

## **NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **AUDIT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**1<sup>st</sup> April 2025**

A meeting of the Audit & Standards Committee was held on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Nuneaton.

#### **Present**

Councillor J. Bonner – Chair

Councillors: D. Brown (Vice-Chair), T. Cooper, L. Cvetkovic, J. Hartshorn, B. Hancox, W. Markham, K. Price, B. Saru, C. Smith and M. Wright.

### **PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS**

#### ASC48 **Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the minutes of the Audit and Standards Committee meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025 be approved and signed by the Chair; and
- b) the minutes of the Extraordinary Audit and Standards Committee meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025 be approved and signed by the Chair.

#### ASC49 **Declarations of Interest**

**RESOLVED** that the declarations of interest are as set out in the Schedule attached to these minutes.

#### ASC50 **Internal Audit Plan 2025-26 And Internal Audit Charter**

A Report of the Head of Audit Partnership gave the Committee the opportunity to consider and approve the proposed Internal Audit Plan for 2025/26 and to approve the Internal Audit Charter.

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the proposed Internal Audit Plan for 2025/26 be considered and approved for implementation; and
- b) the Internal Audit Charter be approved.

#### ASC51 **Complaints Against Members - Update**

A Report of the Monitoring Officer provided the Committee with an update on the overview report presented in respect of complaints against Members

**RESOLVED** that it be noted that zero (0) formal complaints against elected Members have been received since the last report came before the Committee (10th September 2024).

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			<p>Granted to all members of the Council in the areas of:</p> <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	<p>The Labour Party (sponsorship)</p> <p>Member of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Labour Party</li> <li>- National Education Union</li> </ul>	
	D. Brown	Employed by H.M Land Registry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Regional Coordinator, Ragdoll Rescue Charity.</li> <li>-Trustee of the Exhall Education Foundation Charity</li> </ul>	
	T. Cooper			
	L. Cvetkovic	Head of Geography (Teacher), Sidney Stringer Academy, Coventry	<p>Trustee of Bulkington Volunteers (Founder); Bulkington Sports and Social Club (Trustee)</p> <p>Member on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Building Control Partnership Steering Group</li> </ul>	
	B. Hancox		<p>The Labour Party (sponsorship)</p> <p>Member of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Labour Party</li> <li>- Unite the Union</li> <li>- British Gurkha Veterans Association (Adviser)</li> </ul> <p>Representative on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nuneaton Festival of Arts</li> <li>- Bedworth Neighbourhood Watch Committee</li> <li>- Nicolas Chamberlaine's School Foundation</li> </ul>	

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	J. Hartshorn	Employed by Asda Nuneaton	Member of Nuneaton Conservatives	
	W. Markham		Member of the following bodies: - Unite Union - Free Speech Union - Exhall Multicultural Group	
	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			