

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT AND STANDARDS ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

7th November 2023

A meeting of the Audit and Standards Assessment Sub-Committee was held on Tuesday 7th November 2023. This meeting was held in the Council Chamber.

Present

Councillor R. Baxter-Payne (Chair)

Councillors: J. Hartshorn and J. Sheppard.

PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS

ASASC8 **Election of a Chair**

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

ASASC9 **Apologies**

None

ASASC10 **Declarations of Interest**

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

ASASC11 **Exclusion of Public and Press**

Speaker: Councillor K. Kondakor

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

ASASC13 **Preliminary Assessment Report – Complaint 8/23**

The Monitoring Officer presented the preliminary assessment report 8/23 to the sub-committee for consideration on the action to be taken in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct Complaint Process at Part 5A of the Constitution.

Public Speaker: Councillor K. Kondakor

RESOLVED that no further action be taken on the basis that the complaint falls outside the Code or does not justify investigation and there is no informal resolution; and save for the use of any information from the complaint that the Monitoring Officer may deem relevant to the ongoing investigation into complaint 4/22.

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

ASASC14 **Preliminary Assessment Report – Complaint 7/23**

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

ASASC15 **Preliminary Assessment Report – Complaint 9/23**

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

Chair

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

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
	General dispensations granted to all members under s.33 of the Localism Act 2011			Granted to all members of the Council in the areas of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Housing matters - Statutory sick pay under Part XI of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 - An allowance, payment given to members - An indemnity given to members - Any ceremonial honour given to members - Setting council tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 - Planning and Licensing matters - Allotments - Local Enterprise Partnership
	R. Baxter-Payne	Employed by Vinci Construction Major Projects UK Ltd (VCMP UK Ltd); County Councillor - WCC	Spouse: Self-employed childminder Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Midlands Combined Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee • Warwickshire Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (substitute) 	
	J. Hartshorn	Employed by Asda Nuneaton	Member of Nuneaton Conservatives	
	J. Sheppard		Partnership member of the Hill Top and Caldwell Big Local. Director of Wembrook Community Centre. Member of Labour Party.	Dispensation to speak and vote on any matters of Borough Plan that relate to the Directorship of Wembrook Community Centre