

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

17th July 2024

A meeting of Cabinet was held on Wednesday 17th July, 2024 in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall.

Present

Councillor C. Watkins (Leader and Housing)
Councillor J. Sheppard (Deputy Leader and Environment & Public Services)
Councillor S. Hey (Resources & Customer Services)
Councillor T. Jenkins (Leisure, Communities and Health)
Councillor R. Roze (Planning & Enforcement)
Councillor N. King (Business and Regeneration)

CB15**Apologies**

None

CB16**Declarations of Interest**

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

CB17**Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 19th June 2024, be approved, and signed by the Chair.

CB18**Natural Capital Investment Strategy**

The Strategy Director – Place and Economy submitted a report requesting Cabinet to adopt the Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull Natural Capital Investment Strategy as the basis for utilising natural capital funding across the sub-region, noting that the strategy aligns closely with the Biodiversity Action Plan.

RESOLVED that

- a) the subject to the other partners listed in Appendix 1 of the main report doing likewise, the Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull Local Authorities Natural Capital Investment Strategy as set out in Appendix 1 of the report be adopted;
- b) the proposals to develop the Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull Local Authorities Natural Capital Investment Implementation Plan (As set out in 1.4 and Appendix 2 of the report) be agreed and a further report be brought back to Cabinet for approval on completion of that work; and
- c) the Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull Natural Capital Investment Board and Natural Capital Investment Management Group be established to enable the delivery of the Strategy

Speakers:

Mr P. Smith

Options

If the Cabinet chose not to adopt this Strategy. This would either

- a) leave the Council without a strategy approach to investing in natural capital, meaning that investments are made in an ad hoc way, thereby leaving the District vulnerable to missed opportunities, slow delivery and reduced benefits, or
- b) require a local strategy to be developed which could still deliver a positive approach, but would fail to deliver to the multiple benefits set out in the main report.

Reasons

To ensure the efficient and effective utilisation of biodiversity section 106 funds.

CB19 Newdigate Recreation Ground

The Assistant Director – Recreation and Culture submitted a report to Cabinet with a recommendation to surrender the current lease in relation to Newdigate Pavilion and Sports Pitches.

RESOLVED that

- a) Delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director – Public Services in consultation with the Assistant Director – Recreation and Culture and Portfolio Holder – Planning and Enforcement to surrender the existing lease with Newdigate Sports and Social Club; and
- b) Delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director – Public Services in consultation with the Assistant Director – Recreation and Culture and Portfolio Holder – Planning and Enforcement and Portfolio Holder – Leisure, Communities and Health to negotiate and enter into a new agreement with Newdigate Sports and Social Club in relation to public open space.

Speakers:

None

Options

- 1) to accept the recommendations
- 2) not to proceed with the recommendations

Reasons

The site is not council owned and is managed under a lease from 1970, due to the age of the lease there is a requirement for the Council to review the terms of the current agreement to better meet the requirements for the facility.

CB20 Tenant Satisfaction Measures

The Assistant Director – Social Housing & Community Safety provided Cabinet with an update of revised results of the Tenant Satisfaction Measures (TSM's) survey 2023/24. These measures were reported to the Regulator of Social Housing on 27th June 2024.

RESOLVED that

- a) the contents of the report be noted;
- b) the Assistant Director – Social Housing and Community Safety be required to work with the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Strategic Director for Housing and Community Safety, to utilise the results of the TSM's to improve services and service delivery; and
- c) the Assistant Director – Social Housing & Community Safety be required to consult with the appropriate Scrutiny Panel upon any such service and/or service delivery improvements identified.

Speakers

Mr P. Smith

Options

To note the content outlined in the report

Reasons

The Government's Charter for Social Housing Residents (Social Housing White Paper – 2020) set out a commitment for the Regulator of Social Housing to bring in a set of annual TSMs for all social housing landlords. The aim of the measures is to provide tenants and the Regulator with clear and comparable information about a landlords' performance. This data will help tenants hold their landlords to account and will also be used by the Regulator in their role of assessing how well social housing landlords in England are doing at providing good quality homes and services. The subsequent Social Housing (Regulation) Act 2023 formally incorporated these requirements.

CB21 General Fund Revenue Outturn 2023/24

The Assistant Director – Finance submitted the final revenue outturn position on the General Fund for 2023/24.

RESOLVED that

- a) the forecast outturn position and key variances be noted; and
- b) the earmarked reserve balances be approved.

Speakers

None

Options

To accept the report; or
Request further information on the outturn position

Reasons

The Council is required to achieve a balanced budget each year.

CB22 Housing Revenue Account Outturn 2023/24

The Assistant Director – Finance submitted the outturn position for the Housing Revenue Account for 2023/24.

RESOLVED that

- a) the outturn position and key variances be noted; and
- b) the earmarked reserves balances be approved.

Speakers

None

Options

To accept the report; or
Request further information on the outturn position

Reasons

The Council is required to achieve a balanced budget each year.

CB23 Capital Outturn 2023/24

The Strategic Director – Corporate Resources provided Cabinet with the final capital outturn position on the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for 2023/24.

RESOLVED that

- a) the Capital Outturn position for 2023/24 be noted;
- b) the updated Capital Budget for 2024/25 be recommended for Council for approval; and
- c) the capital reserve position as at the end of 2023/24 be noted.

SPEAKERS

None

Options

To accept the report; or
Request further information on the outturn position

Reasons

To ensure the Council has an accurate capital budget.

CB24 Collection Fund Outturn 2023/24

The Strategic Director – Corporate Resources provided a report detailing the outturn position on the Collection Fund for 2023/24, the details of which have been shared with Warwickshire Preceptors.

RESOLVED that the Collection Fund Outturn 2023/24 report be approved with an amendment at 4.11 of the report that the Band D figure to read 39,769.5.

SPEAKERS

None

Options

- 1) To note and accept the position on the Collection Fund as to be reported in the 2023/24 Statement of Accounts
- 2) To request further information.

Reasons

For inclusion in Statement of Accounts for 2023/24

CB25 Recommendations From Overview and Scrutiny Panels

SPEAKER: Councillor J. Collett

a) **Business Regeneration and Planning OSP**

At its meeting on Thursday 20th June, 2024, the Integrated Performance Report Q4 2023/24 was considered and a recommendation to Cabinet from the panel was put forward as follows:

BRP 4 Integrated Performance Report – Fourth Quarter 2023/24

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***

The Cabinet thanked the Business, Regeneration and Planning OSP for their recommendation and **RESOLVED** that

- i) the financial outturn position figures were unable to be provided to the Business, Regeneration and Planning OSP in June as the figures had not been available until this Cabinet in July; and
- ii) the financial outturn position reports for the budget, if not presently included, be placed on the Forward Plan.

b) **Health and Corporate Resources OSP**

At its meeting on Thursday 27th June, 2024 the St Benedicts House – 196/198 Church Road, Nuneaton report was considered and a recommendation from the panel put forward as follows:

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

RESOLVED that

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

The Cabinet thanked the Health and Corporate Resources OSP for their recommendation and **RESOLVED** that the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources and Customer Services further review in depth the details in the report and feedback to the Health and Corporate Resources OSP.

CB26 **Any Other Items**

None

Chair

PUBLICATION DATE: 24TH JULY 2024

DECISIONS COME INTO FORCE: 1ST AUGUST 2024

Cabinet - 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
	S. Hey	Director – - Heywire Ltd - Brilliant Bookings Ltd	Member of the Labour Party, National Trust, CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale), Royal Photographic Society. Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Midlands Employers Board (NBBC representative) • Local Government Superannuation Scheme Consultative Board • Grayson Place (NBBC) Limited • West Midlands Employers • Nuneaton and Bedworth Older People's Forum 	
	T. Jenkins	Managing Partner – Gribblybugs LLP	The Labour Party (sponsorship) - Committee Member of Warwickshire Amphibian & Reptile Team - Member of Warwickshire Wildlife Trust - Member of Equity – Trade Union Members of National Trust and English Heritage Representative on the following Outside Bodies:	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton and Bedworth Sports Forum, • Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board, • Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board, • Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel, • Biodiversity Champion • Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground • Exhall Education Foundation • Foleshill Charity Trustee – Proffitt's Charity 	
	N. King	Employed by Love Hair and Beauty	Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton Town Deal Board 	
	R. Roze	Director – InfiniTEN Ltd	Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A5 Member Partnership • Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd • PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside of London) Joint Committee Services. • Building Control Partnership Steering Group • Bedworth Town Deal Board 	
	J. Sheppard		Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sherbourne Asset Co Shareholder Committee • Warwickshire Direct Partnership • Warwickshire Waste Partnership • Nuneaton Neighbour Watch Committee 	
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 Labour Party				

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
	C.M. Watkins	Employee of Nutri Pack	<p>Representative on the following outside bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd. (NABCEL) • Coventry, Warwickshire and Hinckley and Bosworth Joint Committee • Local Government Association • Nuneaton and Bedworth Home Improvement Agency • Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership • Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd • Warwickshire Housing Support Partnership • West Midlands Combined Authority Board (WMCA) • West Midland Combined Housing and Land delivery Board 	