

**NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**AUDIT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**6<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

A meeting of the Audit & Standards Committee was held on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Nuneaton. The meeting was recorded and live streamed.

**Present**

Councillor R Baxter Payne – Chair

Councillors: B. Beetham, T. Cooper, L. Downs, M. Green, J. Kennaugh, N. Phillips, J Sheppard (Vice-Chair) R. Tromans and S. Harbison (substitution for Councillor J. Hartshorn).

Apologies: Councillors L. Cvetkovik and J. Hartshorn.

**PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS**

ACS11 **Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the minutes of the Audit and Standards Committee meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022, be confirmed, and signed by the Chair; and
- b) the minutes of the Extraordinary Audit and Standards Committee meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022, be confirmed, and signed by the Chair.

ACS12 **Declarations of Interest**

As a substitute Councillor for this meeting, the Declarations of Interest for Councillor S. Harbison 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 S. Harbison.

ACS13 **External Audit Plan 2021/22**

A report of the Director for Finance and Enterprise and the External Auditors was presented to the committee for consideration of the audit plan for the Statement of Accounts for 2021/22.

**Speakers: Councillor K. Kondakor and Mr P. Smith.**

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

ACS14 **External Audit Risk Assessment 2021/22**

A report of the Director for Finance and Enterprise and the External Auditors was presented to the committee for consideration of the external audit risk assessment for the 2021/22 Statement of Accounts.

**Speakers: Councillor K. Kondakor and Mr P. Smith.**

**RESOLVED** that the audit risks as detailed in Appendix 1 be approved.

ACS15 **Annual Report 2021/2022**

A report of the Director of Planning and Regulations was presented to the committee for approval of the Annual Standards Section Report 2021-22.

**Speakers: Councillor K. Kondakor and Mr P. Smith.**

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the draft 2021/2022 Annual report as set out in Appendix A be approved; and
- b) the report be published as indicated in the report.

ACS16 **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

**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.

ACS17 **Complaints Against Members: 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022 to 19<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

A report of the Monitoring Officer was submitted to the committee to provide details of the complaints received from 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022 to 19<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

**Speaker: Councillor K. Kondakor.**

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

ACS18 **Investigation Report – Complaint 12/21**

A report of the Monitoring Officer was presented to the committee to review the Investigation Report into Complaint 12/21 attached at Appendix A to the report.

**Speaker: Councillor K. Kondakor.** Councillor K. Kondakor then left the meeting.

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the Investigating Officer's conclusion that there has been a breach of para 3 (a) of the 2012 Members' Code of Conduct be accepted;
- b) the Investigating Officer's conclusion that there has been no breach of para 5 of the 2012 Members' Code of Conduct be not accepted; and
- c) the complaint be referred to a hearing in connection with breaches of paragraphs 3(a) and 5 of the Members' Code of Conduct.

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

## Audit and Standards Committee - Schedule of Declarations of Interests – 2022/2023

	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>
	R. Baxter-Payne (Chair)	Manager Brinklow Quarry Ltd, Brinklow; County Councillor - WCC	Spouse: Self-employed childminder  Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• West Midlands Combined Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee</li> <li>• Warwickshire Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (substitute)</li> </ul>	
	B. Beetham	Employed at The George Eliot Hospital; Warwickshire County Council – Camp Hill	Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camp Hill Urban Village: Pride in Camp Hill Board</li> <li>• Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground</li> </ul>	
	T. Cooper	None	Member on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camp Hill Urban Village: Pride in Camp Hill Board</li> <li>• Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground</li> </ul>	
	L. Cvetkovic	Head of Geography	The Bulkington Volunteers	

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		(Teacher), Sidney Stringer Academy, Coventry	(Founder); Bulkington Sports and Social Club (Trustee)  Member on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building Control Partnership Steering Group</li> </ul>	
	L. Downs	River Bars Limited; Coventry Plus Beyond the Plane	Member on the following Outside Body: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hammersley, Smith and Orton Charity</li> </ul>	
	M. Green	Employed by Horiba Mira – Calibration Technician	Chair of Education Standards Committee – St Thomas More School Executive Member – Nuneaton Conservatives. Secretary – St Vincent De Paul Society at Our Lady of the Angels Church. Our Lady of the Angels Church Member of the George Eliot Fellowship.  Member on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friendship Project for Children.</li> </ul>	
	J. Hartshorn	Employed by Nuneaton Library – Digital Inclusion – WCC (Senior Customer Service Assistant) COVID Community Testing – WCC – Team Leader (Casual)	Member of Nuneaton Conservatives	
	J. Kennaugh	County Councillor W.C.C.  Employed by FedEx Express UK Limited.	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"> <li>• EQUIP</li> </ul>	
	N. Phillips	Employee of DWP	Member of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nuneaton Labour CLP</li> <li>• The Fabian Society</li> <li>• The George Eliot Society</li> <li>• The PCS Union</li> <li>• Central Credit Union</li> <li>• Stockingford Sports and Allotment Club</li> <li>• Haunchwood Sports and Social Club</li> </ul>	

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	J. Sheppard (Vice-Chair)		Partnership member of the Hill Top and Caldwell Big Local.  Director of Wembrook Community Centre.  Member of the Management Committee at the Mental Health Drop-in.	Dispensation to speak and vote on any matters of Borough Plan that relate to the Directorship of Wembrook Community Centre
	R. Tromans	RTC, Nuneaton AFL, Wellingborough	W.C.C. Warwick  Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nuneaton Neighbourhood Watch Committee</li> </ul> Hospice Charity	