

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

**FINANCE AND PUBLIC SERVICES OVERVIEW
AND SCRUTINY PANEL**

14th March 2024

A meeting of the Finance and Public Service Overview and Scrutiny Panel was held on Thursday, 14th March 2024 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall Nuneaton.

Present

Councillors C. Watkins (Vice - Chair)

Councillors: R. Baxter-Payne, S. Harbison, K. Kondakor, M. Tromans, M. Walsh (substitute for D. Brown) and Mrs D. Ross.

Apologies: D. Brown

PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS

FPS31 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Public Service Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 25th January 2024 were submitted for approval.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th January be confirmed and signed by the Chair subject to the following amendment:

Min No FPS26 be amended to include:

‘Warwickshire County Council waste data be included at the next panel’

FPS32 **Declarations of Interest**

RESOLVED that the declarations of interest are as set out in the Schedule attached to these minutes.

FPS33 **Questions to Cabinet**

NB: Due to the failing of the recording the questions and answers were unable to be transcribed.

FPS34 **Integrated Performance Report 2023/24 Q2**

A report of the Risk Management and Performance Officer. The Panel were presented with a report which seeks to provide appropriate performance measures, budget information and risk data for service areas within the scope of the Panel.

The following points were raised:

- Need better training on Member Enquiry’s as data is not recorded in this report if it is grounds maintenance issue.
- There is a three-enquiry system, if you report issues to fly tipping it can disappear as there is a complex computer system that is different for different departments.

- Glendale Live needs to be improved as it doesn't appear to be working.

RESOLVED that

- a) the report be noted; and
- b) a breakdown of the Member Enquiry in respect of grounds maintenance, fly tipping and waste management be brought to the next panel.

FPS35 Waste Management Performance

The Assistant Director – Environment and Enforcement presented the panel with an update on the Waste Management Performance.

The following points were raised:

- Glass income is currently not recorded.
- The AI machine sorters currently are unable to pick up small items therefore bottle tops need to be screwed on.
- NBBC are examining ways of using enforcement to reinforce our actions.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

FPS36 Museum Performance Report 2022 – 2023

The Museum and Arts Manager presented the above report to panel for comments on performance.

The following point were raised:

- More work needs to be undertaken to promote the museum.

RESOLVED that

- a) the report be noted; and
- b) thanks be expressed for all the hard work undertaken by staff to continue the running of the museum.

FPS37 Update on the Introduction of Co-Mingled Recycling

The Assistant Director – Environment and Enforcement gave a presentation to the panel on the introduction and progress of co-mingled recycling.

The following points were raised:

- Too early in the scheme to see if recycling rates have improved.
- Education in the Borough will be important to improve rates of recycling but it cannot be too complicated.
- At the centre different bays are allocated for each council to determine our portion of waste. Audits will be taking place to ensure NBBC are getting a representative value for our recycling.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

FPS38 **Forward Plan**

The Forward Plan showing the key decisions that will be made in the four months commencing 1st April 2024, was provided to the Panel for information.

RESOLVED that the Forward Plan be noted.

FPS39 **Draft Work Programme 2023/24**

The Draft Work Programme for the Finance and Public Service Overview and Scrutiny Panel was submitted for approval.

RESOLVED that the work programme be noted.

Chair

Finance and Public Services Overview and Scrutiny Panel - Schedule of Declarations of Interests – 2023/2024

| | Name of Councillor | Disclosable Pecuniary Interest | Other Personal Interest | Dispensation |
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| | General dispensations granted to all members under s.33 of the Localism Act 2011 | | | Granted to all members of the Council in the areas of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Housing matters - Statutory sick pay under Part XI of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 - An allowance, payment given to members - An indemnity given to members - Any ceremonial honour given to members - Setting council tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 - Planning and Licensing matters - Allotments - Local Enterprise Partnership |
| | R. Baxter-Payne | 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) | |
| | D. Brown | Employed by H.M Land Registry | Regional Coordinator, Ragdoll Rescue Charity. Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhall Education Foundation (Council appointment). | |
| | L. Downs | River Bars Limited; Coventry Plus Beyond the Plane Little Caesars Donuts Limited NBBC Council Contract for market pitch | Member on the following Outside Body: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hammersley, Smith and Orton Charity | |
| | B. Hammersley | County Councillor – W.C.C. | Member on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hammersley, Smith and Orton Charity | |

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| | S. Harbison | Self Employed | Member of Conservative and Unionist Party. Member on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Astley Charity | |
| | J. Kennaugh | County Councillor W.C.C. Employed by FedEx Express UK Ltd | Member of the W.C.C. Regulatory Committee Member of the Conservative Party Member of UNITE the Union Member on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EQUIP | |
| | K.A. Kondakor | Electronic and Embedded Software Design Engineer (self-employed) | Unpaid Director of 100% Renewables UK Ltd Green Party (E&W) | |
| | M. Tromans | Warwickshire County Councillor (Galley Common) Share in a rental property in Hydes Pastures, Nuneaton | Member of WI Member of the Conservative Party | |
| | C.M. Watkins | Employee of Nutri Pack | Representative on the following outside bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd. (NABCEL) | |