

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

8th February 2023

A meeting of Cabinet was held on Wednesday 8th February, 2023 in the Council Chamber which was recorded and live streamed.

Present

Councillor K. Wilson (Leader and Business and Regeneration (Chair))
Councillor C. Golby (Deputy Leader and Housing and Communities)
Councillor S. Croft (Finance and Corporate)
Councillor J. Gutteridge (Health and Environment)
Councillor S. Markham (Public Services)
Councillor R. Smith (Planning and Regulation)

CB105 **Apologies**

None

CB106 **Declarations of Interest**

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

CB107 **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 1st February 2023, be approved, and signed by the Chair.

CB108 **General Fund Revenue Budget 2023/24**

The Director – Finance & Enterprise submitted a report to Cabinet that presented the proposed General Fund budget for 2023/24 for approval and to update Cabinet on the General Fund Medium-Term Financial Plan taking into account the Local Government Finance Settlement for 2023/24.

RESOLVED that

- a) the forecast outturn position for the General Fund for 2022/23 be noted;
- b) the Council Tax requirement for 2023/24 of £10,039,237, an increase of 2.99% on a Band D, is recommended to Council for approval in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- c) the NNDR1 has been completed and submitted to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) and included within the Budget for 2023/24 with a precept for Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council (NBBC) of £14,979,616 in 2023/24 be noted;
- d) any increases in Fees and Charges for 2023/24 (see addendum to the report for amended Appendix 4) be approved;
- e) the net General Fund revenue expenditure budget of £16,906,464 be agreed and recommended to Council for approval (Appendix 1 of the report);

- f) delegated authority be given to the Director – Regeneration & Housing and the Head of Economic Development & Communities in consultation with the Portfolio holder for Business & Regeneration to undertake procurement activities to deliver against the 2023/24 priorities set out as part of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF);
- g) delegated authority be given to the Director – Public Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Public Services to formally accept, subject to confirmation of match funding from other relevant bodies, the award of the £750k revenue grant from Arts Council England to increase the level of cultural activity across the Borough and finalise contractor arrangements;
- h) the existing Local Council Tax Support Scheme be approved for use in the financial year 2023/24;
- i) Members' Allowances and Special Responsibility Allowances for the financial year 2023/24 not be increased; and
- j) the report be not subject to call-in due to the timescales for setting the budget and Council Tax for 2023/24 as provided for in paragraph 15(f) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Constitution.

Speakers:

Mr Peter Smith

Options

Accept the recommendations; or

Request further information, having regard to the legal deadlines for setting of budgets.

Reasons

To comply with the regulations

CB109 Housing Revenue Account Budget 2023/24

The Director – Finance & Enterprise submitted a report to Cabinet presenting the draft Housing Revenue Account budget for 2023/24 for consideration and submission to council for approval.

RESOLVED that

- a) the forecast outturn position for the HRA for 2022/23 be noted;
- b) the net budget of £254,232 for 2023/24 be agreed and recommended to Council for approval;
- c) a rent increase on dwellings of 6.75%.be agreed and recommended to Council for approval;
- d) the Homeless Hostel rents increase of 32% is agreed and recommended to Council for approval;

- e) Fees and Charges for the HRA (Appendix 2 of the report) be recommended to Council for approval; and
- f) the report be not subject to call-in due to the timescales for setting the budget and Council Tax for 2023/24 as provided for in paragraph 15(f) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Constitution.

Speakers:

Mr Peter Smith

Options

Accept the recommendation

Request further information, having regard to the legal deadlines for setting budgets

Reasons

To comply with regulations

CB110Capital Budget 2023/24

The Director – Finance & Enterprise submitted the draft General Fund and Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme for 2023/24 for consideration and submission for Council for approval. A forecast outturn for 2022/23 was also included in the report.

RESOLVED that

- a) the budget for 2023/24 be recommended to Council for approval;
- b) the forecasted capital programme for 2022/23 be noted and the amended budget be recommended to Council for approval;
- c) delegated authority be given to the Director – Housing & Regeneration to carry out procurement exercises in accordance with the Council’s Contract Procedure Rules in order to deliver the capital programme for the HRA and General Fund; and
- d) the report be marked not subject to call-in due to the timescales for setting the budget and Council Tax for 2023/24 as provided for in paragraph 15(f) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Constitution.

Speakers:

Mr Peter Smith

Options

To accept the recommendations

Request further information, having regard to the legal deadlines for setting of budgets

Reasons

To comply with regulations

CB111 Treasury Strategy & Budgetary Framework 2023/24

The Director – Finance & Enterprise submitted the Treasury Strategy and Budgetary Framework 2023/24 for Cabinet approval and submission to full council as per the requirement from The Local Government Act 2003 and the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Code of Practice for Treasury Management in the Public Services

RESOLVED that

a) the proposed Treasury Strategy and Budgetary Framework 2023/24, as detailed in Appendix J of the report, be agreed and submitted to Full Council for approval including:

- Treasury Strategy
- Treasury and Prudential Indicators
- MRP Policy Statement
- Capital Resource Allocations

b) this report be marked not for call in on the grounds of urgency due to requiring full council approval on 13th February 2023.

Speakers

Mr Peter Smith

Options

To accept the recommendations

Request further information, having regard to the legal deadlines for setting of budgets

Reasons

To comply with regulations and CIPFA Code of Treasury Management.

CB112 Recommendations From Overview and Scrutiny Panels

None

CB113 Any Other Items

None

Chair

PUBLICATION DATE: 14TH FEBRUARY 2023

DECISIONS COME INTO FORCE: 22ND FEBRUARY 2023

Cabinet - 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"> - 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. Croft	Employed at Holland & Barrett Retail Ltd	Treasurer of the Conservative Association Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Champion for Safeguarding (Children and Adults) • Local Government Superannuation Scheme Consultative Board West Midlands Employers	
	C. Golby		Member of Warwickshire County Council Membership of Other Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership • Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd. • Nuneaton and Bedworth Home Improvement Agency • Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board • Warwickshire Housing and Support Partnership • Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel • George Eliot Hospital 	

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
			<p>NHS Trust – Public/User Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Eliot Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Governors • District Leaders (substitute) • Local Enterprise Partnership (substitute) • Coventry, Warwickshire and Hinckley and Bosworth Joint Committee (substitute) 	
	J. Gutteridge		<p>Representative on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board • Age UK (Warwickshire Branch) • Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground • West Midlands Combined Authority Wellbeing Board <p>Member of NABCEL</p>	
	S. Markham		<p>County Councillor – W.C.C.</p> <p>Governor at Ash Green School</p> <p>Member of the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton and Bedworth Sports Forum • Warwickshire Direct Partnership • Warwickshire Waste Partnership • Sherbourne Asset Co Shareholder Committee 	
	R. Smith		<p>Chairman of Volunteer Friends, Bulkington; Trustee of Bulkington Sports and Social Club;</p> <p>Member of the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A5 Member Partnership; • PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulation Outside of London) Joint Committee; • Building Control Partnership Steering Group • Bulkington Village Community and Conference Centre 	

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative on the Nuneaton and Bedworth Older Peoples Forum • West Midlands Combined Authority and Land Delivery Board 	
	K.D. Wilson	Acting Delivery Manager, Nuneaton and Warwick County Courts, HMCTS, Warwickshire Justice Centre, Nuneaton	<p>Deputy Chairman – Nuneaton 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd (NABCEL) • Coventry, Warwickshire and Hinckley & Bosworth Joint Committee • District Council Network • Local Government Association • Director of Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership Ltd (CWLEP) • West Midlands Combined Authority 	