

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

BUSINESS, REGENERATION AND PLANNING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL

20th June 2024

A meeting of the Business, Regeneration and Planning Overview & Scrutiny Panel was held on Thursday, 20th June 2024 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall Nuneaton.

Present

Councillor P. Hickling (Chair)

Councillors: J. Clarke (Vice-Chair), D. Brown, S. Dhillon, M. Etienne, B. Saru, R. Smith and B. Hughes (substituting for Councillor C. Smith)

Apologies: Councillors C. Smith and A. Bull.

PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS

BRP 1 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Business, Regeneration and Planning Overview and Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 25th April 2024 be approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

BRP 2 Declarations of Interest

As Councillor B. Hughes was a substitute Councillor for this meeting, their Declarations of Interest were not detailed in the Schedule attached to the agenda.

RESOLVED that the Declarations of Interest are as set out in the Schedule attached to these minutes, with the addition of the Declarations of Interest for Councillor B. Hughes.

BRP 3 Questions to Cabinet

The Portfolio Holder for Business and Regeneration (Councillor N. King) and the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Enforcement (Councillor R. Roze) were in attendance at the meeting. No questions were asked by the Panel

BRP 4 Integrated Performance Report – Fourth Quarter 2023-24

A report of the Risk Management and Performance Officer provided Panel Members with appropriate performance measures, budget information and risk data for service areas within the scope of the Panel. The report has been adapted to reduce the volume of data (as previously reported under the former scrutiny panel arrangements), whilst still providing the Panel with sufficient information to monitor results to address issues arising.

The Panel discussed and asked questions on the following:

- It was noted that some financial information was missing from the report. Panel Members were advised that some information may not be available until after the closure of the accounts.
 - It was agreed that Cabinet should be asked to ensure that all available financial figures and information be included in future reports.

- Freedom of Information (Fol) and Complaints – it was recognised that the same Officers may have to deal with all Fol requests and complaints in their area, which could lead to additional pressure for some Officers.
- It was noted that some Fol requests can be time consuming and can be charged if certain criteria is met.
 - It was felt that it would be useful to have additional information relating to outstanding requests and a summary of reasons to see if there were any patterns.

RESOLVED that

- a) the contents of the report be considered and noted; and
- b) IT BE RECOMMENDED TO CABINET that all available and relevant financial information and figures be included in future financial reports.

BRP 5 Public Space Protection Order Update

A report of the Communities and Community Safety Manager provided the panel with background information and an update in relation to Public Space Protection Orders within the Council.

Public Speaker: Councillor J. Gutteridge

The Panel discussed and asked questions on the following:

- A new PSPO relating to water safety and open water spaces – work is ongoing in relation to this issue.
 - It was agreed that Panel Members will receive a briefing note which will provide further information and an update. An initial report on the effectiveness of the new PSPO will be brought to the October Business, Regeneration and Planning OSP.
- It was recognised that the current PSPO's are working well and are effective. In particular it was noted that the PSPO in relation to vehicle sales has had a positive impact, and reassurance was requested from the Portfolio Holder that this will continue.

RESOLVED that

- a) the contents of the report be considered and noted; and
- b) A briefing report be provided to Panel Members in relation to Open Water Spaces, and a report be submitted to the Business, Regeneration and Planning OSP in October.

BRP 6 Forward Plan

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

RESOLVED that the Forward Plan be noted.

BRP 7 **Work Programme 2024-2025**

The Panel were presented with the Work Programme for the municipal year 2024-2025.

RESOLVED that the 2024-2025 work programme be approved.

Chair

**Business, Regeneration and Planning OSP –
Schedule of Declarations of Interests – 2024/2025**

	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
	D. Brown	Employed by H.M Land Registry	Regional Coordinator, Ragdoll Rescue Charity. Representative on the following Outside Bodies: Exhall Education Foundation (Council appointment).	
	A. Bull	Employed by FedEx	The Labour Party (sponsorship) -CWU Trade Union Member	
	J. Clarke	-Employed by Marcus Jones MP - Warwickshire County Councillor	Nuneaton Conservative Association; Deputy Chairman Officer of the Abbey Preceptory Masonic Buildings - Nuneaton	
	S. Dhillon	Employed by UHCW NHS Trust	Member (Rep) at Unison – UHCW Trust	
	M. Etienne	Employed by Network Rail	RMT Member	
	P. Hickling	Employed by - King Edward VI Sixth Form College (Teacher) - Pearson Education (Snr Examiner)	The Labour Party (sponsorship) - Member of The Labour Party (CLP and Secretary of Nuneaton West) - Member of National Education Union - Committee Member of Nuneaton Historical Association - Governor of King Edward VI Sixth Form College	
	B. Saru	Director – Saru Embroidery Ltd	- Labour Party (sponsorship) - Armed Forced Covenant	

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
	C. Smith	Software Engineer – Prophet PLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - U16 Coach – Nuneaton RFC - Safeguarding – Manor Park RFC 	
	R. Smith		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conservative Party Member - Chair of Trustees - Volunteer Friends, Bulkington; - Trustee of Bulkington Sports and Social Club. 	