'a Partner Council' in a project to deliver a local authority owned and operated Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) within the Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire area, designed to process recyclable material collected across the sub-region and beyond. The Cabinet approved that the Borough Council commit to becoming a Partner Council on the terms outlined in the report and to a virement of £100,000 in the Central Services and Refuse Portfolio to contribute to the MRF Feasibility Fund to secure Partner Council status, funded from the Council's Invest to Save earmarked reserve.

b) Housing, Health & Communities Portfolio – Councillor J. Beaumont

i. The Allocation of Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Rough Sleeper Initiative (RSI) Funding

Cabinet approved a proposal to spend a Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government grant (MHCLG) funding allocation to reduce rough sleeping in the Borough and virements to establish income and expenditure budgets of £150k within the Housing, Health and Communities portfolio. Cabinet approved an exemption from Contract Procedure Rules to enable the contract to be awarded on the basis of a single quote, due to the timescales involved, to comply with grant conditions and unique supply.

c) Planning & Development Portfolio – Councillor N. Phillips

i. Borough Plan – Statements of Common Ground with Woodlands Action Group

A report was submitted requesting Cabinet consider directing officers to draw up a Statement of Common Ground with the Woodlands Action Group

on the Borough Local Plan allocation HSG4. Cabinet approved that the Woodland Action Group be offered the opportunity to agree a factual Statement of Common Ground with the Council as described in the report.

d) Other items

i. Timetable of Meetings 2019/20 and 2020/21

A proposed Timetable of Meetings for 2019/20 and a provisional Timetable of Meetings for 2020/21, was submitted to Cabinet for approval. Both timetables were approved, subject to amendments, and referred to Council for consideration and approval. Cabinet also approved that delegated powers be granted to the Director – Arts, Leisure and Democracy, in consultation with the relevant chair, to change meetings if, for unforeseen reasons, it becomes necessary to amend a date.

3. **22nd May, 2019 Cabinet Meeting**

a) Housing & Health Portfolio – Councillor C. Watkins

i. Nuneaton And Bedworth Safer Communities Partnership, Partnership Plan 2019 – 2022 – KEY DECISION

A report relating to the above was submitted for Cabinet's consideration and approval. Cabinet approved that the Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer Community Partnership's Plan for 2019-2022 be recommended to Council for adoption and inclusion within the Council's policy framework.

ii. Housing Revenue Account – Central Heating and Boiler Installations – KEY DECISION

A report was submitted seeking Cabinet approval for the Council to recommend a Teckal agreement with NABCEL Gas Services. Cabinet approved that the Council enter into the agreement, as detailed in the report, for Central Heating and Boiler installations and that delegated authority be given to the Director, Arts, Leisure and Democracy to establish the Teckal agreement.

b) Planning, Development & Health Portfolio – Councillor N. Phillips

i. Borough Plan – Consideration Of Inspector's Report – KEY DECISION

A report regarding the above was submitted for Cabinet's consideration. Cabinet approved that it be recommended to Council that the Nuneaton and Bedworth Local Plan, as amended, be adopted and made available in accordance with regulation 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulation 2012 (as amended), and that delegated authority be given to the Head of Planning, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning, Development and Health, to make further minor

modifications to the Plan prior to final publication, where these modifications correct typographic errors, amendments to numbering or cross referencing.

c) Other items

i. Recommendation for the Internal Overview and Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 21st March, 2019.

The Internal Overview and Scrutiny made a recommendation to the Portfolio Holder for Arts, Leisure and Economic Development regarding the Knife Angel sculpture. Cabinet approved that the Portfolio Holder work with the Museum and Arts Officer to investigate the possibility of inviting the Knife Angel sculpture to the Borough.

4. **26th June, 2019 Cabinet Meeting**

a) Finance & Civic Affairs Portfolio – Councillor J. Jackson

i. General Fund, Housing Revenue Account and Capital Programme Outturn 2018/19 – **KEY DECISION**

Cabinet considered the above report detailing the final outturn position for 2018/19 for the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account budgets, the earmarked reserve balances as at 31st March, 2019, and reporting on the 2018/19 Capital Programme spend and sources of financing for the General Fund and HRA. Cabinet noted the outturn position for 2018/19 for the General Fund, HRA and Capital Programmes, approved the earmarked reserve balances and agreed that the updated General Fund and HRA Capital Programmes for 2019/20 be recommended to Council for approval.

ii. Delivering Our Future 2019-31 – Delivery Plan – **KEY DECISION**

Cabinet considered the above report presenting a proposed Delivery Plan for achieving the themes and priorities set out in the Delivering Our Future Plan 2019-31. In April 2019 Council adopted the Delivering Our Future 2019-31 strategic document to replace the current Corporate and Community Plans. To ensure that the Council achieve progress each year towards the 2031 priorities, the Council's Management Team prepared a draft Delivery Plan, attached at Appendix A to the report, setting out the actions and priorities over the next three years, and a more specific action to be achieved by March 2020. Cabinet approved the Delivery Plan, with particular note to the actions required by March 2020.

b) Housing & Communities Portfolio – Councillor C. Watkins

i. Resident Involvement Strategy 2019-2022 – **KEY DECISION**

The Resident Involvement Strategy 2019-22 was approved by Cabinet to be recommended for Council consideration. The Resident Involvement Strategy

2019–2022 had been developed in partnership with a range of organisations and the ‘Residents Partnership’ - a group of Tenants and Leaseholder volunteers who work closely with the Council to improve and enhance Housing Services. Cabinet approved the Strategy with a recommendation to Council that it be adopted and included within the Council’s policy and strategic delivery framework.

4. **West Midlands Combined Authority**

The WMCA Board meeting of 25th May 2019 covered the following key items which have, or may have in the future, a direct impact on NBBC:

- a) A financial monitoring report that provided an update on WMCA finances as at the end of March 2019, subject to external audit. The report contained a summary of the final outturn for both revenue and capital spend against the approved budgets and forecasts, as well as a summary of the Investment Programme along with current commitments and the 2018/19 Treasury Management outturn. The full year overall consolidated revenue position showed a (£0.011m) minor adverse variance from budget with the final outturn (£0.330m) higher than forecast, largely due to a requirement to set aside a bad debt provision in relation to I-Go and Ring and Ride going into administration. The deficit for the year 2018/19 will be met from the existing general fund balance.
- b) A National Centre for Construction and Development Excellence report that informed the WMCA Board of ongoing work with the City of Wolverhampton Council and the University of Wolverhampton to establish an internationally significant, cross-sector, National Centre for Construction and Development Excellence at the Springfield Campus in Wolverhampton. The work is being managed by the West Midlands Growth Company and builds on significant investment in the Springfield site by the Black Country Consortium. Initial discussions with leading members of the private sector, suggest there is industry support for developing this proposal. Part One of the work is a scoping study to identify the additional activity required to turn the Springfield location into a National Centre for Excellence. Part Two is to develop a detailed bid for funding to deliver this activity. Establishing a cross-sector National Centre for Construction and Development Excellence will offer significant opportunities to improve skills across the region, and enhance the prospects of local people accessing employment opportunities created by economic growth in the West Midlands and beyond.
- c) A Regional Transport Coordination Centre report that sought approval of a full business case for the delivery of the Regional Transport Coordination Centre (RTCC) which is a multi-agency facility to assist with:
 - the coordination of the transport network during the delivery of the transport investment programme and other major events within the region; and

- the ability to communicate disruptions to residents, business and visitors to the region ahead of and during works, events, and incidents to keep the region moving.

The WMCA Board meeting of 28th June 2019 covered the following key items which have, or may have in the future, a direct impact on NBBC

- a) A report dealing with appointments to WMCA Boards and Committees for 2019/20 and setting a timetable of meetings for the WMCA Board and its committees / sub-boards for 2019/20.
- b) A report presenting a suite of three documents focussed on the priorities and performance of the WMCA and region:
 - Review of the WMCA Annual Plan 2018/19 which summarises delivery and progress against the actions, activity and outcomes set out in the 2018/19 Annual Plan.
 - State of the Region 2019 which summarises the region's performance against a range of economic health and growth indicators, and enables developments in the region's economy and society over the last year to be illustrated.
 - WMCA Annual Plan for 2019/20 setting out the WMCA's focus and activity for the current year against each of the priority portfolios.
- c) A report highlighting the key achievements of the WMCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee during 2018/19.
- d) A report summarising the proposed approach to implementation of the West Midlands Industrial Strategy which was published on 16th May jointly with the Government. The West Midlands Industrial Strategy builds on the 2016 Strategic Economic Plan and is the UK's first Regional Industrial Strategy to be published, showing that the West Midlands region is both open for business and is seeking to address the need to ensure that all its communities benefit from a resilient economy. It sets out four major economic opportunities for the West Midlands region:
 - The UK's centre for innovation in all forms of transport and mobility
 - A leader in data driven health care
 - A global centre for modern services
 - A centre for creative content, techniques and technologies
- e) A report signalling a refresh of the WMCA's Environmental Portfolio following a change in portfolio lead and executive arrangements. Consideration of the reported resulted in the WMCA Board declaring a "climate emergency" requiring urgent action, and it was agreed to receive a further report at the next meeting on 26 July with a proposed regional target for carbon reduction and a report to a meeting in the Autumn setting out a practical action plan for delivery.

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

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Report Summary Sheet

Date: 26th June 2019

Subject: Resident Involvement Strategy 2019 - 2022

Portfolio: Housing and Communities – Councillor C. Watkins

From: Director – Housing, Communities and Economic Development

Summary: To seek Cabinet support to include the Resident Involvement Strategy 2019 - 2022 into the Borough Council's policy and strategic framework.

Recommendations:

It be recommended to Council that the Resident Involvement Strategy 2019 - 2022 be adopted for inclusion in the Council's policy framework.

Reasons:

To provide a strategic framework outlining the Council's commitment to involving and working with local communities, particularly Tenants and Leaseholders

Options:

- Support the recommendation within the report
- Not to support the recommendation within report

Subject to call-in: Yes

Forward plan: Yes

Delivering Our Future priorities:	Theme 2, Priority 1
Relevant statutes or policy:	No relevant statutes or policy
Equal implications:	No direct equal opportunity implications.
Human resources implications:	No direct human resources implications.
Financial implications:	No direct financial implications
Health Inequalities implications:	No direct health inequality implications.
Risk management implications:	No risks associated with this Strategy
SME (Small/Medium Enterprises) & Local Economy Implications:	
None directly related to this report.	
Environmental implications:	Working alongside Tenants and Leaseholders can assist and enhance improving the wider environment e.g. Estate Walkabouts
Legal implications:	No direct legal implications

Section 17 implications: No direct Section 17 implications

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NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to: Cabinet – 26th June 2019

From: Director – Housing, Communities and Economic Development

Subject: Resident Involvement Strategy 2019 - 2022

Portfolio: Housing and Communities (Councillor Chris Watkins)

Delivering Our Future Theme: 2

Delivering Our Future Priority: 1

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To seek Cabinet support to adopt the Resident Involvement Strategy 2019 - 2022.
(See Appendix A – Resident Involvement Strategy 2019 - 2022)

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 That the Resident Involvement Strategy 2019 - 2022 be recommended to Council for adoption and inclusion within the Council's policy framework.

3.0 Background

3.1 This report draws attention to the Resident Involvement Strategy 2019 – 2022 which has been developed in partnership with a range of organisation and the 'Residents Partnership' - a group of Tenants and Leaseholder volunteers who work closely with the Council to improve and enhance Housing Services.

3.2 Cabinet is being asked to note and endorse the Strategy for inclusion within the Council's policy and strategic delivery framework.

4.0 Resident Involvement Strategy 2019 - 2022

4.1 The Strategy will guide the interaction and engagement with those living in the Council's General Purpose, Sheltered Housing and Leaseholder properties to assist them in shaping, scrutinising and challenging housing related provision provided by Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council.

4.2 In order to facilitate the Council's commitment to Resident Involvement, four Aims have been identified:

- 1) To improve quality of life through Resident Involvement and more effective community engagement

- 2) To encourage a more inclusive representation of Tenants and Leaseholders
 - 3) To actively communicate with Tenants and Leaseholders
 - 4) To seek continuous improvement
- 4.3 The Council will review the delivery of the Strategy on a quarterly basis, providing an annual update to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

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RESIDENT INVOLVEMENT

STRATEGY

2019 - 2022

Resident Involvement Strategy 2019 - 2022

Foreword from Cllr Chris Watkins Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities:

Resident Involvement means putting our Tenants and Leaseholders at the heart of what we do, for me this sums up why involvement is so essential.

The Council must ensure that all services are transparent and that they are accountable, and we need Tenants and Leaseholders to play a part in this process to help the Council improve how it provides its services.

Over recent years the regulation of Social Housing has changed, however, the concept of co-regulation and the importance of 'Resident Involvement' remains the same. This means that all Social Landlords, including Local Authority Housing providers are required to maintain an emphasis on their Tenants and Leaseholders leading the way to improved and responsive services.

It is also necessary to ensure that the services we deliver are fit for purpose, and meet needs and requirements effectively. It is essential that our Involved Groups consist of a fair representation of Tenants and Leaseholders from across the Borough, to ensure that everybody is heard.

All of this cannot be achieved without effective engagement which is why the Resident Involvement Strategy is so important in defining how we, as a Council, can achieve our aspirations for Resident Involvement over the next three years.



Complementary introduction from the Residents Partnership (RP):-

It is really important that the Council consults with Involved Groups such as the RP, to ensure that Tenants and Leaseholders are given a voice in how services are provided.

We work hard to make sure that Tenants have a say, and the work that is conducted is very rewarding. The benefits of getting involved are endless, from increasing our own skills and confidence to meeting new people and understanding how the Council really works, along with making a positive difference in the Borough.

The Council needs people like us to inform them of what Tenants needs and priorities are, so that services can be adapted and improved, which is why it is hugely important that the Council involves as many of its Tenants and Leaseholders as possible.

We understand that some residents may not be familiar with discussing 'strategies' but this is why we want to encourage involvement, so that you can help us in using wording and terminology that is inclusive to everyone.

Involvement and Empowerment Standards

The Regulator for Social Housing's Tenant Involvement and Empowerment Standard sets expectations in respect of customer service, choice and complaints, involvement and empowerment and understand and responding to the diverse needs of tenants. In terms of the required outcomes relating to Involvement and Empowerment, the Standard states that Registered Providers shall ensure that tenants are given a wide range of opportunities to influence and be involved in:

- The formulation of their landlord's housing-related policies and strategic priorities.
- The making of decisions about how housing related services are delivered, including the setting of service standards.
- The scrutiny of their landlord's performance and the making of recommendations to their landlord about how performance might be improved.
- The management of their homes where applicable.
- The management of repair and maintenance services, such as commissioning and undertaking a range of repair tasks, as agreed with landlords and the sharing in savings made and agreeing local offers for service delivery.

1. Introduction

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council's Resident Involvement Strategy 2019 – 2022 builds on our previous two Strategies and outlines our commitment to involving and working with local communities, particularly our Tenants and Leaseholders.

We see involvement as a crucial way of promoting accountability, providing valued feedback and giving guidance to improve our Housing Service delivery. Our aspiration is to ensure that all Tenants and Leaseholders have a voice and this Strategy demonstrates how they are able to shape and influence the services we provide.

We aim to support our tenants to develop and implement opportunities for involvement and empowerment, including:-

- Support tenants to exercise their right to Manage or otherwise exercise housing management functions where appropriate.

- Support the formation and activities of tenant panels or equivalent groups and respond in a constructive and timely manner to them.
- Provide timely and relevant performance information to support effective scrutiny by tenants of our performance, in a form which registered providers seek to agree with their tenants. Such provision must include the publication of an annual report which should include information on repair and maintenance budgets providing support to tenants to build their capacity to be more effectively involved.
- We aim to consult with tenants on the scope of local offers for service delivery. This will include how performance will be monitored, reported to and scrutinised by tenants and arrangements for reviewing these on a periodic basis.
- Where a significant change in management arrangements is proposed we will consult with affected tenants in a fair, timely, appropriate and effective manner.

2. Relevant Council Strategies

Delivering our Future 2019 - 2031

Delivering our Future replaces all previous Corporate Plans the Council has had and is part of Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council's Strategic Planning Framework; it will determine the strategic direction of the Council, defining the priorities which will guide us in shaping our services and setting future budgets.

Three themes have been identified which are outlined below:-

Theme 1: Transformation – taking the Borough forward to reach its full potential.

Theme 2: Collaboration – achieving more by working together.

Theme 3: Investment – making the most of what we have.

This strategy aims to deliver elements of Theme 2 – by working closely with our communities and partners. Also Theme 3 – empowering our communities to make the most of their resources.

Housing Strategy 2017 - 2022

Housing remains at the heart of social and economic wellbeing of communities. In Nuneaton and Bedworth, we recognise that good housing influences people's quality of life, their life expectancy and the economic and social opportunities available to them. The local economy of Nuneaton and Bedworth will only thrive if the people who live and work in the area can find affordable and suitable housing to meet their needs.

It is these principles, along with the Corporate Plan for the Borough that will underpin the 2017 - 2022 Housing Strategy which pledges: Successful partnership working with our stakeholders, internal and external to the Local Authority, is a vital

ingredient required in order to deliver strategic housing ambitions. To properly enable the delivery of the types of housing needed to meet housing need for our current and future population the Local Authority needs to work with partners and encourage and facilitate an open and productive dialogue with all. Strategic Housing will continue to form an important part in pre-application discussions with Developers and ensure regular liaison with registered Providers, statutory and Voluntary sector stakeholders.

3. The Benefits of Resident Involvement

Currently, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council manages 4,036 General Purpose, 452 Leaseholder and 1,292 Sheltered Housing properties – being able to deliver a responsive and appropriate service, reflective of the needs of our Tenants and Leaseholders is essential. Numerous benefits are realised through maintaining effective partnerships with our Tenants and Leaseholders and by encouraging their involvement, they are able to shape, scrutinise and challenge Housing Services and in turn, influence delivery. As a result of this, the services we therefore provide should reflect local need and increase levels of satisfaction.

Our ambition is to involve our Tenants and Leaseholders as effectively as possible, by providing appropriate mechanisms to do so. We will ensure that a variety of opportunities exist to enable this to happen, ranging from formal activities such as the Residents Partnership and Housing Review Group, through to local community events and surveys.

How do we propose to involve and support Tenants and Leaseholders?

There are a number of ways that we are committed to maintaining our support and work with Tenants and Leaseholders. We are keen to remove barriers to engagement in order to:

- Provide a variety of opportunities to be involved, each with differing levels of commitment.
- Evidence improvements in our services based on Tenants' and Leaseholders' views.
- Enable Tenants and Leaseholders to scrutinise our policies and complaints.
- Support Tenants and Leaseholders to actively conduct roles associated with our Involved Groups.

To enable this, we will:

- Provide transport or pay travel expenses for relevant meetings and events.
- Pay reasonable expenses such as childcare fees.
- Organise meetings in accessible locations, at suitable times.
- Provide relevant free mentoring, training and support if required.

Our Tenants and Leaseholders have played an instrumental role in shaping this Strategy, particularly the Residents' Partnership and Housing Review Group who have assisted in identifying our 'Involvement Aims' outlined below.

4. Our Resident Involvement Aims

In order to facilitate our commitment to engaging and involving our Tenants and Leaseholders, we have identified four Involvement Aims:-

Aim 1 : To improve quality of life through Resident Involvement and more effective community engagement.

We believe that by working with Tenants and Leaseholders we can assist in improving the wider quality of life elements of a community, for example enhancing the environment people live in. To develop this we will:-

- Promote Resident Involvement within our community.
- Set up a database of Tenant/Leaseholder email contact details for 'Tenant to Tenant' communication via our Residents' Partnership.
- Organise at least two community action events (in partnership with Community Groups where possible) per year (one Nuneaton and one Bedworth).
- Support the development of emerging groups e.g. Residents / Tenants Associations and Independent Living Social Groups.
- Empower existing groups to become independent.
- Target our efforts to the specific issues in the community.
- Estate Walkabouts in partnership with our Landlord Services team.
- Work with community venues to promote resident involvement.

Aim 2: To encourage a more inclusive representation of Tenants and Leaseholders.

We want to encourage involvement, representative of our local demographics and communities. To do this we will:-

- Identify and engage with hard to reach communities.
- Maintain our understanding of the diversity of our Tenants and Leaseholders.
- Continue to raise awareness and promote Resident Involvement via existing channels and explore new ones.
- Actively promote the benefits of being involved.

Aim 3: To actively communicate with our Tenants and Leaseholders.

We aim to communicate effectively with our Tenants and Leaseholders on a regular basis and keep them informed of pertinent issues, to do this we will:-

- Provide 'Homing-In' on-line newsletters.

- Provide one Annual Report.
- Continue to facilitate involvement in the development and review of Housing Services policies, procedures and documents.
- Continue to explore the scope of Social Media.
- Continually review our Tenant communication methods.

Aim 4: To seek continuous improvement.

We will enhance our approach to Resident Involvement by:-

- Including Resident Involvement across and within all Housing Services.
- Actively engage with relevant publications to continually develop resident involvement such as the Housing Green Paper 2018 'A New Deal for Social Housing'.
- Ensuring there is a clear purpose and vision for each method of involvement and Involved Group.
- Reviewing how we provide our involvement services:
 - Assessment of the what / who / how.
 - Review the budgets associated with Resident Involvement ensuring value for money.
- Delivering the Survey of Tenants and Residents (STAR) Survey Action Plans 2018/2019 and 2020/2021.
- Implementing the recommendations emerging from Resident Partnership activities.
- Responding to the outcomes of the reports submitted by the Housing Review Group.
- Considering the recommendations made by the Housing Complaints Panel.
- Supporting the on-going development of involved Tenants and Leaseholders.
- Refreshing the risk assessments for all involvement activities.
- Monitoring the delivery of the above actions on a half yearly basis.
- Reviewing the Terms of Reference, Code of Conduct, Constitution and General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) implications for each involved Group.

5. Monitoring this strategy

The responsibility for the monitoring and reviewing of this strategy falls with the Resident Involvement Officer who should work in conjunction with involved tenants. This should take place on a six monthly basis and should include reviewing for effectiveness, value for money and whether the activity is contributing to the Involvement Aims as set out above. This should be reported to the Landlord Services Manager.

6. Our Involvement Methods

There are several methods of involvement that we are committed to (figure 1). An explanation of each involved Group and activity is provided below:-

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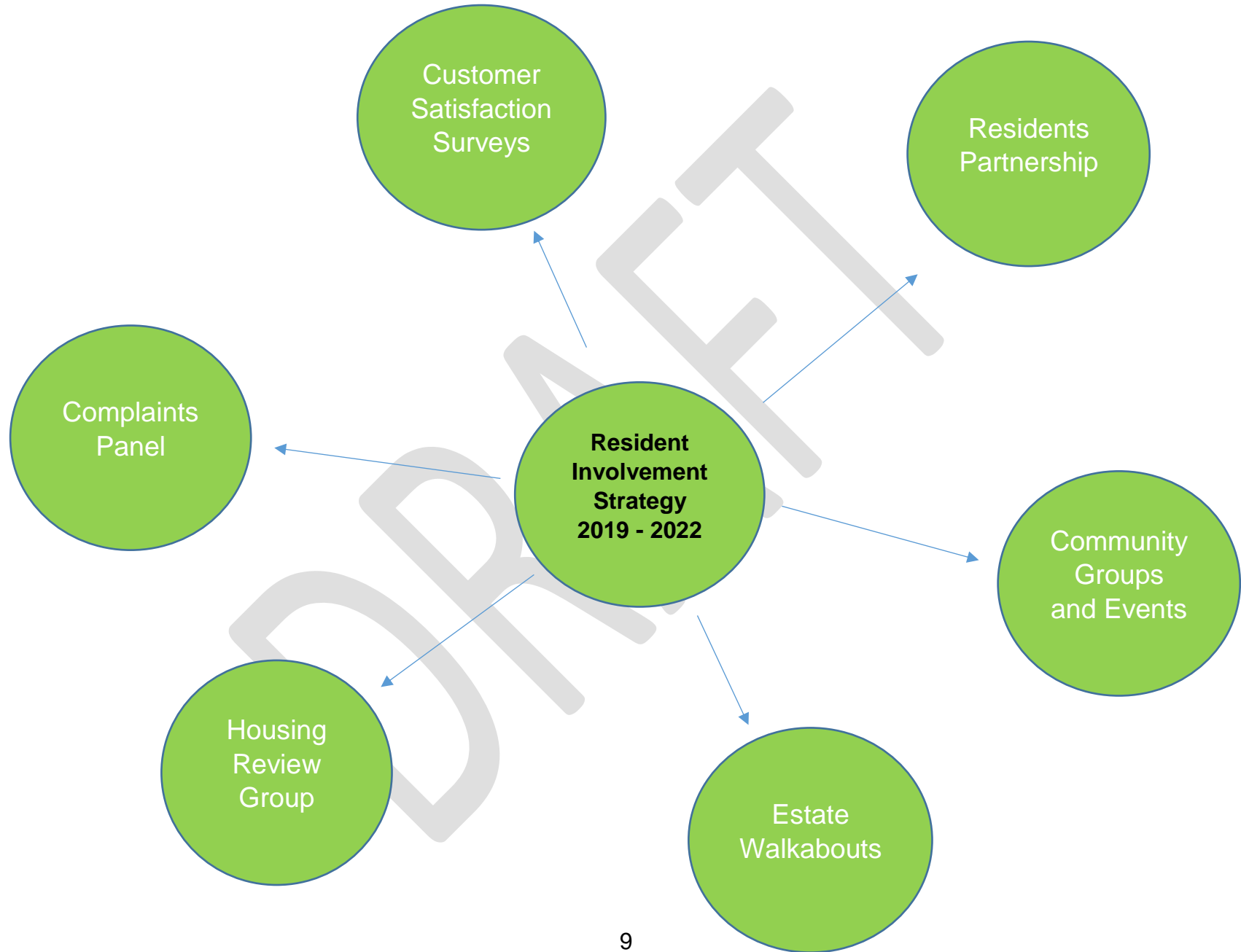


Figure 1

Residents Partnership (RP)

The RP is a group of Tenant and Leaseholder volunteers who work with the Council at a strategic level to improve Housing services. Acting as the key consultation link between the Council and its Tenants and Leaseholders, they ensure that Tenants of the Borough are consulted with for any key issues. Furthermore, they hold the Council to account and make sure that they are given an opportunity for consultation with any services or changes to policy that may affect them.

Housing Review Group (HRG)

The HRG provides a scrutiny function at an operational level, seeking to hold Housing Services to account on behalf of other Tenants and Leaseholders. The Group considers specific areas of work and makes recommendations to Senior Managers for improvements, enhancements or changes. The HRG are keen to consider areas of work recommended by other Tenants or Council Officers.

Complaints Panel

The Complaints Panel (Designated Body for Housing Services) aims to consider complaints made about Housing Services which have already been processed through the existing Council Complaints process. The Panel not only investigate the complaints but they also monitor the volume and nature of them, seeking to make recommendations where necessary.

Involving our Tenants in the resolution of complaints facilitates a greater level of understanding and influence over how our services are delivered. It also ensures that there is a level of independent scrutiny and challenge to our resolution of complaints.

Estate Walkabouts

Estate Walkabouts are an environmental audit, led and co-ordinated by Housing Officers, accompanied by partner agencies and local people to assess the overall general appearance of an area, identify any areas of improvement and where possible arrange for areas of concern to be explored and addressed. Walkabouts aim to maintain and generate safe, clean and pleasant environments for our residents to live, they can also operate as a way to gauge good practice between areas.

Community Groups and Events

The Council supports and empowers local Resident Groups to organise Community Fun Days in their local areas. The Groups consist of Tenant and community volunteers from the local area who have a common interest in making a difference in their community. The Council will aim to support any new emerging groups, as well as support existing committees until they are empowered to become independent.

Customer Satisfaction surveys

The Council undertakes a number of satisfaction surveys for the majority of Housing Services, including external contracting work.

In addition to this, the Council conducts a survey of its Tenants and Leaseholders every two years. The Survey of Tenants and Residents (STAR) uses a standardised methodology for Tenant surveys and benchmarks the information gathered against core questions provided by 'HouseMark'. HouseMark is a tool used by Landlords to improve and measure their performance. This is done through consultancy support, good practice and information sharing, benchmarking and insightful data analysis.

6. Funding and Resources

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council continues to experience unprecedented financial challenges and these are likely to continue throughout the duration of this Strategy. The Council is committed to delivering the Involvement Aims within this Strategy and will seek to maintain a focus on them from 2019 until 2022. It is, however, unknown what level of financial commitment will follow in subsequent years, which may invariably affect some elements of delivery.

7. To find out more about becoming involved please contact:-

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General Fund Capital Programme – 2019/20 Updated

General Fund Capital Programme	2019/20 Base Budget	Amounts re-profiled from 2018/19	Schemes approved from Misc' Budget Allocation	2019/20 Updated Budget
	£	£	£	£
Arts, Leisure & Economic Development				
Miners Welfare Park Environment Improvements & Green Gym	-	12,300	-	12,300
Haunchwood Pavilion	-	5,000	-	5,000
Pingles Electronic Timing Equipment	-	50,000	-	50,000
Pauls Land Pavilion	-	10,500	-	10,500
Sandon Park/ Jack Whetstone Pavilion	-	5,000	-	5,000
Cycle Storage - Miners Welfare Park	-	10,000	-	10,000
Target Hardening	100,000	-	-	100,000
Keresley Community Centre Car Park Improvements	-	-	18,000	18,000
Central Services & Refuse				
ICT Strategy Programme	100,000	-	-	100,000
Major Repairs	250,000	-	-	250,000
Vehicle & Plant Replacement	370,000	228,900	-	598,900
Council Chamber - Audio/ Visual System	-	-	11,000	11,000
Waste Management - In Cab Technology	-	-	5,100	5,100
Finance & Civic Affairs				
Camp Hill - Early Final Phase	2,375,535	1,193,700	-	3,569,235
Purchase of Investment Properties (incl properties to lease)	2,650,000	810,000	-	3,460,000
Revenue & Benefits - System Enhancement & Rationalisation	-	84,200	-	84,200
Adjustment to Council's Property Portfolio	-	167,500	-	167,500
Bedworth Market Improvements	27,720	-	-	27,720
Valley Farm Refurbishments	150,000	-	-	150,000
Chilvers Coton Craft Centre	-	-	5,500	5,500

General Fund Capital Programme	2019/20 Base Budget	Amounts re-profiled from 2018/19	Schemes approved from Misc' Budget Allocation	2019/20 Updated Budget
	£	£	£	£
Housing, Health & Communities				
HEART	4,185,000	3,449,300	-	7,634,300
Empty Homes & Works in Default	40,000	-	-	40,000
Empty Property Loans	100,000	-	-	100,000
Mobile Homes Sites	300,000	-	-	300,000
Conversion of the Council House	1,250,000	-	-	1,250,000
Planning & Development				
Replacement CCTV Cameras	-	9,700	-	9,700
Jodrell Street - Unadopted Road	-	17,100	-	17,100
Bermuda Connectivity Programme	413,390	-	-	413,390
CCTV Wireless Technology	120,000	-	-	120,000
Miscellaneous Schemes	100,000	-	(39,600)	60,400
Total Capital Programme	12,531,645	6,053,200	-	18,584,845
Financed by:				
Capital Receipts	2,925,535			4,929,235
Earmarked Reserves	2,617,720			2,968,477
Grants & External Contributions	4,738,390			8,353,383
Prudential Borrowing	2,250,000			2,333,750
Total	12,531,645			18,584,845

Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme – 2019/20 Updated

Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme	2019/20 Base Budget	Amounts re-profiled from 2018/19	2019/20 Updated Budget
	£	£	£
Acquisition & New Build	8,621,620	1,643,000	10,264,620
Aids & Adaptations	300,000	-	300,000
Central Heating	1,000,000	-	1,000,000
Decent Homes	2,500,000	-	2,500,000
District Heating - Smart Meters	349,520	203,700	553,220
District Heating Boilers	200,000	-	200,000
District Heating Works	50,000	-	50,000
Door Entry System	100,000	-	100,000
Environmental Works	50,000	-	50,000
Fire Safety Works	870,000	-	870,000
Garages	50,000	-	50,000
Housing Management System	-	435,900	435,900
Large Scale Feasibility	250,000	-	250,000
Level Access Showers	450,000	-	450,000
Lift Renewal Works	100,000	-	100,000
PIR Electrical Works	590,000	-	590,000
Property Conversions	1,863,000	47,000	1,910,000
Roof Coverings/ Modifications	850,000	-	850,000
Shed Door & Roof Renewals	50,000	-	50,000
Sheltered Alarm Call Systems	650,000	50,000	700,000
Shop Improvements	15,000	-	15,000
Slabs to Tarmac	200,000	-	200,000
Structural & Cladding	1,700,000	-	1,700,000
Structural Concrete Repairs	800,000	48,000	848,000
Voids	350,000	-	350,000
Warden Call Equipment	350,000	-	350,000
Windows & Doors	800,000	-	800,000
Capital Salaries	427,210	-	427,210
Contingency	100,000	-	100,000
Total Capital Programme	23,636,350	2,427,600	26,063,950
Financed by:			
Major Repairs Reserve	8,000,000		8,000,000
Earmarked Reserves/ Revenue	9,770,860		12,198,460
Capital Receipts	525,490		525,490
Capital Grants/ Contributions	840,000		840,000
Borrowing	4,500,000		4,500,000
Total	23,636,350		26,063,950

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to: Full Council

From: Cllr J Sheppard, Portfolio Holder for Central Services and Refuse

Subject: **Pay Policy Statement 2019**

Portfolio: Central Services and Refuse

1. Purpose of Report

To brief on the updated pay Policy Statement for 2019.

2. Recommendations

To accept the contents of the updated Pay Policy Statement and publish accordingly.

3. Background

In accordance with Section 38 of the Localism Act 2011, the Council is required to produce and publish an annual Pay Policy Statement. This statement relates to the remuneration of employees and the Council's approach in ensuring fairness and transparency in pay.

The Pay Policy Statement for 2019 at Appendix A was approved by Individual Member Decision on 18 June 2019. As per the requirements of the Act it is now submitted to Full Council for ratification and approval to publish.

5. Financial Implications

None

6. Next Steps

Full Council to move to approve the contents of the updated Pay Policy Statement.



Pay Policy Statement

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April 2019**

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NUNEATON & BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

PAY POLICY STATEMENT

Quality Record

Record No.	Date	Comments	Approved
1.	25 April 2012	Approval by Single Member Decision	Yes
2.	11 July 2012	Approval by Council	Yes
3.	8 April 2013	Approval by Single Member Decision	Yes
4.	10 July 2013	Approval by Council	Yes
5.	29 May 2014	Trade Union Consultation	N/A
6.	July 2014	Equalities Impact Assessment	N/A
7.	5 August 2014	Approval by Single Member Decision	Yes
8.	24 September 2014	Approval by Council	Yes
9.	2015	Trade Union Consultation	N/A
10.	2015	Equalities Impact Assessment	N/A
11.	2015	Approval by Single Member Decision	
12.	2015	Approval by Council	
13.	2016	Approval by Council	
14.	2017	Approval by Council	
15.	2018		
16.	2019	Approval by Council	

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PAY POLICY STATEMENT

1. Introduction and Purpose

1.1 Under section 112 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council has the “power to appoint officers on such reasonable terms and conditions as the authority thinks fit”. This Pay Policy Statement (the ‘statement’) sets out the Council’s approach to pay in accordance with the requirements of Section 38 of the Localism Act 2011. The purpose of the statement is to provide transparency with regard to the Council’s approach to setting the pay of its employees by identifying the following:-

- the methods by which salaries of all employees are determined;
- the detail and level of remuneration of its most senior staff i.e. ‘chief officers’, as defined by the relevant legislation;
- the Panel responsible for ensuring the provisions set out in this statement are applied consistently throughout the Council and recommending any amendments to full Council.

1.2 This policy statement is subject to review on an annual basis in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

2. Legislative Framework

2.1 In determining the pay and remuneration of all of its employees, the Council will comply with all relevant employment legislation. This includes the Equality Act 2010, Part Time Employment (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2000, The Agency Workers Regulations 2010 and where relevant, the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Earnings) Regulations. With regard to the Equal Pay requirements contained within the Equality Act, the Council ensures there is no pay discrimination within its pay structures and that all pay differentials can be objectively justified through the use of equality proofed mechanisms which directly relate salaries to the requirements, demands and responsibilities of the role.

3. Pay Structure

3.1 The majority of the workforce is covered by the Council’s local Job Evaluation Methodology that was implemented in March 2012. The Nationally negotiated Salary Pay Spine is used to determine individual Salary Grades. Further details can be obtained from Human Resources. All other pay related allowances are the subject of either nationally or locally negotiated rates, having been determined from time to time in accordance with collective bargaining machinery and/or as determined by Council Policy.

3.2 The Executive Director, Directors and Local Grading positions are determined by the Council’s Remuneration Panel following consideration of a report from an independent adviser.

3.3 In determining its grading structure and setting remuneration levels for all posts, the Council takes account of the need to ensure value for money in respect of the use of public expenditure, balanced against the need to recruit and retain

employees who are able to meet the requirements of providing high quality services to the community, delivered effectively and efficiently and at times at which those services are required.

- 3.4 New appointments will normally be made at the minimum of the relevant grade, although this can be varied where necessary to secure the best candidate, in line with the Council's Recruitment and Selection policy. From time to time it may be necessary to take account of the external pay market in order to attract and retain employees with particular experience, skills and capacity. Where necessary, the Council will ensure the requirement for such is objectively justified by reference to clear and transparent evidence of relevant market comparators, using appropriate data sources available from within and outside the local government sector.

4. Senior Management Remuneration

- 4.1 For the purpose of this statement, senior management means 'chief officers' as defined within S43 of the Localism Act and include:

- a) Executive Director - Operations - Head of Paid Service
- b) Executive Director - Resources – Section 151 Officer [Chief Officer]
- c) Director of Arts, Leisure and Democracy – Monitoring Officer [Chief Officer]
- d) All other Directors reporting directly to an Executive Director [Chief Officers]
- e) All Managers reporting directly to Executive Director and/or Directors [Deputy Chief Officers]

- 4.2 The salary ranges and number of staff for these positions is as follows:

POSITION	SALARY RANGE	NUMBER OF STAFF
Head of Paid Service	£80,011 - £86,353	1
Section 151 Officer [Chief Officer]	£80,011 - £86,353	1
Monitoring Officer [Chief Officer]	£67,270 - £73,390	1
Director [Chief Officer]	£64,770 - £70,890	1
Director [Chief Officer]	£62,854 - £70,249	2
Managers [Deputy Chief Officer]	£49,275 - £50,271	8
Managers [Deputy Chief Officer]	£46,575 - £47,562	2
Managers [Deputy Chief Officer]	£44,632 - £45,591	3
Managers [Deputy Chief Officer]	£42,683 - £43,662	5
Managers [Deputy Chief Officer]	£40,760 - £41,675	6
Managers [Deputy Chief Officer]	£38,813 - £39,782	3
Managers [Deputy Chief Officer]	£36,876 - £37,849	4
Managers [Deputy Chief Officer]	£32,029 - £33,799	1
Managers [Deputy Chief Officer]	£29,636 - £31,371	2
Managers [Deputy Chief Officer]	£26,999 - £28,785	2

NOTES

1. FTE Salary as at April 2019
2. Incremental progression is subject to satisfactory performance
3. Increments are paid every two years on 1 April.
4. Managers [Deputy Chief Officers] are those staff that report directly to Directors [Chief Officers]

5. Recruitment of Chief Officers

- 5.1 The Council's policy and procedures with regard to recruitment of chief officers is set out in the Constitution. When recruiting to all posts the Council will take full and proper account of its own Recruitment & Selection, Equal Opportunities, Change Management and Redeployment Policies. The determination of the remuneration to be offered to any newly appointed chief officer will be in accordance with the pay structure and relevant policies in place at the time of recruitment. Where the Council is unable to recruit to a post at the designated grade, it will consider the use of temporary market forces supplements in accordance with its relevant policies.
- 5.2 Where the Council remains unable to recruit chief officers under a contract of employment, or there is a need for interim support to provide cover for a vacant substantive chief officer post, the Council will, where necessary, consider engaging and utilise individuals under 'contracts for service'. These will be sourced through a relevant procurement process ensuring the council is able to demonstrate the maximum value for money benefits from competition in securing the relevant service.

6. Additions to Salary of Chief Officers

- 6.1 The Council does not apply any bonuses or performance related pay to its chief officers
- 6.2 In addition to basic salary, set out below are details of other elements of 'additional pay' which are chargeable to UK Income Tax and do not solely constitute reimbursement of expenses incurred in the fulfillment of duties;
- Executive Director (Resources) - Fees for Returning Officer Duties paid by Electoral Commission.
 - Executive Director (Operations) - Fees for Deputy Returning Officer Duties paid by the Electoral Commission.

7. Payments on Termination

- 7.1 The Council's approach to statutory and discretionary payments on the termination of employment of chief officers, prior to reaching normal retirement age, is set out within its Discretions Policy Statement in accordance with:
- Regulations 5 and 6 of the Local Government (Early Termination of Employment) (Discretionary Compensation) Regulations 2006
 - Regulations 12 and 13 of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Benefits, Membership and Contribution) Regulations 2007
 - The Local Government Pensions Regulations 2013

A copy of the policy is available from Human Resources.

8. Publication

8.1 Upon approval by the full Council, this statement will be published on the Council's Website. In addition, for posts where the full time equivalent salary is at least £50,000, the Council's Annual Statement of Accounts will include a note setting out the total amount of:

- salary, fees or allowances paid to or receivable by the person in the current and previous year;
- any bonuses paid or receivable by the person in the current and previous year;
- any sums payable by way of expense allowances that are chargeable to UK income tax;
- any compensation for loss of employment and any other payments connected with termination;
- any benefits received that do not fall within the above

9. Lowest Paid Employees

9.1 In April 2014, the Council introduced a minimum salary for all employees that was equivalent to the Living Wage. The Council also adopts pay awards negotiated by the National Joint Council for all of its workers. As at 1 April 2019, the salary for the lowest paid employees is £17,368 per annum (37 hours FTE). This does not include Apprenticeship Schemes.

9.2 The relationship between the rate of pay for the lowest paid and chief officers is determined by the processes used for determining pay and grading structures as set out earlier in this policy statement.

9.3 The statutory guidance under the Localism Act recommends the use of pay multiples as a means of measuring the relationship between pay rates across the workforce and that of senior managers, as included within the Hutton 'Review of Fair Pay in the Public Sector' (2010). The Hutton enquiry was asked by Government to explore the case for a fixed limit on dispersion of pay through a requirement that no public sector manager can earn more than 20 times the lowest paid person in the organisation. The report concluded that the relationship to median earnings was a more relevant measure and the Government's Code of Recommended Practice on Data Transparency recommends the publication of the ratio between highest paid salary and the median salary of the whole of the authority's workforce.

9.4 The current pay levels within the Council define the multiple between the lowest paid full time equivalent (FTE) employee and the Head of Paid Service/Section 151 Officer as 1:4.6 and; between the lowest paid FTE employee and median salary of Chief Officers as 1:2.4. The multiple between the median FTE earnings and the Head of Paid Service/Section 151 Officer is 1:3.4 and; between the median FTE earnings and median salary of Chief Officers is 1:1.8.

9.5 As part of its overall and ongoing monitoring of alignment with external pay markets, both within and outside the sector, the council will use available benchmark information as appropriate.

Cabinet Decision

Report Summary Sheet

Date: 22nd May 2019
Subject: Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer Communities Partnership, Partnership Plan 2019 - 2022
Portfolio: Housing, Health and Communities
From: Dawn Dawson – Director of Housing, Communities and Economic Development

Summary:

The Council is the accountable body for the provision of a Safer Community Partnership. The Partnership has a number of statutory partners, including the Police, Warwickshire County Council and the National Probation Services. There is a requirement to produce a regular Crime and Disorder plan for Nuneaton and Bedworth.

The Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer Community Partnership (NABSCOP), has produced a Partnership Plan for 2019 – 2022 and, focuses upon four priority themes derived from the priority issues emerging from the Strategic Assessment carried out on 2019.

The plan will be reviewed annually to take account of issues and evidence identified by subsequent Strategic Assessments.

The inclusion of the plan into the Council's policy framework will ensure appropriate monitoring and delivery, as well as ensuring that the Council's approach to reducing crime and disorder, is embedded throughout the Council's day to day and strategic activities.

<p>Recommendations:</p> <p>1. That the Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer Community Partnership's Partnership Plan for 2019 - 2022 be recommended to Council for adoption and inclusion within the Council's policy framework</p>
<p>Options:</p> <p>1. Approve the decision</p> <p>2. Do not approve the decision</p>
<p>Reasons:</p> <p>The Crime & Disorder Act 1998 established Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) and required that they undertake an annual audit of crime & disorder (Strategic Assessment) within their areas and then publish a Partnership Plan. The 2007 regulations require that CSP's refresh their Strategic Assessment and Plan annually.</p>
<p>Consultation undertaken with Members/Officers/Stakeholders</p> <p>External Overview and Scrutiny Panel Members of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer Community Partnership</p>

<p>Subject to call-in:</p> <p>Yes</p>
<p>Ward relevance: All</p>
<p>Forward plan: Yes</p>

<p>Corporate Priorities:</p> <p>Aim 2 – Priorities 1, 2 & 3</p>
<p>Relevant statutes or policy:</p> <p>The Crime & Disorder Act 1998 - Corporate Plan 2007 - 2021</p>

<p>Equalities Implications:</p> <p>None</p>
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Human resources implications:

All employees of the Borough Council are required under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to consider the implications and affects of their working practices on the safety of communities

Financial implications:

It is anticipated that the Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer Communities Partnership will be allocated some funding from the Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner to assist in the delivery of the Plan. The level of funding has yet to be announced.

Health Inequalities Implications:

There are numerous links to health that are associated with alcohol, violence and a legal requirement for Clinical Commissioning Groups to operate as Responsible Authorities within Community Safety Partnerships.

Section 17 Crime & Disorder Implications:

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a statutory duty on all Local Authorities to consider community safety in their procedures, policies and practices

Risk management implications:

The key risks associated with this Plan relate to partner agencies not supporting and delivering it. Given its endorsement by the Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer Communities Partnership, this is unlikely. A Risk Assessment has been completed and can be located at the end of the Partnership Plan.

Environmental implications:

None

Legal implications:

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 199

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NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to: Cabinet – 22nd May 2019

From: Director, Housing, Communities and Economic Development

Subject: Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer Communities Partnership, Partnership Plan 2019 - 2022

Portfolio: Housing, Health and Communities (Councillor J Beaumont)

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To seek Cabinet support to include the refreshed Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer Community Partnerships (NABSCOP) Partnership Plan for 2019 - 2022 into the Borough Council's policy framework. **(See Appendix A – Partnership Plan 2019 - 2021)**

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 That the Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer Community Partnership's Partnership Plan for 2019 - 2022 be recommended to Council for adoption and inclusion within the Council's policy framework.

3.0 Background

3.1 This report draws attention to the Partnership Plan for 2019 – 2022 developed by the Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer Communities Partnership following a comprehensive Strategic Assessment conducted on crime and disorder across the Borough.

3.2 Cabinet is being asked to note and endorse the new Plan for inclusion within the Council's policy framework. The Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer Communities Partnership have approved the Plan and will implement it accordingly.

3.4 The Crime and Disorder Plan 2019 – 2022 outlines the work that will be carried forward by the various Partnership agencies involved in NABSCOP. The statutory agencies include Warwickshire Police, Warwickshire County Council, Warwickshire and West Mercia Community Rehabilitation Company, National Probation Service, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service and the Warwickshire North Clinical Commissioning Group; along with involvement of other Third Sector agencies such as Neighbourhood Watch.

3.5 By including the Plan within the Council's policy framework, employees will need to have regard to it in their service planning, decision-making, implementation and scrutiny/review actions and processes.

4.0 **Partnership Plan for 2019 - 2022**

4.1 The priority issues emerging from the Strategic Assessment conducted in 2019 helped to determine the scope of the Plan.

4.2 The document outlines the Partnership's focus in relation to four priority themes:

- **Violence:** to reduce all violent crime
- **Serious Acquisitive Crime:** to monitor residential burglary, theft of motor vehicles and robbery
- **Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB):** to monitor all categories of ASB and Deliberate Small Fires
- **Reducing Reoffending:** to reduce reoffending

Furthermore it commits to support:

- **Cross cutting themes:** which include monitoring vulnerability, begging and substance misuse
- **Initiatives aimed to address:** child sexual exploitation, hate crime and preventing violent extremism

4.3 The Plan forms the basis of work for 2019 - 2022 and will be reviewed annually based on subsequent Strategic Assessments.

Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer Communities Partnership



Partnership Plan

2019 - 2022

Introduction:

As Chair of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer Communities Partnership, I would like to introduce our Partnership Plan for 2019 - 2022, which replaces the previous Crime and Disorder Plan for 2016 – 2019.

This Plan outlines the focus of the Partnership's delivery over the next three years. The priorities within it will be reviewed annually to ensure that the Partnership is focusing its limited resources in the most effective and appropriate manner. It will also respond to emerging guidance and legislation that may be introduced. It will be used by those agencies within the Partnership to commit resources, both people and financial, to best ensure we meet our objectives of reducing crime and anti-social behaviour in the borough.

**Chair of NABSCOP: Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Councillor –
Councillor John Beaumont.**

Background:

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 placed a statutory duty on various agencies to work together to reduce crime and disorder in their local areas. These agencies include Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, Warwickshire Police, Warwickshire County Council, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service, Community Rehabilitation Partnerships, Warwickshire Probation Service and the Northern Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group. Working alongside other organisations including the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Neighbourhood Watch, they constitute the 'Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer Communities Partnership' (NABSCOP).

This 2019 - 2022 Partnership Plan represents NABSCOP's aims for the next three years. It provides a framework to address community safety issues in Nuneaton and Bedworth. The priorities within it will be reviewed annually to ensure that the Partnership responds accordingly to meet the changing needs of our Borough and emerging guidance and legislation from Central Government. In addition to this a local plan will be developed to assist NABSCOP to delivering its priorities.

Central to NABSCOP, is its vision statement:

'To make Nuneaton and Bedworth a safer place for everyone, where the day-to-day quality of life is not marred by the fear of crime'.

Strategic Assessment 2019 – 2020:

In February 2019, NABSCOP received its annual Strategic Assessment, which sought to provide a picture of the community safety issues affecting Nuneaton and Bedworth. It focused on data between October 2017 and September 2018 and enabled the Partnership to review its priorities in accordance with its statutory responsibilities.

Partnership Priorities:

NABSCOP's priorities for 2019 -2022 are outlined below. The performance of each will be measured against the baseline year of 2018 - 2019.

Priority 1: Violent Crime

This includes all categories of violent crime:

- Violence against the person with injury
- Violence against the person without injury
- Rape
- Other sexual offences
- Domestic abuse

Objective:

- To reduce violent crime

Priority 2: Serious Acquisitive Crime

This includes specific elements of the Serious Acquisitive Crime category:

- Theft of vehicles
- Residential burglary
- Personal robbery

Objective:

- To monitor theft of motor vehicles
- To monitor residential burglary
- To monitor Personal Robbery

Priority 3: Anti-Social Behaviour

This includes all Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) categories, focusing on:

- Personal
- Environmental
- Nuisance
- Deliberate small fires

Objective:

- To monitor incidents of ASB
- To monitor Deliberate Small Fires

Priority 4: Reducing Reoffending

This relates to the integrated offender management arrangements in the borough.

Objective:

- To reduce reoffending amongst those who are selected onto the Integrated Offender Management Scheme

Cross Cutting themes:

NABSCOP has identified additional themes which have not been selected as priorities, but which represent a concern to them.

- Vulnerability
- Street Begging
- Substance misuse

Emerging themes:

NABSCOP is aware of the importance of being prepared and proactive in identifying and tracking emerging trends and issues which will be monitored. The 2019 - 2020 Strategic Assessment highlighted a variety of emerging items which include:

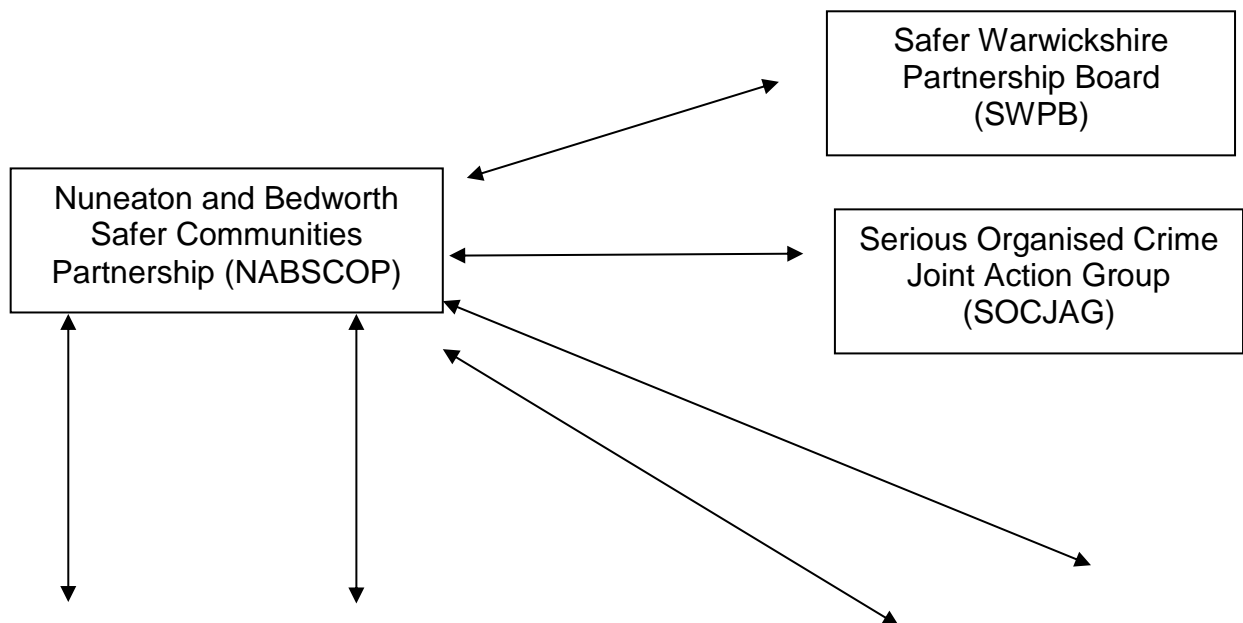
- All exploitation
- Hate Crime
- Preventing Violent Extremism

In addition to prioritising crime types, NABSCOP is also committed to working to address Serious Organised Crime, and in particular disrupting county lines. County lines refers to the criminal exploitation of vulnerable people where they are used by organised crime networks to travel across counties, transporting and selling drugs.

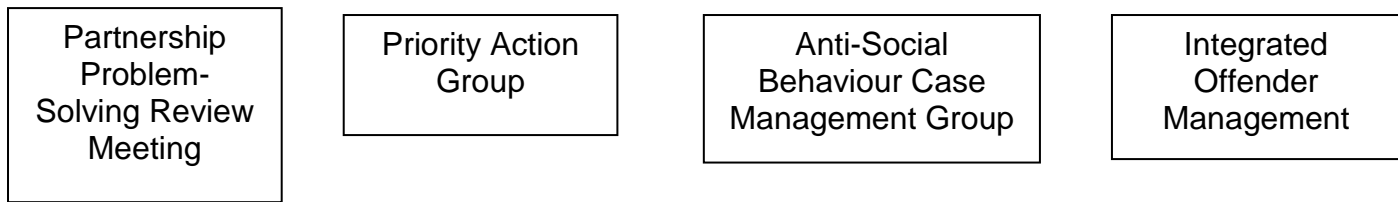
Delivery:

The governance structures for monitoring the performance of this Plan and the current arrangements for reporting progress at a county and local level are highlighted in the diagram below. The groups outlined below operate at an operational and strategic level and are subject to regular review.

Strategic delivery:



Operational delivery:



NABSCOP has the primary duty to develop the Partnership Plan, alongside implementing and delivering community safety interventions. In addition to this they are responsible for monitoring targets and performance measures and holding each other to account. NABSCOP is also informed by the operational theme groups which translate the strategic direction of the Plan into project delivery through these four groups (Partner Problem Solving Review meeting, Priority Action Group, Anti- Social Behaviour Case Management Group and the Integrated Offender Management Group).

NABSCOP will manage its performance on a quarterly basis in line with the performance management information provided by the Warwickshire Insight Team and report when required locally to the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council’s External Scrutiny Panel and the SWPB at a county level. It will also seek to provide guidance and direction to the operational groups to ensure that their focus links directly to the Partnership’s priorities.

Links to other plans and strategies

It is essential to consider other Plans and Strategies in relation to this document. Below highlights the relevant items:

- **The Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Plan** will shape the future of the Borough as a place to live, work and visit in the period over the next 15 – 20 years. It will address the need for new housing and employment, along with issues related to education, health, leisure and transport. In doing so it will ensure places are designed and used in ways that reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime, creating a safer environment.
- **Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) Plan 2016-2021** outlines the main focus of delivery which is to prevent and reduce crime, put victims and survivors first, ensure efficient and effective policing and protect people from harm.
- **Warwickshire Community Safety Agreement 2017 - 2021** meets the requirement for two-tier areas to have in place a Community Safety Agreement for the county on behalf of all the Responsible Authorities for the area. It has been developed in parallel and aligned to all local Strategic Assessments and provides a focus of attention for partners across the county operating to deliver the Community Safety agenda. It

is aligned with the Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioners Plan for 2016 - 2021

- **Warwickshire Police vision statement** is to 'Protect People from Harm', this along with their four values of public service, integrity, impartiality and transparency is intrinsic to the support and direction they provide to NABSCOP.

- **The Warwickshire Reducing Reoffending Board** oversees the community safety partnership responsibilities associated with reducing re-offending. The previous strategy has been replaced by a multiagency action plan. The plan seeks to ensure the resources are in place to divert offenders away from crime. This means providing access to local services that make a difference such as employment training and education, housing and substance misuse services. It also covers joined up ways of managing offenders, principally through Integrated Offender Management (IOM) The IOM Scheme seeks to identify those few individuals who cause significant harm to the communities of Warwickshire. It aims to intensively manage relevant individuals identified to reduce crime, improve community safety and reassure our public.

- **Warwickshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) 2019 – 2020 Programme** –provides a framework for the delivery of health related initiatives and interventions. It responds to a range of analysis aimed at identifying variation and patterns in the health and social care needs of the local population. These needs are often intertwined with issues linked to wider deprivation, including community safety. Available at a local level, JSNA's can assist partners in formulating their future commissioning plans and aid the development local health initiatives and broader community based interventions

Community Engagement

Within the Borough, a number of Community Forums are held to provide a focal point for residents to share their concerns about a range of issues, including community safety. In addition to this, NABSCOP partners have greatly benefited from a close working relationship with Warwickshire Community and Voluntary Action (WCAVA) and the Neighbourhood Watch Associations in the Borough.

Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board - Countywide Priorities

Warwickshire priorities as agreed by the SWPB for 2017 - 2021 include:

- Violence and abuse
- Substance misuse
- Anti-social behaviour
- Hate crime and radicalisation

- Road safety
- Acquisitive crime

Cross cutting themes are:

- Reducing re-offending
- Organised crime groups
- Cyber crime

Funding and resources:

The Partnership has experienced significant financial support in recent years via funding received from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. In addition to this partners will be expected to continue to identify shared resources, budgets and funding. The current PCC has approved funding to support NABSCOP initiatives during 2019/2020 the level of financial commitment that will follow in subsequent years is however unknown. This is a significant risk to the delivery of the Plan.

Risk Register – NABSCOP 2019 - 2022

Risk Ref No	Risk Description (Cause & Consequence)	Gross Risk	Mitigation Control (Stating whether 'Existing' or 'Planned')	10 Mitigation Owner	Net Risk	Status (Red / Amber / Green)	"Action By" Date	Sources of Assurance (How Monitored?)	Risk Owner
1	<p>Lack of commitment from partners, members and senior officers-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure of some or all of the targets and outcomes of the Crime & Disorder Plan leading to potential intervention by the Home Office • Media disaster (bad publicity) • Reduced public confidence • Political issues 	High - Serious	<p>Clear opportunities for involvement of partners, members and senior officers</p> <p>Exploring further opportunities to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of partnership working.</p> <p>'Existing'</p>	Housing & Communities NBBC	Very Low - Serious	A	On going	Managed and monitored at NABSCOP meetings and by the Theme Groups Action Plans accordingly	Chair of NABSCOP & Housing & Communities NBBC

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2	<p>Failure to comply with legislative requirements pertaining to the 2016-19 Crime & Disorder and Substance Misuse Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential intervention of the Home Office Media disaster (bad publicity) Reduced Public confidence 	High - Serious	<p>Issues raised at Theme Group meetings and addressed; if not addressed escalated, if required to NABSCOP for further resolution</p> <p>'Existing'</p>	Housing & Communities NBBC	Very Low - Moderate	G	On going	Actively managed and monitored by Housing & Communities	Chair of NABSCOP & Housing & Communities NBBC
3	<p>Failure to meet performance targets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential Home Office intervention Media disaster (bad publicity) 	High - Serious	<p>Issues raised at Theme Group meetings and addressed; if not addressed escalated, if required to NABSCOP for further resolution</p> <p>'Existing'</p>	Housing & Communities NBBC	Very Low - Serious	A	On going	Managed and monitored at NABSCOP meetings and by the Theme Groups Action Plans accordingly	Chair of NABSCOP & Housing & Communities NBBC

Risk Ref No	Risk Description (Cause & Consequence)	Gross Risk	Mitigation Control (Stating whether 'Existing' or 'Planned')	10 Mitigation Owner	Net Risk	Status (Red / Amber / Green)	"Action By" Date	Sources of Assurance (How Monitored?)	Risk Owner
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced public confidence 								
4	Financial budget reductions introduced by PCC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential reduction in staff Reduced projects Reduction in performance targets 	High - Serious	Issues raised at Theme Group meetings and addressed; if not addressed escalated, if required to NABSCOP and SWPB for further resolution 'Existing'	Housing & Communities NBBC	Very Low - Serious	A	On going	Managed and monitored at NABSCOP meetings and by the Theme Groups accordingly	Chair of NABSCOP & Housing & Communities NBBC
5	Failure to address Equality issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Media disaster (bad publicity) Reduced public confidence Political issues Cohesion issues Diversity issues Inclusion/exclusion issues. 	High - Serious	Equality Impact Assessment Working with partners, actively monitor and respond proactively to issues within the community. 'Existing'	Housing & Communities NBBC	Very Low - Serious	A	On going	Actively managed and monitored by Housing & Communities NBBC (shared as appropriate with partners) and reported to NABSCOP and Theme	Chair of NABSCOP & Housing & Communities NBBC

Risk Ref No	Risk Description (Cause & Consequence)	Gross Risk	Mitigation Control (Stating whether 'Existing' or 'Planned')	10 Mitigation Owner	Net Risk	Status (Red / Amber / Green)	"Action By" Date	Sources of Assurance (How Monitored?)	Risk Owner
								Groups accordingly	
6	Failure to improve performance between SOA's and other Wards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media disaster (bad publicity) • Reduced public confidence • Political issues 	High - Serious	Where possible target funding to areas of need and raise profile of the necessity for this within the SWPB and with the PCC 'Existing'	Housing & Communities NBBC	Very Low - Serious	A	On going	Actively managed and monitored by Communities Manager	Chair of NABSCOP & Housing & Communities NBBC

Acknowledgements:

The Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer Communities Partnership recognises the contributions of the following organisations which have been involved in the generation of this document:

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council
Nuneaton and Bedworth Neighbourhood Watch Association
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Warwickshire Community and Voluntary Action
Warwickshire Community Rehabilitation Company
Warwickshire County Council
Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service
Warwickshire Observatory
Warwickshire Police
Warwickshire Probation Trust
Warwickshire Youth Justice Service

4A.10 QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS

4.10.1 A Member of the Council may ask the Leader of the Council or the Chair of a Committee any question without notice upon an item of the report of the Cabinet or a Committee (respectively) when that item is being received or under consideration by the Council.

4.10.2 Questions on Notice at Full Council

At each meeting a Member of the Council may ask no more than one question (but see 10.3(b) below) on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties, or which affects the Borough. For questions from Members, Paragraph 4.9.4 shall apply. A Member may choose to ask their permitted question of either:

- a Member of the Cabinet; or
- the Chair of any Committee, Panel or Sub-Committee

4.10.3 No such question under paragraphs 10.2 or 10.3 shall be asked unless:
(a) the question has been delivered in writing to the Head of Paid Service and Leader before 12 noon on the day before the meeting of the Council; or
(b) where the question relates to urgent matters, they have the consent of the Mayor or the Leader of the Council or the Portfolio Holder to whom the question is to be put or in the case of a Committee, Panel or Sub-Committee, the Chair, and the content of the question is given to the Head of Paid Service at least three hours before the time that the meeting is due to start.

4.10.4 Response

An answer may take the form of:

- (a) a direct oral answer;
- (b) where the desired information is in a publication of the Council or other published work, a reference to that publication; or
- (c) where the reply cannot conveniently be given orally, a written answer circulated later to the questioner.

4.10.5 Time Limit

The maximum time for Members' questions shall not normally exceed 24 minutes, and the Mayor shall have discretion to limit the questions as he or she shall see fit.

4.10.6 Reference of Question to the Cabinet or a Committee

Any Member may move that a matter raised by a question be referred to the Cabinet or the appropriate Committee. Once seconded, such a motion will be voted on without discussion.

4.10.7 Any question or statement which cannot be dealt with because of lack of time will be dealt with in writing in accordance with paragraph 10.5 (c).

4.10.8 Questions on Notice at Committees, Panels or Sub- Committees

A Member of a Committee, Panel or Sub-Committee may, upon giving notice, ask the Chair of it one question on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties, or which affect the Borough and which falls within the Terms of Reference of that Committee, Panel or Sub-Committee