

## **NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **HEALTH AND CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL**

**27<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

A meeting of the Health and Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Panel was held on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall Nuneaton.

#### **Present**

Councillor S. Dhillon (Chair)

Councillors: J. Hartshorn (Vice-Chair), B. Hughes, M. Kondakor, B. Pandher, T. Venson, E. Amaechi (substituting for Councillor J. Bonner), J. Gutteridge (substituting for Councillor K. Wilson), S. Markham (substituting for Councillor A. Khangura) and Mrs D. Ross.

Apologies: Councillors J. Bonner, A. Khangura and K. Wilson.

#### **PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS**

##### HCR 1 **Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance and Public Services Overview and Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 be approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

##### HCR 2 **Declarations of Interest**

As Councillors E. Amaechi, J. Gutteridge and S. Markham were substitute Councillors for this meeting, their Declarations of Interest were not detailed in the Schedule attached to the agenda.

Councillor S. Dhillon declared that she is employed by the NHS, and also works with partners mentioned in agenda item BRP 4.

**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 Councillors E. Amaechi, J. Gutteridge and S. Markham, and the declaration from Councillor S. Dhillon relating to the NHS and partners.

##### HCR 3 **Questions to Cabinet**

The Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Communities and Health (Councillor T. Jenkins), the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Customer Service (Councillor S. Hey) and the Portfolio Holder for Housing (Councillor C. Watkins) were in attendance at the meeting. No questions were asked by the Panel.

##### HCR 4 **Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy Overview**

The Public Health Service Manager and Programme Manager gave a presentation which updated the Panel on the strategy priorities, progress and plans for 2024/25.

#### **Public Speaker: Mr P. Smith**

Following the presentation, the Panel discussed and asked questions on the following:

- Free School meals – a School in the north of the County is participating. This will hopefully be rolled out and information shared in the next few months.
- Smoke free generation grant – including issues around vaping, interventions and how it is being tackled.
- Referral framework – streamlining the process to speed things up, and trying to prevent people from needing services in the first place.
- Suicide prevention – what is in place (prevention strategy), funding, campaigns and the introduction of a Surveillance Officer to try and take action quickly where possible.
- Housing (damp and mould) – one of the five priorities that NBBC agreed to. Work is ongoing in this area and health concerns around this are recognised. Having a data led approach in terms of funding, to see where funding is required and needed to be prioritised.
- Warwickshire North Programme – how it is marketed and the public know about it. They work closely with voluntary organisations such as WCAVA and utilise Healthwatch, public engagement is encouraged and the advertising and signposting of services is carried out in a number of ways.
- Suicide prevention – a service is available to Council frontline staff, it was recommended this be available to all staff. It was agreed this is something that can be considered and will be looked into.
- The impact of damp and mould on health (including asthma) was recognised, and is an area that can be explored further.
- Smoke free zones (particularly around hospital entrances) – smoke free policies are being looked into, and there are increasing numbers of areas considered ‘smoke free’ – but it was agreed this is an issue.

**RESOLVED** that the presentation and information provided be noted.

#### HCR 5 Integrated Performance Report – Fourth Quarter 2024-24

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.

#### **Public Speaker: Mr P. Smith**

The Panel discussed and asked questions on the following:

- It was noted that some financial information was missing from the report – a letter to explain the situation will be sent to all Panel members.
- Household waste collected – it was felt targets are quite low, and it is hoped that co-mingling will improve things.
- Long term sickness – it may be useful to have more data, although it was recognised in most cases nothing can be done.
- Cybercrime – concerns and issues around this.
- Complaints (including crematoria and cemetery) – a possible need to look at the training programme for Customer Services.

- Complaints and FoI deadlines – it was noted some are quite complex and can take a lot of Office time.

**RESOLVED** that the contents of the report be considered and noted; and

HCR 6 **St Benedict's House – 196/198 Church Road, Nuneaton**

A report of the Assistant Director – Social Housing and Community Safety, provided the Panel with the financial information and final outturn figures for the Housing Revenue and Account property, St Benedict's House, 196/198 Church Road, Nuneaton.

The Panel discussed and asked questions on the following:

- The purchase price and different prices recorded in previous reports was queried. Some prices given may have included stamp duty but will need confirming.
- The costs of remodelling were more than the preliminary estimates. It was noted that prices increased due to Covid, inflation and contractor price increases.
- Reducing costs and payback times (e.g. the heat pump) were discussed and how the changes will impact on running costs and payback times. This information will be confirmed via email to Panel Members.
- Pre-planning advice was taken – Officers worked with Planning in relation to the redesign. Capacity issues have caused some problems.
- Contingencies were built in – Officer had to deal with unprecedented challenges in terms of cost increases. This will be looked at in relation to future projects.

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the contents of the report be considered and noted; and
- b) IT BE RECOMMENDED TO CABINET that Cabinet review this report.

HCR 7 **Forward Plan**

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

**RESOLVED** that the Forward Plan be noted.

HCR 8 **Work Programme 2024-2025**

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

Panel Members were reminded by the Chair that they can submit Work Programme Suggestion forms for items they may wish to add to the work programme.

**RESOLVED** that the 2024-2025 work programme be approved.

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Chair

## Health and Corporate Resources – 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"> <li>- Housing matters</li> <li>- Statutory sick pay under Part XI of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992</li> <li>- An allowance, payment given to members</li> <li>- An indemnity given to members</li> <li>- Any ceremonial honour given to members</li> <li>- Setting council tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992</li> <li>- Planning and Licensing matters</li> <li>- Allotments</li> <li>- Local Enterprise Partnership</li> </ul>
	J. Bonner	Employed by Etone College (Matrix Academy Trust) - Teacher	The Labour Party (sponsorship) Member of: - The Labour Party - National Education Union	
	S. Dhillon	Employed by UHCW NHS Trust	Member (Rep) at Unison – UHCW Trust	
	J. Hartshorn	Employed by Asda Nuneaton	Member of Nuneaton Conservatives	
	B. Hughes	Full Time Carer		
	A. Khangura	Self-Employed		
	M. Kondakor		- Member of the Green Party - Member of Nuneaton Harriers AC - Chair – Bedworth Symphony Orchestra	
	B. Pandher		- Member of Warwickshire County Council. - Member of the Conservative Party  - President & Trustee of Nanaksar Gurdwara Gursikh Temple Coventry; - Coordinator of Council of Sikh Temples in Coventry; - Secretary of Coventry Indian Community; - Trustee of Sikh Monument Trust - Vice Chair Exhall Multicultural Group	

	<b>Name of Councillor</b>	<b>Disclosable Pecuniary Interest</b>	<b>Other Personal Interest</b>	<b>Dispensation</b>
	T. Venson	Employed by Freightliner Heavy Haul	ASIEF Trade Union The Labour Party	
	K.D. Wilson	Delivery Manager, Nuneaton and Warwick County Courts & West Midlands and Warwickshire Bailiffs, HMCTS, Warwickshire Justice Centre, Nuneaton	<p>-Deputy Chairman – Nuneaton Conservative Association</p> <p>- Nuneaton Conservative association (sponsorship)</p> <p>-Board Member of the Conservative Association.</p> <p>-Corporate Tenancies: properties are leased by NBBC to Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd, of which I am a Council appointed Director.</p> <p>Representative on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <p>-LGA People &amp; Places Board (Member)</p> <p>-Director of Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd (NABCEL)</p> <p>-Director of Grayson Place (NBBC) Ltd</p>	