

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

2nd April 2025

A meeting of Cabinet was held on Wednesday 2nd April, 2025 in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall.

Present

Councillor C. Watkins (Leader and Housing)
Councillor J. Sheppard (Deputy Leader and Environment & Public Services)
Councillor S. Hey (Resources & Customer Services)
Councillor T. Jenkins (Leisure, Communities and Health)
Councillor N. King (Business and Regeneration)
Councillor R. Roze (Planning & Enforcement)

CB109**Apologies**

None

CB110**Declarations of Interest**

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

CB111**Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 5th March 2025, be approved, and signed by the Chair

CB112**Leisure Procurement Contract**

The Assistant Director – Recreation and Culture submitted an update to Cabinet on the progress of the Leisure Procurement Contract and to seek authority to award the contract upon the completion of the procurement process and for the operation of Council Leisure facilities within the Borough.

RESOLVED that

- a) delegated authority be given to the Strategic Directors for Public Services and Corporate Resources in consultation with the Assistant Directors for Democracy & Governance and Recreation & Culture and the Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Communities and Health to enter into contract with the successful operator upon completion of a successful and compliant procurement process.
- b) delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director for Public Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Communities and Health to implement the closure of Bedworth Leisure Centre as part of the transition to the new Physical Activity Hub.

Speakers:

Mr Keith Kondakor
Councillor Michele Kondakor

Options

- a) Accept the recommendations in full.
- b) To not accept the recommendations.

Reasons

The Leisure Operator Procurement process began in October 2021 with soft market testing, a series of Member Workshops followed by the commencement of a three-stage procurement process, to appoint a Leisure operator to manage Borough Leisure facilities for up to a 15-year term, meeting the Council's key Leisure strategic outcomes, supporting residents with opportunities for improvements in their health and wellbeing.

In line with the delivery timetable of the new Physical Activity Hub the successful operator will be required to proceed with the fit out of the facility immediately following the award and appointment of the contract and therefore in order to meet these timescales delegated authority is sought.

To limit delays in opening and mobilisation of the new Physical Activity Hub a decision is required prior to the next Cabinet in late May, therefore with the timing of this report requesting delegations for Officers to enter into contract following evaluation of a successful operator.

CB113 Creative Explorers Project Review

The Assistant Director – Recreation and Culture submitted a report to provide Cabinet with an end of project review on the delivery of the Creative Explorers Programme, supported by Arts Council England, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council and Warwickshire County Council.

RESOLVED that the Creative Explorers project review be noted.

Speakers:

Mr Keith Kondakor

Options

- a) Note the recommendation

Reasons

This report provides an update on the delivery of programme - Creative Explorers was a 21-month journey with the Council, arts organisations, artists, and residents working together to create a unique cultural identity for Nuneaton & Bedworth which builds skills, generates civic pride and confidence, develops the visitor economy, and leads to a creative borough.

CB114 Council Corporate Plan and Delivery Plan April 2025 – March 2029

The Chief Executive submitted a report to Cabinet seeking endorsement on the proposed Corporate Plan and Delivery Plan.

RESOLVED that

- a) the Corporate Plan at Appendix A of the report and Delivery Plan at Appendix B of the report for the period April 2025 – March 2029 be approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

- b) the Delivery Plan be reviewed annually and issued back to Cabinet at least annually for approval.
- c) the Delivery Plan and Corporate Plan be monitored in each Overview and Scrutiny Panel for the actions relevant to each panel.
- d) Delegated Authority be granted to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader to make such minor amendments to the Corporate Plan and Delivery Plan as considers necessary in advance of it being presented to Full Council for approval.
- e) Delegated Authority be granted to the Chief Executive, Strategic Director's and Assistant Directors to revise and update any current policy, strategy and/or procedure to update reference to the new Corporate Plan in lieu of the Building a Better Borough plan.
- f) the report be marked not subject to call-in due to the timescales in implementing the Corporate Plan by early April 2025 as provided for in paragraph 15(f) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Constitution.
- g) Paragraph 5.4 of the report be noted; and
- h) at 3.5 of the report the section number be amended to '12.2 of the report'

Speakers

Mr Keith Kondakor

Options

- a) To endorse the Corporate Plan at Appendix A and Delivery Plan at Appendix B and recommend to Full Council; or
- b) To not endorse the proposed approach.

Reasons

A new Corporate Plan for the period 2025-2029 is required to establish a strategic vision, ambition and priorities for the council. It is envisaged the plan will support the alignment of resources to council priorities and increase residents' awareness of the work the council is doing and what the council aims to achieve.

CB115 Local Government Reform

The Chief Executive submitted a report to Cabinet detailing the activity undertaken by Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council in relation to Local Government Reform since January 2025 and to outline the work required over the coming months.

RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted

Speakers

Mr Keith Kondakor

Options

- a) To note the report
- b) To take another course of action, as determined by Cabinet

Reasons

To ensure that Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, engages in the Government's Reform and Devolution agenda, ensuring the best outcome for the residents of the Borough and Warwickshire.

CB116 **Recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny Panels**

None

CB117 **Any Other Items**

None

Chair

PUBLICATION DATE: 7th APRIL 2025

DECISIONS COME INTO FORCE: 15th APRIL 2025

Cabinet - Schedule of Declarations of Interests – 2024/2025

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
	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"> - Housing matters - Statutory sick pay under Part XI of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 - An allowance, payment given to members - An indemnity given to members - Any ceremonial honour given to members - Setting council tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 - Planning and Licensing matters - Allotments - Local Enterprise Partnership
	S. Hey	<p>Director –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Heywire Ltd - Brilliant Bookings Ltd 	<p>Member of the Labour Party, National Trust, CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale), Royal Photographic Society.</p> <p>Representative on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Midlands Employers Board (NBBC representative) • Local Government Superannuation Scheme Consultative Board • West Midlands Employers • Nuneaton and Bedworth Older People's Forum 	
	T. Jenkins	<p>Managing Partner – Gribblybugs LLP</p> <p>Employed by Mary Creagh MP (Coventry East)</p>	<p>The Labour Party (sponsorship)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Committee Member of Warwickshire Amphibian & Reptile Team - Member of Warwickshire Wildlife Trust - Member of Equity – Trade Union <p>Members of National Trust and English Heritage</p> <p>Representative on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton and Bedworth Sports Forum, 	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	
	N. King	Employed by Love Hair and Beauty	Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton Town Deal Board 	
	R. Roze	Director – InfiniTEN Ltd	Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A5 Member Partnership • PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside of London) Joint Committee Services. • Building Control Partnership Steering Group • Bedworth Town Deal Board 	
	J. Sheppard		Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sherbourne Asset Co Shareholder Committee • Warwickshire Direct Partnership • Warwickshire Waste Partnership • Nuneaton Neighbour Watch Committee 	
			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	
	C.M. Watkins	Employee of Nutri Pack	Representative on the following outside bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coventry, Warwickshire and Hinckley and Bosworth Joint Committee • Local Government Association • Nuneaton and 	

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			<p>Bedworth Hone Improvement Agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership • Warwickshire Housing Support Partnership • West Midlands Combined Authority Board (WMCA) • West Midland Combined Housing and Land delivery Board 	