

## AGENDA for MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

to be held on

Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024



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To: All Members of the Borough Council

A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL will be held on <u>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September</u>, <u>2024 at 6.00 p.m.</u>

All members of the Council are summoned to attend to determine the business as set out below.

### AGENDA

#### 1. EVACUATION PROCEDURE

A fire drill is not expected, so if the alarm sounds, please evacuate the building quickly and calmly. Please use the stairs and do not use the lifts. Once out of the building, please gather outside the Lloyds Bank on the opposite side of the road.

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- 2. <u>APOLOGIES</u> to receive apologies for absence from the meeting.
- 3. <u>MINUTES</u> to confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (Page 6)

4. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> - To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in matters under consideration pursuant to Council procedure Rule 4A.2(iii).

#### **Declaring interests at meetings**

If there is any item of business to be discussed at the meeting in which you have a disclosable pecuniary interest or non- pecuniary interest (Other Interests), you must declare the interest appropriately at the start of the meeting or as soon as you become aware that you have an interest.

Arrangements have been made for interests that are declared regularly by members to be appended to the agenda (Page 29). Any interest noted in the Schedule at the back of the agenda papers will be deemed to have been declared and will be minuted as such by the Committee Services Officer. As a general rule, there will, therefore, be no need for those Members to declare those interests as set out in the schedule.

There are, however, TWO EXCEPTIONS to the general rule:

1. When the interest amounts to a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest that is engaged in connection with any item on the agenda and the member feels that the interest is such that they must leave the room. Prior to leaving the room, the member must inform the meeting that they are doing so, to ensure that it is recorded in the minutes.

2. Where a dispensation has been granted to vote and/or speak on an item where there is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, but it is not referred to in the Schedule (where for example, the dispensation was granted by the Monitoring Officer immediately prior to the meeting). The existence and nature of the dispensation needs to be recorded in the minutes and will, therefore, have to be disclosed at an appropriate time to the meeting.

Note: Following the adoption of the new Code of Conduct, Members are reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of their personal interests at the commencement of the relevant item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary or a Deemed Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, the Member must withdraw from the room.

Where a Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest but has received a dispensation from Audit and Standards Committee, that Member may vote and/or speak on the matter (as the case may be) and must disclose the existence of the dispensation and any restrictions placed on it at the time the interest is declared.

Where a Member has a Deemed Disclosable Interest as defined in the Code of Conduct, the Member may address the meeting as a member of the public as set out in the Code.

Note: Council Procedure Rules require Members with Disclosable Pecuniary Interests to withdraw from the meeting unless a dispensation allows them to remain to vote and/or speak on the business giving rise to the interest.

Where a Member has a Deemed Disclosable Interest, the Council's Code of Conduct permits public speaking on the item, after which the Member is required by Council Procedure Rules to withdraw from the meeting.

- 5. <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u> to receive announcements from the Mayor, Leader, Members of the Cabinet or the Chief Executive.
- 6. <u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u> (maximum 20 minutes). to hear and answer questions by any resident of the Borough concerning the work of the Council where notice has been given (maximum 20 minutes). A copy of the Procedure Rule 9 is attached (Page 36) and this is not subject to debate. A question or statement can be submitted using the link below which will send your submission to the Chief Executive and Member Services: <u>Ask a</u> <u>question at meetings of Full Council | Public participation at meetings |</u> <u>Nuneaton & Bedworth (nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk)</u>
- 7. <u>QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS</u> (Council Procedure Rule 10). A copy of Procedure Rule 10 is attached. (Page 38) and this is not subject to debate.
- 8. <u>SPECIAL URGENCY DECISIONS</u> (Access to Information Procedure Rule 4B.16) None taken
- <u>CABINET</u> report by Leader of the Council (to follow) Members may ask questions on the report and receive answers from the Leader or other Cabinet members, and this is not subject to debate.
- 10. <u>RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CABINET OR OTHER COMMITTEES</u> <u>Cabinet – 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024</u>
  - a) CAPITAL OUTTURN 2023/24

At its meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024, Cabinet considered the above report **(copy attached Page 40)** by the Strategic Director – Corporate Resources and put forward the following recommendation for Council approval (2.2 of the report):

The updated Capital Budget for 2024/25 be recommended for Council approval

### Audit and Standards Committee – 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024

b) <u>RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CONSTITUTION REVIEW WORKING</u> <u>PARTY</u>

On the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Audit and Standards Committee, the above report **(to follow)** by the Monitoring Officer will be considered and, if approved, recommendations will be put forward for Council consideration.

### Audit and Standards Committee – 10th September 2024

c) <u>TREASURY MANAGEMENT 2024/25 – QUARTER 1 REVIEW</u> On the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Audit and Standards Committee, the above report (to follow) by the Finance Manager – Treasury will be considered and, if approved, recommendations will be put forward for Council consideration. Cabinet – 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024

d) <u>UPDATES TO THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME</u> On the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Cabinet, the above report (to follow) by Strategic Director – Economy and Place will be considered and, if approved, recommendations will be put forward for Council consideration.

#### NOTE: Points of Order and Personal Explanation can only be raised in accordance with Council Procedure Rules which are set out below:-

### Point of order

A Member may raise a point of order at any time. The Mayor will hear them at the end of the speech of the Member speaking at the time the point is raised. A point of order may only relate to an alleged breach of these Council Rules of Procedure or the law. The Member must indicate the rule of law and the way in which he/she considers it has been broken. The Mayor shall consider the Point of Order and, if necessary, take advice on the matter from the Monitoring Officer and, shall then rule on the Point of Order raised. There shall be no discussion or challenge to the advice given or the Mayors decision in the meeting. If a Member persistently seeks to raise a Point of Order but is unable to identify the procedure rule or legal principle infringed then, after having being warned by the Mayor, any further abuse of this procedure rule shall not be tolerated and the Mayor shall move that the Member not be heard further pursuant to Procedure Rule 4.19.13. The ruling of the Mayor on the matter will be final.

### **Personal explanation**

A Member may make a point of personal explanation at any time. The Mayor will hear them at the end of the speech of the Member speaking at the time the point is raised. A personal explanation may only relate to some material part of an earlier speech by the Member which may appear to have been misunderstood in the present debate. The ruling of the Mayor on the admissibility of a personal explanation will be final.

### NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

### <u>COUNCIL</u>

### <u>10<sup>th</sup> July, 2024</u>

A Council meeting of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council was held on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

### <u>Present</u>

The Mayor (Councillor W. Hancox) The Deputy Mayor (Councillor B. Saru)

Councillors E. Amaechi, M. Bird, J. Bonner, D. Brown, J. Clarke, T. Cooper, S. Croft, L. Cvetkovic, S. Dhillon, M. Etienne, J. Gutteridge, J. Hartshorn, S. Hey, P. Hickling, B. Hughes, T. Jenkins, A. Khangura, N. King, M. Kondakor, S. Markham, W. Markham, B. Pandher, C. Phillips, K. Price, R. Roze, J. Sheppard, T. Sheppard, C. Smith, R. Smith, T. Venson, M. Walsh and C. Watkins

Apologies were received for Councillors J. Collett, K. Wilson, A. Bull and M. Wright

### CL13 Minutes

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 were confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

### CL14 Declarations of Interests

**RESOLVED** that the Declarations of Interests for this meeting are as set out in the schedule attached to these minutes.

In addition, Councillor J. Gutteridge declared that he was no longer a representative of the following:

- Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board
- Age UK (Warwickshire Branch)
- Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground
- West Midlands Combined Authority Wellbeing Board

#### CL15 Announcements

The Leader Councillor C. Watkins announced that a thank you card had been received from Denise Carter regarding the road renaming of Clinic Drive to Fusilier Louis Carter Drive in honour of her son who died during a tour of Afghanistan in 2009.

The Mayor made the following announcements:

- A minute silence was held for staff member Bruce Collings who had recently passed away.
- Thanks to former Members of Parliament Marcus Jones, Craig Tracey and Mark Pawsey for their services to the residents of the Borough.
- Congratulations to newly elected Members of Parliament Jodie Gosling (Nuneaton), Rachel Taylor (Bedworth and North Warwickshire) and John Slinger (Rugby).
- The launch of the Mayor's Civic Appeal is being held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 10am, all members are welcome to attend.

#### CL16 **Public Participation**

### <u>Question 1</u> – Mr Brian Walmsley asked the following question for the Leader of the Council:

Trust in politics and politicians is at an all-time low. Which is not helped by things like Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council's accounts not having been externally audited for financial year 2021/22, as well as every subsequent financial year since. Can the responsible Cabinet Member please tell us, the residents, what the current position is regarding the 2021/22 accounts?

### Councillor S. Hey, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources and Customer Services responded as follows

Thank-you Mr Mayor and thank you Mr Walmsley.

Several people have asked me this question, and at every Scrutiny panel I've attended we've been lambasted from the public gallery about this.

So you know, It just looks dodgy, doesn't it? I'm just wondering what the previous administration, its lovely saying previous administration isn't it, and its lovely saying the previous Government too - but you know that's just on our side.

It looks dodgy, what was going on, and so I have looked into it, and I really want to find out, you know what's been covered up. Now, it's always more complicated than that. There is a country-wide shortage of qualified external auditors, and this has undoubtedly caused everybody, every authority, major problems and delays. So I can't, unfortunately blame the members opposite for this—or can I?

The situation was not helped by the previous government's abolition of the Audit Commission, which finally closed in 2015. A replacement body was set up to oversee the transition, and this was supposed to save £1 billion to opted-in authorities external audit costs. Well, that didn't work out very well because since 2015, the delays in external audits have got worse.

Locally also, at the Council we also ran into problems. The former Head of Finance resigned, and we were told that was a single point of failure, and yet it wasn't dealt with and a single point of failure failed.

But here's the bit that really annoyed me. As I mentioned earlier, this was all supposed to save money. But what happens when things are in short supply? Prices go up. In 20/21, the estimated cost of the external audit was just over  $\pounds$ 43,000, and yet we've been told the cost of the 2023/24 audit will be over  $\pounds$ 153,000.

This is yet another example of the previous Government finding ways to starve public services of much-needed cash.

So, is it a conspiracy or cock-up? It's not a conspiracy, but definitely, a series of cockups by the Tories both nationally and locally.

Incidentally, I've asked Officer to try and make sure that we progress that external audits as fast as we can going forward so we don't get criticized for it.

Thank-you Mr. Walmsley and Mr. Mayor

#### Question 2 – Mr Keith Kondakor made the following statement:

Our fire and rescue service in Nuneaton and Bedworth is the busiest in Warwickshire. They have saved many lives and saved valuable property in the borough including saving our own town hall in 2019. The fire and rescue service clearly needs to make changes to adapt to availability of on-call crews in some areas and the changing nature of incidents. However, reducing the number of appliances and crews in the busiest area in the county is reckless. Not only are the full time crews in Nuneaton the busiest in Warwickshire with 1,408 call outs per year, we also have the busiest on-call crews based at Bedworth with another 240 call outs per year. By contrast, we had an average of 18 call outs per year at the two least busy stations at Shipston and Fenny Compton and just 47 a year at Bidford.

The County Council chose to take the final proposals to its scrutiny committee on 26th June, when they had 3 speakers from Bidford on Avon, one from Shottery and one from Alcester. It was unreasonable to hold this meeting in the general election purdah period. Sadly, the only Nuneaton based County Councillor was from the controlling group there and seems to have supported the loss of resources at Nuneaton. By deciding to hold the only scrutiny meeting to discuss the finalised proposals during the general election period, they managed to avoid proper debate on the 50% cut to the service at Nuneaton Fire Station.

The original consultation on the reconfiguration happened when the Conservatives controlled this council. During that stage, the then council leader would not answer questions at the Full council meeting about the cut in Nuneaton and we ended up having, possibly, zero response from this council about losing one of our two fire engines at Nuneaton and the loss of fire fighters jobs.

I hope the council as a body will write to the leader of WCC, start fighting to protect our fire service in Nuneaton and encourage as many as possible to attend the WCC cabinet meeting at 1:45PM on 16th July in Warwick.

### Councillor C. Watkins, Leader of the Council, gave the following response:

Thank you. we will be writing to Warwickshire County Council and I will be answering this in a bit more depth later.

### <u>Question 3</u> – Mr Colin Hughes submitted the following question for the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources and Customer Services:

Can Councillor Hey please let me know how he feels about the state of the Council's financial position, now he has had chance to look at some figures?

### Councillor S. Hey, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources and Customer Services gave the following response:

Thank-you Mr Mayor and Mr Hughes.

Obviously since May I've been working with the officers to gain an understanding of the financial position inherited from the Conservatives, to prepare for the outturn reports for the final quarter, coming to Cabinet next week, and to start thinking about the planning process for setting next year's budget.

The budgets and spending are balanced and I am assured we are not going down the Birmingham route which is good news.

However, I was shocked to see the inadequate level of reserves both in the General Fund and HRA accounts, and I'll be doing a lot more work on those to see what can be done.

But it's what hasn't been done that is worrying me. We've been presented with what appears to be ever-growing list of budget pressures which have been just kicked into the long grass by the previous administration.

I'll just give an example, it's not everything. The Museum seems to have been cast adrift, Bucks Hill and Attleborough Cemetery Flooding not dealt with, the AV System in the Chamber has broken down and not been dealt with, the Harefield Road car park needs maintenance, Support for BRANCAB needs looking at, the Bridge to Living project seems to be in limbo, and the one that really worries me personally is the colossal pressures on the homelessness budget because of the increasing number of homeless people - people abandoned by the previous Government.

Now I could name a lot more, but you've asked me how I feel. What I feel is disappointed. Disappointed for the people of the Borough who have been let down by 14 years of neglect nationally and three years of neglect locally by a Conservative Party which does not value public services at all.

### CL17 Questions by Members

### <u>Question 1</u> – Councillor Brady Hughes asked the following question to the Leader of the Council:

I would like to ask the leader, could you tell me how you feel the Council has been performing under the previous administration and did you find any surprising issues that need to be addressed?

#### Councillor C. Watkins, Leader of the Council, responded as follows:

I, like my colleague Cllr Hey, was very disappointed and shocked to see that there was a total lack of leadership and guidance from the previous administration. In the first month you have to make some very big decisions. I've made a small list of some of the big decision we had to make, some of them being for health and safety reasons. We lifted the employment ban, so our staff can get staff that it needs to take some of the strain off them. We had some claims coming in from Warwickshire County Council. The Glendale contract needed an urgent extension because they were about to pull out. The Civic Hall needed extending. There's been single member decisions, and as Councillor I have already said we've had to make some very serious decisions on some of the car parks and you'll be seeing some of them coming into effect very soon. So very shocked, very disappointed in the lack of leadership and guidance.

### <u>Question 2</u> – Councillor Richard Smith asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Enforcement:

On Friday of last week, we received news that the appeal to the council's refusal of up to 700 houses on green belt land adjacent to the A5 has been dismissed by the Planning Inspector, and to add to that we've heard today that a second appeal has been dismissed. This is great news for residents and is testament to the hard stand against inappropriate development taken by the previous Conservative administration.

Labours failed Borough plan will be replaced this year by the revised Conservative plan that reduces housing targets and has a strict no green belt policy and is currently in public examination hearings. At the same time the new national Labour Government has announced a loosening of planning policy that will actively encourage development on green belt, this is a very real threat to the small amount of precious green belt left in the Borough due to Labours devastating plan, will the portfolio holder give the residents his guarantee that he will continue the work of the Conservative administration to protect the Boroughs green belt from inappropriate development and renew a once broken Labour promise to protect land at the Woodlands in Bedworth and land to the east of Bulkington due to be deallocated in the revised Conservative Borough plan.

### Councillor R. Roze, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Enforcement responded as follows:

I just want to clarify that I have no knowledge of any documents referred to as Labour's Borough Plan or Conservative Plan.

I think it's very crucial to know that there is a document known as a Borough Plan, and why I made making this distinction is because it's backed by a substantial amount of evidence gathered to a process rather than being politically motivated manifesto.

The role of political oversight is to ensure that the throughout diligent execution of such work. Mr Mayor, I'd like to emphasise 3 important facts.

Firstly, without the Borough Plan, including 2019, the Council would relinquish control over developments necessitating approval for almost every application. So therefore, I urge all members here, including Councillor Smith, to acknowledge that the hard work of the previous Labour administrations in establishing this plan.

Secondly, the ongoing examination of the Borough Plan 2019 review involves inspectors assessing the quality of the evidence. It is premature to speculate on outcomes, but it is clear that any unsound political intervention could have significant financial repercussions to the council potential amounting to hundreds of thousands of pounds through the appeals, funds that belong to the people of Nuneaton and Bedworth and Bulkington and not the political parties.

So, in addition to the lack of robust evidence presented to the Inspector, this is probably the biggest threat to the Greenbelt if it's not presented in a proper way. And lastly, let me be very clear, the outcome of the appeals process relating to A5, including the latest appeals, has absolutely no relevance to the Borough Plan review or the Greenbelt. The appeal was solely rejected on A5, just purely based on traffic grounds.

Thank you much.

### <u>Question 3</u> – Councillor Kris Wilson submitted the following question to the Leader of the Council.

When the Conservatives left office, we had invested in the largest programme of play area renewal in our Borough for 30 years, with new parks at Buttermere Park, Sherbourne Avenue, Sorrel Road, Attleborough Recreation Ground and Marlborough Road Recreation Ground all started under my administration. We overturned the Labour agreement for Coventry housing overspill; put the regeneration programmes on a sound financial footing; secured the funding and started the new Bedworth Leisure Centre; put forward a revised Borough Plan to the Planning Inspector; provided record amounts of support for our towns and local businesses. I could go on.

Within 2 months of our election in 2021 we passed an emergency budget putting in place our promises from our election manifesto. So far, I have seen no activity from the new Labour administration.

Could the Leader of the Council confirm what exactly his new administration will deliver for the residents of Nuneaton and Bedworth, as it appears that he has accepted all of the policies the outgoing Conservative administration put in place?

### It was agreed that in his absence a written response would be provided to Councillor K. Wilson.

### Councillor C. Watkins, Leader of the Council, responded as follows:

Dear Councillor Wilson,

I do hope that you are feeling better and I am very sorry for the delay in responding to your question from full council.

You make great play of having made changes in the first two month's of your administration but it is hard to see what you were actually doing during the rest of your time in control.

Some of the items you mention had been started under the previous administration, the revised Borough Plan has yet to be approved and I would suggest that you didn't put the regeneration plans on a sound business footing.

Meanwhile in our first two months we had to deal with a General Election and a whole host of matters kicked into the long grass by your administration.

Personally I wouldn't make a virtue of having changed everything in your first two months.

We are adopting a more measured approach which includes proper attention to detail - that way, for example, we won't end up building Grayson Place as a potential death trap, we will get the flooding problems at Bucks Hill and Attleborough Cemeteries sorted, we will keep the Museum open and we get the grounds maintenance contract properly specified to name but a few things we have had to pick up from your neglect.

While you talk the talk we are just getting on with walking the walk without making a great song and dance about it.

### <u>Question 4</u> - Councillor Lubs Cvetkovic asked the following question to the Leader of the Council:

Thank you Mr Mayor. May I take this opportunity to congratulate you and the Deputy Mayor on your appointments.

Following the local elections at the start of May, a resident of Bulkington messaged me and asked what would a Labour Council mean for the residents of Bulkington?

I was not able to provide him with an answer to this question but promised that

this would be the first question I would ask the newly appointed Leader of the Council.

I did ask a similar question to his predecessors (former Councillor J. Jackson) before I was an elected member, and she was unable to name one specific thing that Labour had done for Bulkington over the previous five year period.

Over the last three years, working alongside a Conservative led Council we have seen the Christmas light switch on resurrected and returned to its former glory. We have had several new pieces of play equipment added to the recreation ground. We have seen funding for a Jubilee and a Coronation event, which brought joy and happiness to many as well as a big boost to the local economy. A project to improve the maintenance of the flower beds in Leicester Street and HSG 7 removed from the Borough plan alongside the Woodlands in Bedworth.

Sadly, in the same three year period former Councillor Shiers, who produced the Labour alternative budget, wanted to reduce funding for the Bulkington Village Centre by 10%. Can the Leader of the Council offer the residents of Bulkington assurances that this settlement will continue to be supported and not forgotten, or even better outline any specific schemes that he and his Cabinet will implement to build on what has been achieved over the last few years?

### Councillor C. Watkins, Leader of the Council, responded as follows:

I can offer the residents of Bulkington the assurance that they will be fully included in everything that we do in the largest redevelopment of Nuneaton that we have ever seen.

I can offer assurances to the residents of Bulkington that we they will be fully included in the redevelopment of Bedworth and the millions that we will be spending on the Bedworth activity hub.

When I was a young boy in Stockingford, which includes Stockingford East, Stockingford West and Arbury, there was a carnival and some people will remember that but that sadly passed, passed to the side. I will treat Bulkington, which is part of Nuneaton and I'm sure you know that being a Bulkington Councillor. I will treat Nuneaton as part of Nuneaton and Bedworth and together we will be united to achieve.

### <u>Question 5</u> – Councillor Sue Markham submitted the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Communities and Health

Since Labour took control of NBBC in May, it seems that the contractor team is yet again being let off the hook with grounds maintenance across the towns and

villages in the Borough. Councillors have received and reported many complaints from all over the Bedworth area since May.

When Conservatives were in charge of the town hall between 2021-24, standards in ground maintenance vastly improved under the stewardship of Councillor Gutteridge, your predecessor.

The main cause of concerns to residents is the fact that the contractor is clearly not following the contract specifications with respect of strimming immediately after grass cutting. Whilst I understand that there is a separate team for strimming, and it has been very wet, it is absolutely clear that strimming is not taking place after the cut. As a consequence, numerous pieces of Council land are now an absolute eyesore.

As such I would welcome answers to the following. How many rectification and/or default notices have been issued against the ground maintenance contractors between May and the present day and, is it still the policy of the Council not to pay the ground maintenance contractors for a piece of work until it has been completed to the standard specified within the contract.

### Councillor T. Jenkins, Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Communities and Health, responded as follows:

So I'll answer your questions in reverse order if I may. So with regards to the completion to the standard, yes, the strimming is supposed to be done within 24 hours of mowing and payment to the contractor is as per the contract terms for completed areas.

Now as we're all aware and as you rightly stated in your question, it has been an extremely wet year this year. So we had unprecedented rain over the winter period which continued into April, which continued into May. We had 147% increase on rainfall in May, So there were extenuating circumstances.

A lot of the ground was very wet, couldn't get onto it, and this has had a knock on effect. Another factor is that under the previous administration, the contractor was requested to supply and do all the bedding plants and there were issues with that, with the supply of that. So all the bedding plants arrived within two days. So people had to be pulled off strimming and mowing to facilitate planting of the bedding plants, otherwise they can only be stored for a very short time and they would have died.

So under the extenuating circumstances, in answer to your first question, no, there haven't been any rectification or default notices issued at this stage, but we will monitor that going forward. Thank you.

### <u>Question 6</u> – Councillor Michele Kondakor asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Enforcement

Our Borough Plan/Local Plan is based on new planning applications for major developments having 15% modal shift. That is 15% more trips using active travel i.e. walking, cycling or using public transport. In reality, we are getting developments with a negative modal shift – i.e. they are difficult to walk from, cycle from and have poor connections with public transport.

One example is on Eastboro Way, by the Crow's nest, where currently there is no controlled crossing point, no safe cycle route and no bus stops.

Clearly a lot of active travel infrastructure should be provided by the County Council and developers. Some of this is never delivered and some of it is delivered late, so that people do not get used to using it as soon as they move to the development. Will the Cabinet Member for Planning and Enforcement ask officers to be more robust in setting planning conditions requiring active travel and taking the necessary enforcement action if this doesn't happen?

### Councillor R. Roze, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Enforcement, responded as follows:

Thank you, Councillor Kondakor. Very, very valid point. We're taking that on board, and just to say that we're already ahead. So Active Travel England has recently become a Statutory Consultee, but we'll be definitely paying attention and you know, way forward. Thank you.

### <u>Question 7</u> – Councillor Julian Gutteridge asked the following question to the Leader of the Council

At the Overview and Scrutiny Panel on the 13th of June 2024 I was astonished to hear in response to my question to the new portfolio holder that, after five weeks he had not met with the Parks Manager or the Ground Care contractors. Does the Leader of the Council believe this is acceptable from his new portfolio holder, given the importance that residents place on the grounds maintenance contract which I believe has grossly underperformed on his watch?

### Councillor C. Watkins, Leader of the Council, responded as follows:

Yes, I do find it acceptable that the portfolio holder for grounds maintenance has not met with the contractor Glendale, because we have had so many other problems to deal with, and an election which as you know we won. It might also have looked very odd if the portfolio holder had had a meeting with the contractor and then we had to extend the contract for a further two years, which has cost us a fortune. And I'm sure you knew about that as well.

But I would also like to correct your question because you're saying here that he said that he didn't meet with the Parks Management and I was at the same meeting and he did say that he had met with the Director and the Parks Manager, he just hadn't met with the contractor.

### <u>Question 8</u> – Councillor Martin Walsh asked the following question to the Leader of the Council:

In the last Conservative budget it was announced that Bedworth was to receive up to £20 million in regeneration funding over the next five years. Following the General Election and a new Labour Government I, and many Bedworth residents, are concerned that the new Government will roll back this vital support for our town. Will the Leader of the Council agree to write to the new Member of Parliament for Bedworth to remind her of the importance of this investment in Bedworth and call on her to make sure that this support is delivered?

Councillor C. Watkins, Leader of the Council, responded as follows:

We have already wrote to all three MP's and we will continue to keep in touch with all the three MP's. Thank you, Councillor Walsh.

### <u>Question 9</u> – Councillor Jeff Clarke asked the following question to the Leader of the Council:

Thank you, Mr Mayor, and may I offer my congratulations to yourself and the Deputy Mayor on your appointment.

I read with concern a BBC news article that quoted the new Leader of the Council saying he was going to re-open the plans for regeneration in Nuneaton. This would seriously put at risk the funding we have secured thanks to the outgoing Conservative administrations both locally and nationally. It is my view that this will undermine business confidence if this is allowed to continue or is considered to be appropriate for the regeneration of our town. Will the Leader of the Council just get on with the job of Transforming Nuneaton instead of trying to promise the Earth and deliver nothing?

**Councillor C. Watkins, Leader of the Council, responded as follows** No, I will not just get on with the job until I'm 100% happy with everything that is being planned for the site. Following the savage cuts made to Nuneaton's fire service by the Tory administration, of which you're one, by Warwickshire County Council, we are now an engine down in Nuneaton and you are, like I say you was one of the Tory councillors that made one of them as decisions.

We, the Labour administration, take health and safety very seriously and they have raised some concerns with the designs that are being looked into at the moment.

But until I am happy that every health and safety issue has been resolved I will not just get on with the job, we as a Labour administration take the safety of all of our residents and visitors to the Borough very seriously.

### <u>Question 10</u> – Councillor Tony Venson asked the following question to the Leader of the Council.

Following the announcement of the proposed cuts to Nuneaton's Fire Service by Warwickshire County Council, could a warning letter be sent to WCC sighting the recent incident on Bulkington Lane in Nuneaton, where they required the two appliances from Nuneaton, plus one from Atherstone and also one from Leamington in attendance at a fire.

Add to this concerns in other locations where following the reduction in fire stations and appliances, after heat related fires, there was woefully inadequate cover with the requirement to bring in fire appliances from neighbouring districts, increasing risks to life. Warwickshire County Council need to seriously reconsider putting Nuneaton's residents at risk.

### Councillor C. Watkins, Leader of the Council, responded as follows

Yes, I think that's an excellent idea to write to Warwickshire County Council and ask them to look at the cuts that they're proposing. So we'll draft a letter to the Leader of Warwickshire County Council, and also, as you've stated, state some of the incidents that have happened in the Borough recently and hopefully we can get a review of what they intend to do.

### <u>Question 11</u> – Councillor Samuel Croft asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Business and Regeneration

I think I congratulated you and Mr Deputy Mayor at the Annual Council, but I will welcome the Cabinet to their place. We will endeavour, in a respectful way, to provide robust check and challenge over the next two years and I'm sure they will enjoy 'question time' as little as I did.

So my question Mr Mayor is that, in October 2020 the then Labour Cabinet authorised the signing of the contract with the hotel operator for Grayson Place.

In the Spring of this year, the Conservative administration set up a trading company to manage the operation of that contract, as part of the rescue package that we implemented to ensure the viability of the regeneration programme. Can the cabinet member confirm if new Directors for the company have now been appointed following the change of administration, and what steps have been taken to bring the company into operation in preparation for the hotel opening

**Councillor C. Watkins, Leader of the Council, responded as follows** I've never really been happy with Councillors being both Councillors and Directors of a company.

So we are looking at the Grayson Place thing as the Board of Directors and we're looking at a few things going forward. However, I can confirm that the operating company for Grayson Place has been established in anticipation on the opening date.

### CL18 Special Urgency Decisions

**RESOLVED** that the following special urgency decision be noted:

 Delegated Authority by Officer - DO/01/2024 (BD) – Revised Committee Membership and Appointment to Outside Bodies 2024/25 – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

### CL19 Cabinet

The Leader of the Council submitted the Leaders report on behalf of Cabinet. The report highlighted matters considered at the Cabinet meetings held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 and 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and details of reports from the West Midlands Combined Authority Board (WMCAB), which has a direct impact on NBBC.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

#### CL20 Validation Checklist for Planning Applications

The Assistant Director for Planning submitted a report to Council to seek approval to adopt the Validation Checklist for Planning Applications

Councillor R. Roze moved the recommendations in the report.

Councillor C. Phillips seconded the recommendations.

A vote was taken.

### **RESOLVED** that

- a) the Validation Checklist for Planning Applications (Appendix A of the report) be adopted; and
- b) subject to consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Enforcement, minor modifications be made to the Validation Checklist prior to final publication, where these modifications correct typographical errors, amendments to numbering or cross referring.

### CL21 Recommendations from Cabinet and Other Committees

### i) Finance Procedure Rules

At the Audit and Standards Committee meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 a report by Strategic Director – Corporate Resources was submitted and a recommendation put forward for Council approval.

Councillor J. Bonner moved the recommendation for council approval.

Councillor K. Price seconded the recommendation.

A vote was taken.

**RESOLVED** that the updated Finance Procedure Rules be approved for inclusion in the constitution.

### ii) Treasury Management 2023/24 - Year End Review

At the Audit and Standards Committee meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 a report by Assistant Director – Finance and Finance Manager - Treasury was submitted and a recommendation put forward for Council approval.

Councillor J. Bonner moved the recommendation for council approval.

Councillor K. Price seconded the recommendation.

A vote was taken.

**RESOLVED** that the Annual Report be approved.

### iii) Review of Treasury Practices

At the Audit and Standards Committee meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 a report by Assistant Director – Finance and Finance Manager - Treasury was submitted and a recommendation put forward for Council approval.

Councillor J. Bonner moved the recommendation for council approval.

Councillor K. Price seconded the recommendation.

**RESOLVED** that the revised Treasury Management Practices be approved.

### CL22 Exclusion of 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 (iv) of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act.

### CL23 Appointment of Deputy Chief Executive

The Chief Executive submitted a report to Council putting forward recommendations for the designation of the Deputy Chief Executive role.

### **RESOLVED** that

- a) the Deputy Chief Executive duties be assigned to the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources; and
- b) the Head of Paid Service be instructed to implement the above with immediate effect.

Mayor

# Appendix to the Minutes -10th July 2024 Council - Schedule of Declarations of Interests – 2024/2025

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
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E. /	Amaechi	<ul> <li>Employed NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP)</li> <li>Ricky Global Consultants Ltd</li> <li>Purple Dove Events Ltd</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Foundation Governor - Our Lady and St. Joseph Academy, Nuneaton.</li> <li>Member of: <ul> <li>British Computer Society.</li> <li>Igbo Community Coventry.</li> <li>Mbaise Community, Coventry.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul> <li>Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground</li> <li>EQuIP: Equality and Inclusion Partnership</li> <li>West Midlands Combined Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
M.	Bird		<ul> <li>Life Member of National Association of British Market Authorities.</li> <li>Member of the Stockingford Allotment association and Pavillion Club.</li> </ul>	
J. E	Bonner	Employed by Etone College (Matrix Academy Trust) - Teacher	The Labour Party (sponsorship) Member of: - The Labour Party - National Education Union	

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D. Brown	Employed by H.M Land Registry	Regional Coordinator, Ragdoll Rescue Charity.	
A. Bull	Employed by FedEx	The Labour Party (sponsorship) -CWU Trade Union Member	
		Representative of the following Outside Bodies: • Age UK (Warwickshire Branch)	
J. Clarke	-Employed by Marcus Jones MP - Warwickshire	Nuneaton Conservative Association; Deputy Chairman	
	County Councillor	Masonic Buildings - Nuneaton	
J. Collett	Employed by: - Marcus Jones MP - Consigliere Strategy Ltd	<ul> <li>Nuneaton Conservative</li> <li>Association (sponsorship)</li> <li>Member of:</li> <li>Nuneaton Rugby Club</li> <li>Nuneaton Town Football Club</li> <li>Nuneaton Cricket Club</li> </ul>	
T. Cooper	None		
S. Croft	Employed at Holland & Barrett Retail Ltd		
L. Cvetkovic	Head of Geography (Teacher), Sidney Stringer Academy, Coventry	The Bulkington Volunteers (Founder); Bulkington Sports and Social Club (Trustee)	
		Member on the following Outside Bodies: Building Control Partnership Steering Group	
S. Dhillon	Employed by UHCW NHS Trust	Member (Rep) at Unison – UHCW Trust	
		Representative on the following Outside Bodies:	
		<ul> <li>Warwickshire Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee</li> <li>Camp Hill Urban Village: Pride in Camp Hill Board</li> <li>Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground</li> <li>George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust – Public/User Board</li> <li>West Midlands</li> </ul>	
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M. Etienr	ne	Employed by Network Rail	RMT Member	
J. Gutter	idge		Member of NABCEL	
B. Hanco	х		The Labour Party (sponsorship) Member of: - The Labour Party - Unite the Union - British Gurkha Veterans Association (Adviser) Representative on the following	
			<ul> <li>Outside Bodies:</li> <li>Nuneaton Festival of Arts</li> <li>Bedworth Neighbourhood Watch Committee</li> <li>Nicolas Chamberlaine's School Foundation</li> </ul>	
J. Hartsh	iorn	Employed by Asda Nuneaton	Member of Nuneaton Conservatives	
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: • West Midlands Employers Board (NBBC representative) • Local Government Superannuation Scheme Consultative Board • Grayson Place (NBBC) Limited • West Midlands Employers • Nuneaton and Bedworth Older	
P. Hicklir	ng	Employed by - King Edward VI Sixth Form College (Teacher) - Pearson Education (Snr Examiner)	People's Forum 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	

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		- Governor of King Edward VI Sixth Form College	
		Representative on the following Outside Bodies:	
		Friendship Project for Children	
B. Hughes	Full Time Carer	Member of the Labour Party. Member of the National Trust. Member of the Caravan and Motorhome Club Member of CAMRA	
		Representative on the following Outside Bodies: George Elliot Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Governors	
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	
		<ul> <li>Outside Bodies:</li> <li>Nuneaton and Bedworth Sports Forum,</li> <li>Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board,</li> <li>Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board,</li> <li>Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel,</li> <li>Biodiversity Champion</li> <li>Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground</li> <li>Exhall Education Foundation</li> <li>Foleshill Charity Trustee – Proffitt's Charity</li> </ul>	
A. Khangura	Self-Employed		
N. King	Employed by Love Hair and Beauty	Representative on the following Outside Bodies:	
		Nuneaton Town Deal	

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		Board	
M. Kondakor		<ul> <li>Member of the Green Party</li> <li>Member of Nuneaton</li> <li>Harriers AC</li> <li>Chair – Bedworth Symphony</li> <li>Orchestra</li> </ul>	
S. Markham	County Councillor – WCC (Portfolio Holder for Children's Services)	<ul> <li>Governor at Ash Green School</li> <li>Member of the following</li> <li>Outside Bodies:</li> <li>Hammersley, Smith and Orton Charities</li> <li>Trustee of Abbey Theatre</li> </ul>	
W. Markham		Governor at Ash Green School for SEND	
		Member of Unite Union	
B. Pandher		<ul> <li>Member of Warwickshire County Council.</li> <li>Member of the Conservative Party</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>President &amp; Trustee of Nanaksar Gurdwara Gursikh Temple Coventry;</li> <li>Coordinator of Council of Sikh Temples in Coventry;</li> <li>Secretary of Coventry Indian Community;</li> <li>Trustee of Sikh Monument Trust</li> <li>Vice Chair Exhall Multicultural Group</li> </ul>	
C. Phillips	Warwickshire County Council	Chair of Governors – Stockingford Nursery School	
K. Price	Warwickshire County Council	The Labour Party Unite the Union BASW Social Work England Registration	
R. Roze	Director – InfiniTEN Ltd	<ul> <li>Representative on the following Outside Bodies:</li> <li>A5 Member Partnership</li> <li>Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd</li> <li>PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside of London) Joint Committee Services.</li> <li>Building Control Partnership Steering</li> </ul>	

Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
		<ul><li>Group</li><li>Bedworth Town Deal Board</li></ul>	
B. Saru	Director – Saru Embroidery Ltd	- Labour Party (sponsorship) Representative on the following	
		Outside Bodies: - Armed Forces Covenant	
J. Sheppard		<ul> <li>Representative on the following Outside Bodies:</li> <li>Sherbourne Asset Co Shareholder Committee</li> <li>Warwickshire Direct Partnership</li> <li>Warwickshire Waste Partnership</li> <li>Nuneaton Neighbour Watch Committee</li> </ul>	
		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	
T. Sheppard	Self Employed	Member of Unite the Union Member of Labour Party	
C. Smith	Software Engineer – Prophet PLC	- U16 Coach – Nuneaton RFC - Safeguarding – Manor Park RFC	
		Representative on the following Outside Bodies: Astley Charity	
R. Smith		<ul> <li>Conservative Party Member</li> <li>Chair of Trustees - Volunteer</li> <li>Friends, Bulkington;</li> <li>Trustee of Bulkington Sports and Social Club.</li> </ul>	
T. Venson	Employed by Freightliner Heavy Haul	<ul> <li>ASIEF Trade Union The Labour Party</li> <li>Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul> <li>Building Control Partnership Steering Group</li> <li>Warwickshire Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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M. Walsh	(Retired)Employed by MacInnes Tooling Ltd. – UK Sales Manager	Trustee of the Nuneaton Scouts Association. Representative on the following Outside Bodies: • Hammersley Smith and	
C.M. Watkins	Employee of Nutri Pack	Orton Charity Representative on the following outside bodies: Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd. (NABCEL) Coventry, Warwickshire and Hinckley and Bosworth Joint Committee Local Government Association Nuneaton and Bedworth Hone 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	
K.D. Wilson	Delivery Manager, Nuneaton and Warwick County Courts & West Midlands and Warwickshire Bailiffs, HMCTS, Warwickshire Justice Centre, Nuneaton	<ul> <li>-Deputy Chairman – Nuneaton Conservative Association</li> <li>- Nuneaton Conservative association (sponsorship)</li> <li>-Board Member of the Conservative Association.</li> <li>-Corporate Tenancies: properties are leased by NBBC to Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd, of which I am a Council appointed Director.</li> <li>Representative on the following Outside Bodies:</li> <li>-LGA People &amp; Places Board (Member)</li> <li>-Director of Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd (NABCEL)</li> <li>-Director of Grayson Place (NBBC) Ltd</li> </ul>	
M. Wright			

### Agenda Item 4

### Council - Schedule of Declarations of Interests – 2024/2025

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E. Amaechi	- Employed NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP) - Ricky Global Consultants Ltd - Purple Dove Events Ltd - Director – Techealth Ltd	<ul> <li>The Labour Party (sponsorship)</li> <li>Foundation Governor - Our Lady and St. Joseph Academy, Nuneaton.</li> <li>Member of: <ul> <li>British Computer Society.</li> <li>Igbo Community Coventry.</li> <li>Mbaise Community, Coventry.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul> <li>Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground</li> <li>EQuIP: Equality and Inclusion Partnership</li> <li>West Midlands Combined Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee</li> <li>Pride in Camp Hill (PinCH)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
M. Bird		<ul> <li>Life Member of National Association of British Market Authorities.</li> <li>Member of the Stockingford Allotment association and Pavillion Club.</li> </ul>	
J. Bonner	Employed by Etone College (Matrix Academy Trust) - Teacher	The Labour Party (sponsorship) Member of: - The Labour Party - National Education Union	
D. Brown	Employed by H.M Land Registry	Regional Coordinator, Ragdoll Rescue Charity.	

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		Representative of the following Outside Bodies: Age UK (Warwickshire Branch)	
J. Clarke	-Employed by Marcus Jones - Warwickshire County Councillor	Nuneaton Conservative Association; Deputy Chairman Officer of the Abbey Preceptory	
		Masonic Buildings - Nuneaton	
J. Collett	Employed by: - Consigliere Strategy Ltd - Director, Research and Insights for Fullbrook Strategies Ltd.	<ul> <li>Nuneaton Conservative</li> <li>Association (sponsorship)</li> <li>Member of: <ul> <li>Nuneaton Rugby Club</li> <li>Nuneaton Town Football Club</li> <li>Nuneaton Cricket Club</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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L. Cvetkovic	Head of Geography (Teacher), Sidney Stringer Academy, Coventry	The Bulkington Volunteers (Founder); Bulkington Sports and Social Club (Trustee)	
		Member on the following Outside Bodies: Building Control Partnership Steering Group	
S. Dhillon	Employed by UHCW NHS Trust	Member (Rep) at Unison – UHCW Trust	
		Representative on the following Outside Bodies:	
		<ul> <li>Warwickshire Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee</li> <li>Camp Hill Urban Village: Pride in Camp Hill Board</li> <li>Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground</li> <li>George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust – Public/User Board</li> <li>West Midlands Combined Authority Wellbeing Board</li> </ul>	
M. Etienne	Employed by Network Rail	<ul> <li>Member of The Conservative Party and Nuneaton Conservative Association</li> <li>RMT Member</li> </ul>	

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J. Gutteridge	None		
B. Hancox		The Labour Party (sponsorship) Member of: - The Labour Party - Unite the Union - British Gurkha Veterans Association (Adviser)	
		Representative on the following Outside Bodies: • Nuneaton Festival of	
		<ul> <li>Numerical of Testival of Arts</li> <li>Bedworth Neighbourhood Watch Committee</li> <li>Nicolas Chamberlaine's School Foundation</li> </ul>	
J. Hartshorn	Employed by Asda Nuneaton	Member of Nuneaton Conservatives	
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: • 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	
P. Hickling	<ul> <li>Employed by Wyggeston and Queen Elizabeth I College (Teacher)</li> <li>Pearson Education (Snr Examiner)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The Labour Party (sponsorship)</li> <li>Member of The Labour Party (CLP and Secretary of Nuneaton West)</li> <li>Member of National Education Union</li> <li>Committee Member of Nuneaton Historical Association</li> <li>Representative on the following Outside Bodies:</li> <li>Friendship Project for Children</li> </ul>	
B. Hughes	Full Time Carer	Member of the Labour Party. Member of the National Trust. Member of the Caravan and Motorhome Club Member of CAMRA	

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			Representative on the following Outside Bodies: George Elliot Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Governors	
T. Je	enkins	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: - 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	
A. Kł	hangura	Self-Employed		
N. Ki	ing	Employed by Love Hair and Beauty	Representative on the following Outside Bodies: • Nuneaton Town Deal Board	
М. К	ondakor		<ul> <li>Member of the Green Party</li> <li>Member of Nuneaton</li> <li>Harriers AC</li> <li>Chair – Bedworth Symphony</li> <li>Orchestra</li> </ul>	
S. M	arkham	County Councillor – WCC (Portfolio Holder for Children's Services)	<ul> <li>Governor at Ash Green School</li> <li>Member of the following</li> <li>Outside Bodies:</li> <li>Hammersley, Smith and Orton Charities</li> <li>Trustee of Abbey Theatre</li> <li>Bedworth Board</li> </ul>	
W. N	larkham		Governor at Ash Green School for SEND	

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		Member of Unite Union	
B. Pandher		<ul> <li>Member of Warwickshire County Council.</li> <li>Member of the Conservative Party</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>President &amp; Trustee of Nanaksar Gurdwara Gursikh Temple Coventry;</li> <li>Coordinator of Council of Sikh Temples in Coventry;</li> <li>Secretary of Coventry Indian Community;</li> <li>Trustee of Sikh Monument Trust</li> <li>Vice Chair Exhall Multicultural Group</li> </ul>	
C. Phillips	Member of Warwickshire County Council	<ul> <li>Chair of Governors –</li> <li>Stockingford Nursery School</li> <li>Member of Labour Party</li> <li>Part-time Carer</li> </ul>	
K. Price	Warwickshire County Council	The Labour Party Unite the Union BASW Social Work England Registration	
R. Roze	Director – InfiniTEN Ltd	<ul> <li>Representative on the following Outside Bodies:</li> <li>A5 Member Partnership</li> <li>Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd</li> <li>PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside of London) Joint Committee Services.</li> <li>Building Control Partnership Steering Group</li> <li>Bedworth Town Deal Board</li> </ul>	
B. Saru	<ul> <li>Director – Saru Embroidery Ltd</li> <li>Co-founder and Owner – Fish Tale Ale Beer</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Labour Party (sponsorship)</li> <li>Chair of the British Gurkha Veterans Association</li> <li>Representative on the following Outside Bodies:</li> <li>Armed Forces Covenant</li> </ul>	
J. Sheppard		Representative on the following Outside Bodies: Sherbourne Asset Co Shareholder Committee Warwickshire Direct	

Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
		<ul> <li>Partnership</li> <li>Warwickshire Waste Partnership</li> <li>Nuneaton Neighbour Watch Committee</li> </ul>	
		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	
T. Sheppard	Self Employed	Member of Unite the Union Member of Labour Party	
C. Smith	Software Engineer – Prophet PLC	<ul> <li>Member of Labour Party and Unite</li> <li>Member of Nuneaton RFC</li> <li>Safeguarding – Manor Park RFC</li> </ul>	
		Representative on the following Outside Bodies: Astley Charity	
R. Smith		<ul> <li>Conservative Party Member</li> <li>Chair of Trustees - Volunteer Friends, Bulkington;</li> <li>Trustee of Bulkington Sports and Social Club.</li> </ul>	
T. Venson	Employed by Freightliner Heavy Haul	<ul> <li>ASIEF Trade Union The Labour Party</li> <li>Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul> <li>Building Control Partnership Steering Group</li> <li>Warwickshire Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
M. Walsh	Employed by MacInnes Tooling Ltd. – UK Sales Manager	Trustee of the Nuneaton Scouts Association. Representative on the following Outside Bodies: • Hammersley Smith and Orton Charity	
C.M. Watkins	Employee of Nutri Pack	<ul> <li>Representative on the following outside bodies:</li> <li>Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd. (NABCEL)</li> <li>Coventry, Warwickshire and Hinckley and Bosworth Joint Committee</li> <li>Local Government Association</li> <li>Nuneaton and Bedworth</li> </ul>	

Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
		<ul> <li>Hone Improvement Agency</li> <li>Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership</li> <li>Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd</li> <li>Warwickshire Housing Support Partnership</li> <li>West Midlands Combined Authority Board (WMCA)</li> <li>West Midland Combined Housing and Land delivery Board</li> </ul>	
K.D. Wilson	Delivery Manager, Nuneaton and Warwick County Courts & West Midlands and Warwickshire Bailiffs, HMCTS, Warwickshire Justice Centre, Nuneaton	<ul> <li>Deputy Chairman – Nuneaton Conservative Association</li> <li>Nuneaton Conservative association (sponsorship)</li> <li>Board Member of the Conservative Councillors' Association.</li> <li>Corporate Tenancies: properties are leased by NBBC to Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd, of which I am a Council appointed Director.</li> <li>Representative on the following Outside Bodies:</li> <li>LGA People &amp; Places Board (Member)</li> <li>Director of Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd (NABCEL)</li> <li>Director of Grayson Place (NBBC) Ltd</li> </ul>	
M. Wright			

### 4A.9 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

#### 4.9.1 General

At each Ordinary Meeting or Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council, 20 minutes (which can be extended at the discretion of the Mayor) shall be set aside for questions or statements from the public gallery by any resident of the Borough in relation to matters in respect of which the Council has powers or duties, or which affect the Borough. In the case of an Extra Ordinary Meeting the question or statement must relate to the business of that meeting.

### 4.9.2 Notice of Questions and Statements

No such question shall be asked, or statement made, unless it shall have been delivered in writing to the Head of Paid Service no later than 12 noon on the day before the meeting of the Council.

#### 4.9.3 **Scope of Questions and Statements**

The Head of Paid Service may reject a question or statement if it:

- a) is not about a matter for which the Council has a responsibility or which doesn't affect the Borough;
- b) is defamatory, frivolous or offensive;
- c) is substantially the same as a question or statement which has been put at a meeting of the Council in the past six months;
- d) requires or involves the disclosure of confidential or exempt information; or
- e) It is not a question nor a statement, as provided for in these Procedure Rules.
- 4.9.4 The Mayor will invite the relevant Cabinet Member or Committee Chair to give a reply. Such reply shall not exceed five minutes. In the case of a question, on the discretion of the Mayor, a supplementary question may be asked if arising directly from the reply, provided that the original allocation of five minutes is not exceeded. The Mayor may reject a supplementary question on any of the grounds detailed in paragraph 4.9.3 above

### 4.9.5 **Time Limit and Number of Questions**

No question or statement shall exceed three minutes. In the event of there being more than one question or statement, the Head of Paid Service will ensure that questions and statements are dealt with in the order received. At the expiry of the 20 minute period, or such period as may be agreed by the Mayor, or after the reply to the final question or statement, whichever shall first occur, the Council will proceed to the next business.

### 4.9.6 Record of Questions and Statements

The question or statement and the reply given shall be minuted.

#### 4.9.7 **Reference of Question to the Cabinet or a Committee**

Unless the Mayor decides otherwise, no discussion will take place on any question, but any Member may move that a matter raised by a question be referred to the Cabinet or the appropriate Committee. Once seconded, such a motion will be voted on without discussion.

4.9.8 Any question or statement which cannot be dealt with during Public Participation because of lack of time will be dealt with in writing, and recorded in accordance with paragraph 4.9.6.

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### 4A.10 QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS

4.10.1 A Member of the Council may ask the Leader of the Council or the Chair of a Committee any question without notice upon an item of the report of the Cabinet or a Committee (respectively) when that item is being received or under consideration by the Council.

### 4.10.2 Questions on Notice at Full Council

At each meeting a Member of the Council may ask no more than one question (but see 4.10.3(b) below) on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties, or which affects the Borough. A Member may choose to ask their permitted question of either:

- a Member of the Cabinet; or
- the Chair of any Committee, Panel or Sub-Committee
- 4.10.3 No such question under paragraph 4.10.2 shall be asked unless:

(a) the question has been delivered in writing to the Head of Paid Service and Leader before 12 noon on the day before the meeting of the Council; or

(b) where the question relates to urgent matters, they have the consent of the Mayor or the Leader of the Council or the Portfolio Holder to whom the question is to be put or in the case of a Committee, Panel or Sub-Committee, the Chair, and the content of the question is given to the Head of Paid Service at least three hours before the time that the meeting is due to start.

4.10.4 The Member who put the question may ask one supplementary question of the Member to whom the first question was asked if it arises directly out of the original question or the reply, and shall be put and answered without discussion.

#### 4.10.5 **Response**

An answer may take the form of:

- (a) a direct oral answer;
- (b) where the desired information is in a publication of the Council or other published work, a reference to that publication; or
- (c) where the reply cannot conveniently be given orally, a written answer circulated later to the questioner.

### 4.10.6 Request to Speak on the Matter

- (a) Arising from the question, and the response or supplementary response given, any other member of the Council may request to move a motion in connection with the response under consideration and, if seconded, speak on the item. The Rules of Debate as set out in Council Procedure Rule 13 shall apply (as modified below) and the responder to the original question shall have the right of reply at the end of the debate.
- (b) Any debate on a question shall be limited to no more than 15 minutes (excluding the right of reply) and each member shall be limited to speaking for no more than three minutes each.
- (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of (b) above, the maximum time for Members' questions shall not normally exceed 45 minutes, and the Mayor shall have discretion to limit the debate on questions as he or she shall see fit.

#### 4.10.7 Reference of Question to the Cabinet or a Committee

Any Member may move that a matter raised by a question be referred to the Cabinet or the appropriate Committee. Once seconded, such a motion will be voted on without discussion.

4.10.8 Any question which cannot be dealt with because of lack of time will be dealt with in writing in accordance with paragraph 4.10.5 (c).

#### 4.10.9 Questions on Notice at Committees, Panels or Sub- Committees

A Member of a Committee, Panel or Sub-Committee may, upon giving notice, ask the Chair of it one question on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties, or which affect the Borough and which falls within the Terms of Reference of that Committee, Panel or Sub-Committee



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# **Report Summary Sheet**

Date: 18 July 2024

Subject: Capital Outturn 2023/24

Portfolio: Resources & Customer Services (Councillor S Hey)

From: Strategic Director – Corporate Resources

### Summary:

To provide the final capital outturn position on the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for 2023/24.

### **Recommendations:**

To consider the capital outturn position for 2023/24

That the updated capital budget for 2024/25 is recommended to Council for approval

To note the capital reserve position as at the end of 2023/24

### **Options:**

To accept the report or request further information on the outturn position.

To recommend approval of the updated 2024/25 capital budget to Council

### Reasons:

To ensure the Council has an accurate capital budget.

### Consultation undertaken with Members/Officers/Stakeholders

Councillor Hey, Management Team and relevant officers

### Subject to call-in:

Yes

#### Ward relevance:

None directly.

### Forward plan:

Yes

### **Building a Better Borough Aim:**

Work

## **Building a Better Borough Priority:**

Grow a strong and inclusive economy.

### **Relevant statutes or policy:**

Local Government Finance Act

### **Equalities Implications:**

None

### Human resources implications:

None

### **Financial implications:**

Detailed in the report.

### Health Inequalities Implications:

None

Section 17 Crime & Disorder Implications:

None

Risk management implications:

None.

**Environmental implications:** 

None

Legal implications:

None

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### AGENDA ITEM NO.10a

#### NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to: Cabinet – 18 July 2024

From: Strategic Director – Corporate Resources Assistant Director - Finance

Subject: Capital Outturn 2023/24

Portfolio: Resources & Customer Services (Councillor S Hey)

**Building a Better Borough Aim: Work** 

Building a Better Borough Priority: Grow a Strong & Inclusive Economy

#### 1. <u>Purpose of Report</u>

- 1.1 To update on the Council's outturn position on capital expenditure for both the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account (HRA). The report is structured in the 2023/24 Cabinet Portfolios.
- 2. <u>Recommendations</u>
- 2.1 To consider of the final capital outturn position for 2023/24 for the General Fund and HRA.
- 2.2 That the updated capital budget for 2024/25 detailed in Appendix 2 is recommended to Council for approval.
- 2.3 To note the capital reserve position at the end of 2023/24.
- 3. <u>Background</u>
- 3.1 Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council has a large capital programme to provide community value and improve facilities. The outturn position for 2023/24 updates on how the programme is progressing.
- 4. Body of Report
- 4.1 The Council's capital programme covers many projects for both the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account.
- 4.2 General Fund projects are developed in line with strategies reported to Cabinet/Council and are funded through Section 106 developer contributions, grant funding (from the Government and other external

providers), internal and external borrowing plus capital receipts generated through asset sales.

- 4.3 HRA projects are mainly for refurbishment of council houses, disabled adaptations to council housing plus new build. They are funded from HRA reserves, capital receipts from Right to Buy plus grant income.
- 4.4 The capital budget for 2023/24 of £106,627,852 was approved in February 2023 at Council with an updated budget requirement reported of £111,917,651 to Cabinet in July 2023 after the final outturn was reported. The budget profile for 2023/24 was altered to give a three-year plan for capital spend rather than an annual update to prevent large movements in the budget in year.
- 4.5 A summary of the General Fund and HRA actual expenditure versus budget is below alongside financing of the programme with further detail included in Appendix 1.

Expenditure	Actual 2023/24 £	Amended Budget 2023/24 £	Variance 2023/24 £
Business & Regeneration	16,071,125	55,245,947	-39,174,822
Finance & Corporate	546,389	290,000	256,389
Housing & Communities	6,086,396	6,688,637	-602,241
Public Services	1,852,869	23,745,567	-21,892,698
Planning & Regulation	0	0	0
Health & Environment	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	0	100,000	-100,000
	24,556,780	86,070,151	-61,513,371
HRA	17,338,336	25,847,500	-8,509,164
Total Expenditure	41,895,116	111,917,651	-70,022,535

Financing	Actual 2023/24 £	Amended Budget 2023/24 £	Variance 2023/24 £
Earmarked Reserves /			
Revenue	3,242,916	4,617,631	-1,374,715
Capital Grants / Contributions	17,364,885	39,797,415	-22,432,530
Major Repairs Reserve	8,724,000	8,895,155	-171,155
Capital Receipts	357,882	1,460,000	-1,102,118
Prudential Borrowing	12,205,432	57,147,450	-44,942,018
Total Financing	41,895,116	111,917,651	-70,022,535

### **General Fund**

4.6 The programme for the General Fund has underspent by £61.5m in year but a large proportion of tis underspend is due to regeneration.

- 4.7 The Council was included as part of the Government's Pathfinder Project which enabled the transfer of grants between projects to ensure that regeneration was affordable. As a result, an updated regeneration plan was approved in February 2024.
- 4.8 A number of variances were seen in year, some of which were expected and reported in February 2025. They are summarised below.

#### **Business & Regeneration**

- The main underspends are for Grayson Place phases 1 & 2, Bridge to Living and projects related to Towns Fund grant income.
- Phase 1 of Grayson Place is underway with the hotel in the process of construction due for opening in August 2024 and phase 2 is being finalised with construction partners.
- Options appraisals have been conducted for Bridge to Living due to the increase in construction costs. A final plan is to be reported to a future Cabinet.
- Towns Fund is made up of numerous projects, but a delay due to discussions with the Department of Levelling Up Housing & Communities (DLUHC) regarding the transfer of funding to different projects has resulted in a large underspend.
- CCTV Wireless Technology was reported in February 2024 as an overspend after a business case regarding the works required was completed internally. This project has been fully funded from earmarked reserves set-aside for specific CCTV works.

### Finance & Corporate

- All projects within this Portfolio overspent in year but were fully funded and the overspends were known and reported in February 2024.
- ICT overspent due to additional cyber resilience works but grant funding to support was received. ICT projects are funded by earmarked reserves set-aside.
- Changing Places quotes to fit the toilets were far more expensive than the initial grant funding received. Additional support from the UKSPF grants plus general earmarked reserves have enabled completion of the project.
- Camp Hill expenditure is for claims against the Council that are fully funded by external contributions from Barratts. The majority of claims are now settled and an increase to the 2024/25 budget is proposed to ensure no further overspend is noted.

### Housing & Communities

- Underspends have been seen on the Homeless Hostel Conversion and Homes Upgrade Grants and small carry forwards have been proposed. It had been assumed in February budget setting that an underspend would be seen, and a revised budget was proposed. Other underspends include the Home Environment Assessment and Response Team (HEART) which covers all authorities in Warwickshire and any underspend is held in reserve plus Empty Homes which are demand led and have been included as full budgets in 2024/25.
- The main overspends against budget was seen in year for UKSPF and Green Homes but both of these are fully grant funded and the overspend was reported in February 2024. Smaller overspends were seen in other projects but these are fully funded from specific earmarked reserves.

### **Public Services**

- The main underspend is on the Bedworth Physical Activity Hub (BPAH) which was delayed due to discussions with DLUHC. The project is now progressing and the budget for 2024/25 has been updated slightly due to a carry forward request.
- Other underspends were either expected to have no expenditure and were therefore budgeted in full in 2024/25 or carry forward requests have been put forward. In addition to carry forward requests, the budget for Buttermere Park is requested to increase by £52k as works on the park are progressing well and S106 funding is available to support the additional cost.
- An overspend is reported on the Sherbourne Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) and Ambleside Sports Club but both of these were known and reported in February. The MRF is a budget profile issue and the project is now complete with a total of £4.874m paid as a loan which was previously approved by Cabinet.
- .Ambleside Sports Club had a business case approved internally to provide table tennis provision through S106 funds. The budget was not updated in 2023/24 but £75k was available and the remainder has been requested as a carry forward.
- 4.9 A carry forward of underspends is required and a summary of the proposed transfer into 2024/25 is listed below with detail in Appendix 1. The revised capital budget for 2024/25 is detailed in Appendix 2.

	Carry Forward
	£
Business & Regeneration	102,216
Finance & Corporate	0
Housing & Communities	70,074
Public Services	947,612
	1,119,902

#### HRA

- 4.10 The original HRA budget of £24,418,500 was updated in July 2023 to include carry forwards and was amended to £25,847,500.
- 4.11 Management of the HRA capital programme is based on scheduled works and progression of new build and acquisition targets. The budget as a whole is utilised by need of the customer and the most efficient use of resources to ensure value for money and will therefore fluctuate against the initial forecasted expenditure by line in any one year.
- 4.12 The main variances against the revised budget are on construction of new properties which are in the pipeline but are delayed whilst reviewing the Business Plan and structural repairs budget which provided the funding for the Council's EWI programme. The programme commenced in April 2023 and will complete in March 2025. In order to ensure value for money from our contractors the main works delivered under Wave 2.1 have been condensed into a 12-month programme commencing April 2024 with low value enabling works being completed in 2023/24.
- 4.13 A couple of small carry forwards are requested for renovation projects already underway but the 2024/25 budget was set as a one year stop gap whilst the Business Plan is reviewed.
- 4.14 The HRA Business Plan is review is underway and a full update to the capital plan will be reported to Cabinet by January 2025. Detail of the capital programme is included in Appendix 1 with the revised budget for 2024/25 included in Appendix 2.

### **Capital Reserves**

- 4.15 Reserves are held by the Council for capital purposes either generated through sales of assets, setting aside sums from underspends or receipts of grants for capital purposes.
- 4.16 The Council's capital reserve position at the end of March 2023 is as follows.

	2023/24
	£
Capital Receipts	622,010
Capital Grants	13,737,647
Earmarked Reserves	2,417,687
GF Total	16,777,344
Capital Receipts	825,714
1-4-1 Receipts	2,896,612
Earmarked Capital	4,163,826
Major Repairs Reserve	2,752,340
HRA Total	10,638,492
Total Capital Resources	27,415,836

4.17 Capital reserves are allocated against specific projects with no residual unallocated amount available. This poses risks to any movement in the projected capital expenditure as there is nothing available to cover any fluctuations in expenditure.

### 5. <u>Conclusion</u>

- 5.1 The capital programme is fully funded and for 2023/24 there has been slippage in the programme. After a fundamental review of regeneration was undertaken during the year, this has enabled a reset on affordability and a revised plan has been approved. There are still risks associated with borrowing costs and changes in the economic landscape, but these have been mitigated as far as possible. Projects are in the process of tender exercises and contingencies may not prove high enough with the cost of construction.
- 5.2 Any impact to the programme after tender will be reviewed and further options appraisals completed if they fall outside of the budgetary provision. Interest rates on projects where prudential borrowing is required will be carefully assessed for affordability prior to progressing.
- 6. <u>Appendices</u>
- 6.1 Appendix 1 Capital Outturn and Carry Forwards 2023/24 Appendix 2 – Updated Capital Budget 2024/25
- 7. Background Papers
- 7.1 None.

#### GENERAL FUND CAPITAL OUTTURN 2023/24

Appendix 1

	Revised Budget 2023/24 £	Outturn 2023/24 £	Variance 2023/24 £	Reprofile 2024/25 £
Transforming Bedworth	18,612	6,658	-11,954	0
Grayson Place phases 1 & 2	35,865,295	15,040,374	-20,824,921	0
Bridge to Living	8,221,994	829,866	-7,392,128	102,216
Towns Fund	10,080,553	55,930	-10,024,623	0
Towns Fund - Parks Revival	6,538	0	-6,538	0
CCTV - Wireless Technology	52,957	138,297	85,340	0
Business & Regeneration	55,245,947	16,071,125	-39,174,822	102,216
ICT Strategy Programme	140,000	163,709	23,709	0
Changing Places	125,000	183,609	58,609	0
Camp Hill - Early final phase	25,000	199,071	174,071	0
Finance & Corporate	290,000	546,389	256,389	0
Empty Homes and Works in default	40,000	0	-40,000	0
HEART - Disabled Facilities	5,125,000	4,817,146	-307,854	0
Empty Property Loans	100,000	0	-100,000	0
Green Homes Grant PH 3	405,359	764,111	358,752	0
Homeless Hostel Conversion	200,000	37,782	-162,218	37,218
HUG2	733,000	144	-732,856	32,856
Eaton House	0	12,546	12,546	0
Safer Streets - Stubbs Pool/The Dingle	41,917	69,774	27,857	0
Safer Streets - Nomad Camera	0	18,515	18,515	0
UKSPF	43,361	366,378	323,017	0
Housing & Communities	6,688,637	6,086,396	-602,241	70,074
Major Repairs	250,000	222,230	-27,770	0
Vehicle & Plant Replacement	270,000	0	-270,000	270,000
Sub-Regional Materials Recycling Facility	507,034	703,710	196,676	0
Leisure Strategy	230,904	118,265	-112,639	112,639
Play & Teenage Provision	4,710	0	-4,710	0
Ambleside Sports Club - Table Tennis	0	52,250	52,250	22,750
Fly Tipping Cameras	5,000	0	-5,000	0
Bedworth Physical Activity Hub (BPAH)	21,839,919	515,852	-21,324,067	255,285
Pauls Land Pavilion	10,500	0	-10,500	0
Cemetery Extension	100,000	0	-100,000	0
Stockingford Community Centre Grant	25,000	0	-25,000	25,000
Community Centre Grants	55,000	6,984	-48,017	48,017
Buttermere Recreation Ground Redevelopment	447,500	233,579	-213,921	213,921
Public Services	23,745,567	1,852,869	-21,892,698	947,612
Planning & Regulation	0	0	0	0
Health & Environment	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Projects	100,000	0	-100,000	0
TOTAL	86,070,151	24,556,780	-61,513,371	1,119,902

#### HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT CAPITAL OUTTURN 2023/24

	Revised Budget 2023/24 £	Outturn 2023/24 £	Variance 2023/24 £	Reprofile 2024/25 £
Decent Homes	1,900,000	1,775,254	-124,746	0
Roof Coverings/Modifications	750,000	928,641	178,641	0
Windows & Doors	700,000	727,383	27,383	0
Sheltered Alarm Call System	18,000	0	-18,000	0
Door Entry Scheme	160,000	49,873	-110,127	0
New Properties (Construction)	4,539,000	1,363,735	-3,175,265	0
Byford Court - Rebuild	3,011,000	2,789,288	-221,712	221,712
Acquisition of Properties	512,500	397,027	-115,473	115,473
Hostel Conversion	50,000	31,391	-18,609	-18,609
Independent Unit Living - Remodelling	150,000	0	-150,000	0
Conversion of Kingsway House	0	7,916	7,916	0
Conversion of Church Road	0	168,427	168,427	0
Conversion Cheverly Place	0	51,445	51,445	-51,445
District Heating Boilers	310,000	248,332	-61,668	0
Fire Works (General Purpose)	2,600,000	2,207,546	-392,454	0
Level Access Showers	600,000	144,352	-455,648	0
Aids & Adaptations	1,175,000	725,829	-449,171	0
Central Heating	1,000,000	937,211	-62,789	0
Slabs to Tarmac	124,000	260,533	136,533	0
Lift Renewal Works	30,000	4,522	-25,478	0
PIR Electrical Works	400,000	3,074	-396,926	0
Voids	760,000	868,500	108,500	0
Structural/Concrete Repairs	4,196,000	11,337	-4,184,663	0
Stock Condition Surveys	200,000	420,157	220,157	0
Environmental Works	190,000	168,748	-21,252	0
Housing Management System	10,000	0	-10,000	0
External Wall insulation	0	1,099,702	1,099,702	0
CCTV Renewal - GP Flats	10,000	2,545	-7,455	0
Garages	30,000	20,000	-10,000	0
Replacement Vehicles	1,750,000	1,428,259	-321,741	0
Contingency	200,000	0	-200,000	0
Capital Salaries	472,000	497,311	25,311	0
TOTAL	25,847,500	17,338,336	-8,509,164	267,131

### GENERAL FUND CAPITAL BUDGET 2024/25

Appendix 2

	Approved Budget 2024/25 £	Budget Amend £	Revised Budget 2024/25 £
Grayson Place ph 1 & 2	16,395,904	0	16,395,904
Bridge to Living	1,654,819	102,216	1,757,035
George Eliot Visitor Centre	222,500	0	222,500
Parks Revival	1,605,807	46,734	1,652,541
E-mobility Hub	302,800	0	302,800
Corporation Street/Queens Road Junction	390,000	0	390,000
Car Park Machine Upgrade	300,000	0	300,000
Business & Regeneration	20,871,830	148,950	21,020,780
ICT Strategy Programme	100,000	0	100,000
Camp Hill - Early final phase	25,000	175,000	200,000
Finance & Corporate	125,000	175,000	300,000
Empty Homes and Works in default	40,000	0	40,000
HEART - Disabled Facilities	5,125,000	0	5,125,000
Empty Property Loans	100,000	0	100,000
Homeless Hostel Conversion	125,000	37,218	162,218
Home Upgrade Grant 2	1,702,000	32,856	1,734,856
Attleborough Community Park	100,000	0	100,000
Marlborough Community Park	150,000	0	150,000
Sorrell Road Community Park	225,000	0	225,000
Bedworth Market	716,184	0	716,184
Boundary Paddock Toilet Block Improvements	100,000	0	100,000
Housing & Communities	8,383,184	70,074	8,453,258
Major Repairs	250,000	0	250,000
Vehicle & Plant Replacement	683,000	270,000	953,000
Pingles LC Decarbonisation Scheme	1,957,307	0	1,957,307
Environment Bill Food Waste Grant	981,000	0	981,000
Leisure Strategy	227,609	-114,970	112,639
Fly Tipping Cameras	5,000	0	5,000
Bedworth Physical Activity Hub (BPAH)	20,216,451	255,285	20,471,736
Pauls Land Pavilion	10,500	0	10,500
Sandon Park/Jack Whetstone Pavilion	26,859	0	26,859
Cemetery Extension	100,000	0	100,000
Ambleside Sports Club - Table Tennis	0	22,750	22,750
Play Area Improvements	75,000	0	75,000
Stockingford Community Centre Grant	0	25,000	25,000
Community Centre Grants	0	48,017	48,017
Buttermere Recreation Ground Redevelopment	0	266,327	266,327
Public Services	24,532,726	772,409	25,305,135
Miscellaneous Projects	100,000	0	100,000
General	100,000	0	100,000
TOTAL	54,012,740	1,166,433	55,179,173

HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT	CAPITAL BUDGET 2024/25
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	Approved Budget 2024/25 £	Budget Amend £	Revised Budget 2024/25 £
Decent Homes	1,200,000	0	1,200,000
Roof Coverings/Modifications	900,000	0	900,000
Windows & Doors	800,000	0	800,000
Sheltered Alarm Call System	40,000	0	40,000
Shop Improvements	15,000	0	15,000
New Properties (Construction)	6,032,768	0	6,032,768
Byford Court - Rebuild	458,720	-237,008	221,712
Acquisition of Properties	0	115,473	115,473
New Street	1,365,000	0	1,365,000
Hostel Conversion	176,000	-18,609	157,391
Independent Unit Living - Remodelling	150,000	0	150,000
Decent Homes Work - Homeless Hostels	167,000	0	167,000
Conversion Cheveral Place	120,000	-51,445	68,555
District Heating Boilers	150,000	0	150,000
Fire Works (General Purpose)	2,400,000	0	2,400,000
Level Access Showers	700,000	0	700,000
Aids & Adaptations	1,000,000	0	1,000,000
Central Heating	720,000	0	720,000
Slabs to Tarmac	304,500	-47,773	256,727
Lift Renewal Works	50,000	0	50,000
PIR Electrical Works	396,000	0	396,000
Voids	800,000	0	800,000
Structural/Concrete Repairs	190,000	0	190,000
Electrical Storage Heaters	300,000	0	300,000
External Wall insulation	2,400,000	0	2,400,000
Warm Air Units	200,000	0	200,000
Garages	15,000	0	15,000
Cleaver Gardens	360,000	0	360,000
Contingency	200,000	0	200,000
Capital Salaries	470,000	0	470,000
TOTAL	22,079,988	-239,363	21,840,625