

**NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**AUDIT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**8<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

An extraordinary meeting of the Audit & Standards Committee was held on Tuesday, 8 October 2024 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Nuneaton.

**Present**

Councillor J. Bonner – Chair

Councillors: D. Brown (Vice-Chair), L. Cvetkovic, B. Hancox, J. Hartshorn, B. Saru, C. Smith, M. Wright and C. Phillips (substitute for W. Markham).

Apologies: Councillor W. Markham

**PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS**

ASC18 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor J. Bonner declared that he had moved house and would be updating his Declarations of Interest form accordingly.

Councillor D. Brown declared that he had been retained as a Trustee of the Exhall Education Foundation charity.

As Councillor C. Phillips was a substitute Councillor for this meeting, her Declarations of Interest were not detailed in the schedule attached to the agenda, but are available to view on the NBBC website.

**RESOLVED** that the Declarations of Interest for this meeting are as set out in the schedule attached to these minutes, with the addition of the interests specified for Councillors J. Bonner, D. Brown and C. Phillips.

ASC19 **Audit Plan 2023/24**

A Report of the Strategic Director – Corporate Resources gave the Panel an opportunity to consider the audit plan for the Statement of Accounts for 2023/24.

**Public Speakers: Mr K. Kondakor  
Councillor M. Kondakor**

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the detail contained within the plan be noted;
- b) an update from the previous and current External Auditors be given at the next Audit and Standards Committee meeting;
- c) an update from NBBC Finance be provided, giving an update on the current situation, progress and the likelihood of the Council meeting the December audit deadline; and
- d) a representative from the current External Auditors and NBBC Finance be in attendance at the next Audit and Standards Committee meeting.

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

**Audit and Standards –  
Schedule of Declarations of Interests – 2024/2025**

	<b>Name of Councillor</b>	<b>Disclosable Pecuniary Interest</b>	<b>Other Personal Interest</b>	<b>Dispensation</b>
	General dispensations granted to all members under s.33 of the Localism Act 2011			Granted to all members of the Council in the areas of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Housing matters</li> <li>- Statutory sick pay under Part XI of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992</li> <li>- An allowance, payment given to members</li> <li>- An indemnity given to members</li> <li>- Any ceremonial honour given to members</li> <li>- Setting council tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992</li> <li>- Planning and Licensing matters</li> <li>- Allotments</li> <li>- Local Enterprise Partnership</li> </ul>
	J. Bonner	Employed by Etone College (Matrix Academy Trust) - Teacher	The Labour Party (sponsorship) Member of: - The Labour Party - National Education Union	
	D. Brown	Employed by H.M Land Registry	Regional Coordinator, Ragdoll Rescue Charity	
	T. Cooper			
	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	
	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 Arts - Bedworth Neighbourhood Watch Committee - Nicolas Chamberlaine's School Foundation	
	J. Hartshorn	Employed by Asda Nuneaton	Member of Nuneaton Conservatives	

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	W. Markham		Governor at Ash Green School for SEND Member of Unite Union	
	K. Price	Warwickshire County Council	The Labour Party Unite the Union BASW Social Work England Registration	
	B. Saru	- Director – Saru Embroidery Ltd - Co-founder and Owner – Fish Tale Ale Beer	- Labour Party (sponsorship) - Chair of the British Gurkha Veterans Association Representative on the following Outside Bodies: - Armed Forces Covenant	
	C. Smith	Software Engineer – Prophet PLC	- Member of Labour Party and Unite - Safeguarding – Manor Park RFC Representative on the following Outside Bodies: - Astley Charity	
	M. Wright			