



**AGENDA
for
ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE COUNCIL**

to be held on

Wednesday, 14th May, 2025



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To: All Members of the Borough Council

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL will be held at the Town Hall,
Council Chamber, on **Wednesday, 14th May, 2025 at 6.00 p.m.**

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

A G E N D A

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.

Please exit by the door by which you entered the room or by the fire exits which are clearly indicated by the standard green fire exit signs.

If you need any assistance in evacuating the building, please make yourself known to a member of staff.

Please make sure all your mobile phones are turned off or set to silent.

The meeting may be recorded for future broadcast.

2. **APOLOGIES** - to receive apologies for absence from the meeting.
3. **ELECTION OF CHAIR (THE MAYOR)** – for the ensuing year.
4. **VOTE OF THANKS**
5. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR (THE DEPUTY MAYOR)** - for the ensuing year.
6. **MINUTES** - to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 9th April 2025 (**Page 6**)

7. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - 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 the members are to be appended to the agenda (**Page 30**). 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. For newly elected Members, who have not declared their interests yet, they will declare them at the meeting.

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.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS - to receive announcements from the Mayor, Leader, Members of the Cabinet or the Chief Executive.

9. DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICERS REPORT –

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council's Chief Executive Officer acted as Deputy Returning Officer for the Nuneaton and Bedworth divisions in the WCC Election on 1st May 2025.

It is confirmed that the County level composition is as shown below, and this is expected to be reported to Warwickshire County Council's Annual Council on 16th May 2025.

Conservative Party	9
Green Party	7
Labour Party	3
Liberal Democrats	14
Reform UK	23
Whitnash Residents Association	1

10. COMPOSITION AND MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2025/2026

- (a) **The Cabinet** – to note the Leader's appointments to and allocation of responsibilities for the Cabinet Portfolios **(to follow)**
- (b) **Composition of Committees and Overview and Scrutiny Panels** – to note the current political composition of the Council and, having regard to the political balance, to receive recommendations regarding the number of members on each committee **(to follow)**
- (c) **Membership of Committees and Overview and Scrutiny Panels** – to receive recommendations on the membership of committees and panels and the appointment of Chairs and Vice Chairs where appropriate **(to follow)**
- (d) **Representatives on Outside Bodies** – to receive recommendations on appointments to outside bodies **(to follow)**

(e) **Appointment of Co-opted Members** – to receive the recommendations on the appointment of co-opted members **(to follow)**

11. CHANGES TO PORTFOLIOS, TERMS OF REFERENCES AND MEMBER ALLOWANCES – a report of the Assistant Director – Democracy and Governance **(to follow)**
12. TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS a report of the Assistant Director – Democracy and Governance attached **(Page 37)**
13. SCHEME OF DELEGATION
 - (a) to agree the scheme of delegation from Council excluding those functions which are executive functions (Part 3 of the Constitution attached) **(to follow)**; and
 - (b) to note the scheme of delegation from the Leader for those functions which are executive functions (Part 3 of the Constitution attached) **(to follow)**.



Tom Shardlow
Chief Executive

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

9th April, 2025

A Council meeting of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council was held on Wednesday, 9th April 2025.

Present

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

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

Apologies were received for Councillors A. Bull, J. Collett, J. Gutteridge, J. Hartshorn, A. Khangura and B. Pandher

CL57 **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 19th February 2025 were confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

CL58 **Declarations of Interests**

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

CL59 **Announcements**

The Mayor wished to thank the members of the council for a good municipal year with good debates at committee meetings.

The Leader of the Council announced that the Council have been awarded the Gold Award for the Armed Forces Covenant that demonstrates the hard work put in by the council in achieving this award. The work includes advertising, job roles with careers, transition partnerships and forces, families and jobs advocating for the armed forces in the community. The Mayor also added that all residents

acknowledge links with the barracks, and a lot of work this year has been made to re-establish links with the barracks.

CL60 **Public Participation**

Question 1 – Mr Keith Kondakor submitted the following statement:

It makes me so angry to see more shops closing in Nuneaton town centre, the size of the market reducing and so many venues struggling. Much of this is due to national and global factors but both Borough and County councils have not helped with their “have to break eggs to make an omelette” regeneration project plans.

I am very disappointed that the Nuneaton Business Improvement District (BID) has had such a slow start. Business cannot afford to pay more taxes and not get significantly increased business in return. We need to get this working effectively or close it quickly.

The Bridge to Living and Abbey Street projects have made matter worse locally, by evicting traders and taking so much of the parking at the west end of town out of use.

Now, at great expense, parts of the Abbey Street car park will be rebuilt on the existing site but at a slightly higher level. It will not, however, be that convenient, if it is not connected directly to Queens Road via its South West and South East corners. NBBC planners claim this is not possible when it is clear that half the path though the arch on South West Corner still exists.

The planning officer emailed me this comment when I tried to get the matter sorted by doing a petition.

“In relation to the comments made in your petition, the comments made are factually incorrect.

There is pedestrian access to Queens Road from the southern temporary car park. A direct southwest pedestrian route was not viable due to existing site constraints and level changes. Instead, a safe and accessible route is provided via the northwest corner, leading into the central plaza and connecting directly to Queens Road. When Phase 3 of the development is complete there will be a more direct link from the ground floor of the multi storey car park to the plaza and another route to the north of the leisure box. This ensures proper integration with the broader regeneration scheme, ultimately delivering better pedestrian links and accessibility once completed.”.

The planners are expecting people to walk round 3 sides of a rectangle to head South West to places like The Crew.

We know that, when paths do not exist, people will just walk down grass slopes, over verges and through hedges when it cuts out extended walking routes round 3 sides of a rectangle. It would have been nice for the council to get something right in the first place.

At the 2nd attempt the petition "Direct access to Queens Road from new Abbey Street southern car park" has been accepted under number EP697746920.

No reply was given.

CL61 **Questions by Members**

Question 1 – Councillor Caroline Phillips asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Business and Regeneration:

Could Cllr King please bring us up to date with preparations for VE Day?

Councillor N. King, Portfolio Holder for Business and Regeneration, responded as follows:

So, VE Day was always going to be a celebration in Nuneaton and Bedworth Town Centres and plans were put into place and being put into place from last year.

So here is the schedule:

8:30am Riversley Park War Memorial, where a wreath will be laid with a small service.

9:00am Nuneaton Town Centre at Nuneaton Hall steps raising the VE flag with the Town Crier.

9:30am Bedworth Town Centre where the 30th Signal Regiment and Queen's Gurkha Signals will March through the Town Centre, making their way to the Peace Podium to welcome the regiment. At 10:10am road closures will also be put in place 9:30am to 12:00noon in Bedworth Town Centre.

1:30pm to 3:30pm at the Nuneaton Town Hall, where we will meet and greet the 30th Signal Regiment and the British Royal Legion. The Nuneaton Memorial photo display of the VE Day celebrations will be on display, performance from the Wells Song Singers and World War 2 soldier will bring things to you handle from

1945. You can find out about the Home Front in Nuneaton and Bedworth too. Drawings and pictures celebrating VE Day for 1945 from local schools, there'll be tea and biscuits

From 3:30pm till 6:00pm, in the Nuneaton town there will be celebrations, where people and businesses will be participation.

Also at Harefield Road, in Nuneaton town centre, we will be offering free parking to people that want to come to the town for the whole day.

Question 2 – Councillor Eric Amaechi asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Customer Services:

Can I ask the portfolio holder for Resources and Customer Services whether he is happy with the cost of our recent external audit?

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

Thank-you Mr Mayor and Councillor Amaechi

I answered a question about Audits (or rather the complete lack of them) at the first Council Meeting I attended in July last year.

The country-wide shortage of qualified external auditors has undoubtedly caused major problems and I explained that the situation was not helped by the then Conservative 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 on opted-in authorities external audit costs. Well, that worked out well because, since 2015, the delays in external audits got worse.

I'm pleased to say that a lot of catching up has been done

But here's the next annoying part. As I mentioned earlier, this was all supposed to save £1 billion. But what happens when things are in short supply? Prices go up.

Our external audits used to cost around £50k. I accept this was probably unsustainable.

The final fee for 2020/21 was £111,074

The final fee for 2021/22 was £128,437

The fee for 2022/23 has not been finalised as the auditors are awaiting information from PSAA due to the backstop so I can't supply this figure yet.

Knowing that costs were increasing rapidly the previous Conservative administration put £153,000 into the cost of the 2023/24 external audit.

But they got it wrong.

The actual cost was £220,000 - heading on towards a quarter of a million.

When the auditors were asked at the Audit and Standard Committee whether this was because of extra work they just replied it was their scale fees. I'm clearly in the wrong job. It's not as though the audit was even a complete one.

Remember this is local taxpayers' money.

I'm not against the private sector; indeed I work in it, but this does seem to be an example of a large amount of local taxpayers' money being taken out of public coffers.

I'm told there is not much we can do about this but that won't stop me trying.

So not only am I not happy I am, to quote the average Daily Mail reader, furious.

Question 3 – Councillor Brady Hughes asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Public Services:

Can you please advise if there are arrangements for Compost bins to be made available for those that do not want a Green Bin and a price for these?

This would provide an excellent solution as an alternative and to give people of the borough an option to create their own compost.

Councillor J. Sheppard, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Public Services responded as follows:

We have for a while supported and promoted the County Council scheme for composting bins and will continue to do so. We have reviewed this again this year to ensure it still presents the best value for the residents and this scheme is still the most cost-effective way to give all residents access to affordable compost bins.

The cost of an affordable compost bin is £18.00 and an offer at the moment to buy one and get one half price.

Composting workshops would be taking place across the Borough, the first being on the 16th of April 10:30 and 12:00 at Bedworth Library, where residents who take part and get a bin for £8.00. You can book on via our website using *"Buy home composter composting"* and it will take you to the appropriate page.

Question 4 - Councillor Paul Hickling asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Communities and Health:

A lot of work has been undertaken recently at the cemeteries at Attleborough and Bucks Hill. Please could the Portfolio Holder provide an update on the work carried out?

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

Yeah, we've carried out a significant amount of work of both Bucks Hill and Attleborough cemeteries. As you know, last spring flooding both of these cemeteries was extreme and preventing families from visiting their loved ones. I received some really heart rending emails with residents expressing their distress and we were determined to rectify the issue, so Attleborough most of the water was coming off the railway embankment and we lobbied Network Rail, who initially wanted to close the case down. But following pressure, they eventually admitted the majority of the flooding was coming from their land and agreed to rectify the situation at their cost. It's been quite some time coming. However, they have been quite busy over the last several weeks. They've carried out extensive drainage work there; they've installed new drainage pipes and a drainage channel in the old ditch alongside the railway embankment.

They've carried out camera work assessing all the drainage there. They've found some additional work that needs doing underneath the embankments, so that's going to carry on. Hopefully that will reduce the water coming in as well.

So that was a big part, that was most of the flooding coming into Attleborough.

NBBC are also doing additional survey work on the land drains as well and seeing if they need clearing, if they need connecting, but most of the flooding at Attleborough was coming from Network Rails embankment.

So once all this is done, it's already done a lot to dry out the cemetery. We've

been quite lucky this year compared to last year. I mean, last year was horrendous, the amount of rain that we had and a really unseasonably dry spring this year, but we're hopeful that once all this work's been completed and the work that's planned and the current investigations, that this should solve the flooding issues in Attleborough, we don't know for certain now, so we'll have to wait for the next heavy rainfall before we find out for definite.

Bucks Hill loads of flooding last year, the bottom of the cemetery was completely flooded, graves were flooded, it was absolutely awful.

Unlike Attleborough, that was down to lack of maintenance, lack of maintenance of the drainage system, lack of maintenance of the ditches, so the drainage system had been allowed to become blocked over several years.

The drainage ditch alongside the cemetery there'd been trees felled into that and left in there which had caused the whole ditch to silt up and stop the removal of water from the bottom of the cemetery. So early on last year we found inspection chambers that nobody knew about, so we did some work on them. We jetted all of them jetted the whole system that stopped all the flooding from the graves, but the bottom end of the cemetery was still flooding because. this ditch was just absolutely full and the water couldn't go anywhere. So we've cleared that ditch out and has been completely cleared so the water can drain back into the brook and we've also carried out a lot of work because there was water coming in from the brook at the top end of the cemetery that was running down and causing all the flooding. So, we've built up the banks up the top end as well to stop the water coming in from the from the brook.

So again, hopefully once all this is done, we've got to jet the whole system. Once it's finished, we put some new drainage channels in some new land drains in at the bottom end.

So yeah, it's already, you know, tail end of the year was already a massive difference, but again, hopefully once all this has been completed, that should be the flooding prevented at Bucks Hill as well. Again, we won't know until we get some rain, but yeah, all being well.

Question 5 – Councillor Michael Bird asked the following question to the Leader of the Council:

My question is on behalf of concerned residents regarding the noticeable increase in the number of Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMOs) in our communities.

While I understand the need for affordable housing options the rapid rise in HMOs has led to several serious concerns which are likely to impact on our communities in future such as:

The Presence of undesirable individuals, and groups contributing to unsociable behaviour.

The exploitation of vulnerable tenants by unscrupulous landlords who fail to maintain living standards thus creating squalid and filthy living conditions.

Also, potential Safeguarding issues.

Non -registered persons living in HMOs raising regulatory concerns.

Suspected cases of benefit fraud linked to certain properties.

Reports of properties being used as houses of ill repute, damaging the character of our neighbourhoods.

These are all valid concerns that residents have raised, and I am informed was a recent subject in the local press.

Given these concerns, can the portfolio holder give residents some clarification on what measures are currently in place to regulate and monitor HMOs.

Additionally, are there any plans to strengthen enforcement to ensure Landlords are properly vetted and are compliant, and these properties are used in the manner that benefits the wider community rather than undermining it?

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

First of all, when I saw this, this well statement sort of question, I was a bit shocked at some of the accusations in there really, especially against the people that find themselves living in some of these houses of multiple occupation, and especially when Councillor Bird is on the Housing Scrutiny Panel. So, I hope if he's got any of these, he has got any proof of any of these accusations and he has to come through the right channels because that is the way that a Councillor should do these things but to answer some of these questions.

Before issuing an HMO, inspections are carried out and the Council must be satisfied that the landlord of an HMO is fit and proper person or employer manager, who is.

Each HMO is suitable for occupation by the number of people allowed under the licence, overcrowding is eliminated, the standard of management of the HMO is acceptable.

Vulnerable tenants are protected. High risk HMOs can be identified and targeted for improvements such as fire safety. The Council can take enforcement action under the Housing Act 2004. The Council is required to take appropriate enforcement action for defects found in properties which fall under the either the Category one duty to take action or Category two may take action.

The Council may also take action under the Management of Houses of Multiple Occupation in England Regulations 2006, known as the Management Regulations on both licensable and unlicensable HMOs.

The Council will also work with the HMO landlords to ensure that their properties are compliant with the minimum energy efficient standards when they grant a new tenancy to a new existing tenant.

Landlords are obliged to ensure that all residents living in their properties have the right to rent. NBBC have not received any regulatory concerns.

In addition to the mandatory licencing conditions, the Council may include further conditions on a licence. These can require improvement to the standards of the HMO and its management. Licencing decisions are subject to appeal through the Residential Property Tribunal. Offences against the licencing requirements and may be subject to prosecution. Also you won't be able to serve a Section 21 if a property has not been correctly licensed and the landlord or agent or both could face criminal prosecution and unlimited fines, this is likely to be changing in the introduction of the Renters Rights Reform Bill.

When the Renters Rights Reform Bill comes into effect, hopefully later this year, all landlords will be legally required to register their properties on a national database. This will help us to know the number of HMO's in our borough and most importantly, help us target enforcement activity where it is needed the most.

Finally, the Council is not in a position to regulate all HMO's, as there is no Article 4 direction in place. I can advise that following the adoption of the current Local Plan Review, which is due later in the year, this Council is required to enter into a further Local Plan Review. This further review will undertake an evidence-based review of local geographical impact. To form a view of the requirement for Article 4 direction, it should be noted that any identified need must be robustly evidenced in order to withstand planning inspectorates' scrutiny. Ultimately, the planning inspector must agree that there isn't as a need for an Article 4 direction.

That fully explains everything that the Council can do. But if Councillor Bird has got any evidence of what he said, he needs to go to the police or somebody else.

Question 6 – Councillor Sue Markham asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Public Services:

Your Cabinet role as Portfolio Holder includes the waste collections and waste management, it requires you to attend various meetings, one of those is the Warwickshire Waste Partnership, apart from the first meeting which is normally in person, which they changed to hybrid, purely so you could attend, and you didn't, the rest are all teams' meetings.

Since you took over the Portfolio in May 2024, you have only attended one of these meetings, and that was the last one a few weeks ago, as the previous portfolio holder it was my responsibility to attend these meetings to assist in my role, I found the information and data shared with all the partners very helpful. Do you think it is acceptable that you have only attended one meeting in the last 12 months?

Councillor J. Sheppard, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Public Services responded as follows:

Unfortunately, I have missed some meetings due to ongoing health issues, limited arthritis is an aggressive illness and I would not wish it on anyone. And hospital visits are numerous and unplanned. A hybrid meeting has never been set up, sadly for myself, and I can assure Councillor Markham, the data and figures are regularly assessed by myself and officers.

I'm pleased that as a Cabinet member, I've been able to do my role with the support of my colleagues. Thank you.

Question 7 – Councillor Michele Kondakor asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Business and Regeneration:

Two weeks ago, Coventry Live reported that the Council was refurbishing two adjacent units on Abbey street, to make one larger unit that would be fitted for a restaurant. Obviously, like most residents, I would love to see the Town Centre thriving once more but can't help but feel concerned that money is being spent on projects without solid business cases behind them. This site is right by the new Food Hall, which will also need tenants. Could the portfolio holder confirm whether there is a firm agreement with a tenant for this property or is it another speculative development, that puts Council funds at risk?

Councillor N. King, Portfolio Holder for Business and Regeneration, responded as follows:

These units on Abbey Street were identified as being a gateway unit to the new development as adding to the leisure and food and beverage offer that needed to be provided. There's been significant local and national interest in both the units provided by the new development and in the units on Abbey Street we can advise that we are confident in moving to heads of terms on the units by the end of April pending an accessory due diligence at this present moment in time, there is nothing secured at this moment.

Question 8 – Councillor Will Markham asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Customer Services:

During the last Conservative administration, the monies owed to the council in rent arrears saw a £500,000 reduction.

How much has the debt reduced since Labour took control in May 2024, and how much has been written off.

Also the Number of cases taken to court by this administration for debt recovery and how many are pending.

Can I have the total amount of debt owed, including those with collection agencies.

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

At the end of the financial year 2023-2024, the figure of current tenant arrears stood at £1,382,205.47. At the end of February 2025, the current tenant arrears figure stood at £1,096,088.82. This equates to a reduction in current rent owed of £286,116.65 in the 11-month period. Figures for March are being collated.

Write off's for the period April 2024 to February 2025 = £4,513.91.

Also, the number of cases taken to court by this administration for debt recovery and how many are pending.

Between May 2024 and end of March 2025, 32 cases were taken to Court for possession proceedings. As of end of March 2025, 3 are pending with the Courts for possession proceedings.

In terms of the total amount of debt owed, including those with collection agencies.

Current Tenant Arrears as at February 2025 are £1,096,088.82
Former Tenant Arrears as at February 2025 are £1,350,361.48
Total Arrears Debt £2,446,450.30

There are no cases placed with collection agencies.

But let's put this in context

The rent roll figure is £27,959,938.

For April 24 to Feb 25, we have collected 96.44% of the rent available including arrears

Thank-you Mr Mayor and Councillor Markham

Councillor K. Wilson moved that the member question and answer to be submitted to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel for further consideration.

Councillor S. Croft seconded the motion

A vote was taken.

RESOLVED that Councillor W. Markham's Question and the reply given be submitted to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel for further discussion.

Question 9 – Councillor Sharon Dhillon asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Communities and Health:

Can the Portfolio Holder give me an update on the Bedworth Physical Activity Hub and how this will help improve health outcomes for our residents?

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

Yeah, I'm really excited with the progress that's being made with the Bedworth Physical Activity Hub, it has been progressing really well.

A lot of progress considering we only started in September and it, you know, it's really exciting to see how much it changes every time I go down there. So the steel works are all completely erected, pools, and internal structures are looking

like pools and Sports Halls.

So all that's going in 9 by 9, all weather pitch is there, it's huge, it's way bigger than I thought it was going to be.

Work on the outside of the exteriors going on, so that's starting to come up and then that will all be finished off. It's going to be to reflect sort of the ribbon weaving history of Bedworth. So that should be quite nice. I've got councillor Sue Markham and Councillor Kondakor coming to have a visit with me because I've missed your questions today, Councillor Markham, so you can tell me, or you can ask me all about hedges when we when we go and have a walk round. So yeah, really looking forward to it being completed. Since we started it's on track, so no major delays, it's all on schedule. So that's good.

It's going to be a really good at fantastic asset for people of Bedworth, the whole borough, wider community, hopefully will get people coming in from Coventry and visiting Bedworth Town Centre as well. I was at Health and Well-Being Board workshop last Thursday and you know, we all know the health inequalities across the county. So I think it's going to be really fantastic resource.

Hopefully people from across the borough will. I hope it encourages them to use it and to become more active because so important to for people to be active and to bring down cardiovascular and you know, dementia, COPD, all these diseases that are so associated with an activity, so yeah, hopefully it'll stay a really good resource. Thanks for your question.

Question 10 – Councillor Mike Wright asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Business and Regeneration:

Following the recent closure of Abbeycraft after some 40 years, could the responsible cabinet member clarify what steps are being taken to allow other independent town centre businesses to survive and to flourish?

Councillor N. King, Portfolio Holder for Business and Regeneration, responded as follows:

As it is well reported that Town Centres across the country are facing challenges as consumer habits have changed dramatically. This includes Nuneaton, which is the biggest town in Warwickshire. Therefore, it's important that we deliver to the expectations of the growing population.

Locally, we have been proactive identifying the needs within the town's securing multi million pound deals for our development of in Nuneaton, Grayson Place phase 1,2 and 3, Vicarage Street Development and Bridge to Living

development. In Bedworth, the Bedworth Physical Activity Hub and the Bedworth Town Board Deal.

Although short term disruption is to be expected, there is significant interest from both independent and national businesses. Therefore, we are increasing local events and improving social media which providing digital skill training opportunities.

Also, there has been investment on the Growth Hub who support our local businesses. They've been placed in the Town Hall today and will be there once a month for visit for businesses to visit for their help and today has been very successful for them.

The question below was submitted in line with the Constitution Procedure rule 4.10.3 b). The Mayor, following liaison with the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer, gave consent for the question to be asked at the full council meeting.

Question 11 - Councillor D. Brown asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Public Services:

With Government Ministers confirming that local authorities are to be compensated for the impact of Labour's bin strike in Birmingham, will the council be putting together a bill for Birmingham City Council in light of the increase in our fly tipping as a result of Birmingham's lack of waste collections. It's my understanding that surrounding authorities have been asked to provide collection support to Birmingham, and, with our limited capacity, will NBBC be offering such support?

Councillor J. Sheppard, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Public Services responded as follows:

The bin strike is not as you've referred it to a Labour bin strike, it's an industrial dispute with Unite and Birmingham City Council. There's been no increase in fly tipping in this Borough. As have other authorities the Council has been approached under the Civil Contingencies Act and has been asked to consider what support it could offer. However, at this time we will not be providing any assistance or receiving any financial compensation.

CL62 **Special Urgency Decisions**
None taken

CL63 **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 19th February 2025, 5th March 2025 and 2nd April 2025 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.

CL64 **Annual OSP Reports**

a) **Business, Regeneration and Planning OSP**

Councillor P. Hickling moved the report for noting.

Councillor C. Phillips seconded the motion.

A vote was taken.

RESOLVED that the Annual report for Business, Regeneration and Planning be noted.

b) **Corporate Resources and Health OSP**

Councillor S. Dhillon moved the report for noting.

Councillor J. Bonner seconded the motion.

A vote was taken.

RESOLVED that the Annual report for Corporate Resources and Health OSP be noted.

c) **Housing and Communities OSP**

Councillor B. Hughes moved the report for noting

Councillor J. Bonner seconded the motion

A vote was taken.

RESOLVED that the Annual report for Housing and Communities OSP be noted.

d) **Environment and Leisure OSP**

Councillor T. Venson moved the report for noting.

Councillor M. Walsh seconded the motion

A vote was taken.

RESOLVED that the Annual report for Environment and Leisure OSP be noted.

CL65 **Recommendations from Cabinet and Other Committees**

i) **Corporate Plan and Deliver Plan April 2025 – March 2029**

At the Cabinet meeting held on the 2nd April 2025 a report by Chief Executive was submitted and recommendations put forward for Council approval.

Councillor J. Sheppard moved the recommendations for council approval with the following amendments:

An additional recommendation as agreed at the Cabinet meeting as follows:

2.8 - at 3.5 of the report the section number be amended to '12.2 of the report'.

And an amendment to 2.2 of the recommendations as follows:

2.2 - the Delivery Plan be reviewed annually and issued back to Cabinet annually for approval and for delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive to make for minor amendments to the Delivery Plan in consultation with the Leader.

Councillor C. Watkins seconded the recommendation.

A recorded vote was taken as follows:

FOR: Councillors E. Amaechi, J. Bonner, S. Dhillon, W. Hancox, S. Hey, P. Hickling, B. Hughes, T. Jenkins, N. King, C. Phillips, K. Price, R. Roze, B. Saru, J. Sheppard, T. Sheppard, C. Smith, T. Venson and, C. Watkins,

AGAINST: Councillors M. Bird, D. Brown, J. Clarke, T. Cooper, S. Croft, L. Cvetkovic, M. Etienne, S. Markham, W. Markham, R. Smith, M. Walsh and K. Wilson

ABSTENTIONS: Councillors M. Kondakor and M. Wright

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 for adoption,
- b) the Delivery Plan be reviewed annually and issued back to Cabinet annually for approval and for delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive to make for minor amendments to the Delivery Plan in consultation with the Leader,
- 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, 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.
- e) Paragraph 5.4 of the report be noted; and
- f) at 3.5 of the report the section number be amended to '12.2 of the report'

Mayor

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	M. Bird		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Life Member of National Association of British Market Authorities. - Member of the Stockingford Allotment association and Pavillion Club. 	
	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"> - The Labour Party - National Education Union 	
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	J. Collett	Employed by: - Director of Research and Communications Fullbrook Strategies Ltd.	- Nuneaton Conservative Association (sponsorship) Member of: - Nuneaton Rugby Club - Nuneaton Town Football Club - Nuneaton Cricket Club	
	T. Cooper	None		
	S. Croft	Employed at Holland & Barrett Retail Ltd		
	L. Cvetkovic	Head of Geography (Teacher), Sidney Stringer Academy, Coventry	Trustee of Bulkington Volunteers (Founder); Bulkington Sports and Social Club (Trustee) Member on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building Control Partnership Steering Group 	
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	J. Hartshorn	Employed by Asda Nuneaton	Member of Nuneaton Conservatives	
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Annual Council

Report Summary Sheet

Date:

14th May 2025

Subject:

Timetable of Committee Meetings 2025/26 & 2026/27

From:

Assistant Director – Democracy and Governance

Summary:

1. In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 and Part 4 - Rules of Procedure 4A – Council Procedure Rules of the Constitution, the programme of meetings must be approved and decided at the Council's Annual Meeting. Therefore, this report provides Council with the timetables for the next two municipal years for approval at Council's Annual Meeting.
2. Appendix A includes a timetable of meetings for the 2025/26 Municipal Year and Appendix B includes a timetable of meetings for the 2026/27 Municipal Year.
3. The report seeks approval from Council to implement the timetable of committee meetings for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 Municipal Year.

Recommendations:

1. The timetable of committee meetings set out in Appendix A and Appendix B be approved.

Options:

1. Approve; or
2. Not approve.

Reasons:

It is recommended to approve the recommendations to ensure compliance with the Local Government Act 1972 and to ensure meetings are provisionally scheduled prior to the 2024/2025 Municipal Year to ensure efficient decision-making arrangements are in place with regards to Council business and associated activities.

Consultation undertaken with Members/Officers/Stakeholders

Please note the previous report which was issued to Annual Council 15th May 2024.

Management Team
Cabinet
Leaders of each Group

Subject to call-in:

No

To ensure the meetings are arranged and setup without delay to ensure Council business takes place.

Ward relevance:

All

Forward plan:

No

Corporate Plan Theme:

All – to ensure efficient decision-making arrangements are in place with regards to Council business and associated activities.

Corporate Plan Strategic Aim:

All – to ensure efficient decision-making arrangements are in place with regards to Council business and associated activities.

Relevant statutes or policy:

Local Government Act 1972
Council Constitution: Part 4 - Rules of Procedure - 4A – Council Procedure Rules of the Constitution.

Equalities Implications:

Not applicable

Human resources implications:

No direct implications but should Council not approve the provisional timetable, it risks sufficient and efficient decision-making arrangements in place regarding Council business and associated activities, and poses a risk to internal officer capacity to reschedule meetings at a later date. It may also pose a risk to elected member availability in order to ensure meetings meet the quorate required.

Financial implications:

No direct financial implications.

Health Inequalities Implications:

No direct financial implications.

Section 17 Crime & Disorder Implications:

No direct financial implications.

Risk management implications:

Failing to approve the provisional timetable poses a risk that sufficient and efficient decision-making arrangements are not in place which could therefore result in a delay to key decisions and implementing arrangements to conduct Council business. This could lead to risk management implications for service delivery.

Environmental implications:

No direct financial implications.

Legal implications:

There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to: Annual Council

From: 14th May 2025

Subject: Timetable of Committee Meetings 2025/2026 & 2026/2027

Corporate Plan Theme: All

Corporate Plan Strategic Aim: All

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. The report seeks approval from Council to implement the timetable of committee meetings for the 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 Municipal Year.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The timetable of committee meetings set out in Appendix A and Appendix B be approved.

3. Background

- 3.1. In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, Appendix A and Appendix B sets out the meetings required to undertake Council business, associated activities and efficient decision-making arrangements.
- 3.2. Part 4 - Rules of Procedure and 4A – Council Procedure Rules of the Constitution states the programme will be approved and decided at the Council's Annual Meeting.

4. Body of Report

- 4.1. Appendix A includes a timetable of meetings for the 2025/2026 Municipal Year and Appendix B includes a timetable of meetings for the 2026/2027 Municipal Year. It includes the core Council meetings such as:
- Annual Council;
 - Full Council;
 - Cabinet;
 - Statutory and Non-Statutory Committees; and
 - Overview and Scrutiny Panels.

- 4.2. Meetings are scheduled to commence at 6:00pm at the Town Hall unless otherwise stated in the timetable. Every effort has been made to avoid holding meetings during school holiday periods, with particular reference to August. However, where necessary this may not be possible for a small number of meetings where time limits apply for the determination of applications and/or key decisions (Budget & Council Tax Setting).
- 4.3. If approved, minor changes to the timetable contained in Appendix A shall be undertaken via a formal public notice. As for Appendix B, changes could be incorporated into the timetable and approved at Annual Council on the 13th May 2026 for the 2026/2027 Municipal Year.

5. Appendices

- 5.1. Appendix A - Timetable 2025 – 2026
- 5.2. Appendix B - Timetable 2026 – 2027

6. Background Papers

15th May 2024 Full Council Meeting: CL11 Timetable of Committee Meetings 2024/25 & 2025/26.

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS
2025/2026

Day	Date	Location	Time	Title
Wednesday	14 th May	Town Hall	6.00pm	Annual Council
Monday	19 th May	Town Hall	6.00pm	Borough Plan Committee
Wednesday	21 st May	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Monday	26 th May			Bank Holiday
Half term 26th – 30th May 2025				
Thursday	5 th June	Town Hall	6.00pm	Housing and Communities OSP
Tuesday	10 th June	Town Hall	6.00pm	Remuneration Panel
Thursday	12 th June	Town Hall	6.00pm	Business, Regeneration and Planning OSP
Tuesday	17 th June	Town Hall	6.00pm	Planning
Wednesday	18 th June	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Thursday	19 th June	Town Hall	6.00pm	Environment and Leisure OSP
Tuesday	24 th June	Town Hall	6.00pm	Audit & Standards
Wednesday	25 th June	Town Hall	6.00pm	Licensing
Thursday	26 th June	Town Hall	6.00pm	Health and Corporate Resources OSP
Wednesday	2 nd July	Town Hall	6.00pm	Council
Wednesday	16 th July	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Thursday	17 th July	Town Hall	6.00pm	Shareholder Committee
Tuesday	22 th July	Town Hall	6.00pm	Planning
School summer holidays 21st July – 1 Sep 2025				
Monday	25 th August			Bank Holiday
Tuesday	2 nd September	Town Hall	*5.30pm	Planning
Wednesday	3 rd September	Town Hall	6.00pm	Licensing
Tuesday	9 th September	Town Hall	6.00pm	Audit & Standards

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Day	Date	Location	Time	Title
Wednesday	10 th September	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Thursday	11 th September	Town Hall	6.00pm	Shareholder Committee
Wednesday	17 th September	Town Hall	6.00pm	Council
Tuesday	23 rd September	Town Hall	5.30pm*	Planning
Wednesday	24 th September	Town Hall	6.00pm	Civic Honours sub-Committee
Thursday	25 th September	Town Hall	6.00pm	Housing and Communities OSP
Thursday	2 nd October	Town Hall	6.00pm	Business, Regeneration and Planning OSP
Wednesday	8 th October	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Tuesday	14 th October	Town Hall	6.00pm	Shareholder Committee
Thursday	16 th October	Town Hall	6.00pm	Environment and Leisure OSP
Tuesday	21 st October	Town Hall	*5.30pm	Planning
Thursday	23 rd October	Town Hall	6.00pm	Health and Corporate Resources OSP
Half term 27th -31st Oct 2025				
Wednesday	5 th November	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Thursday	6 th November	Town Hall	6.00pm	Shareholder Committee
Tuesday	11 th November	Town Hall	6.00pm	Licensing
Tuesday	18 th November	Town Hall	*5.30pm	Planning
Wednesday	19 th November	Town Hall	6.00pm	Extraordinary Council (Provisional Date)
Tuesday	25 th November	Town Hall	6.00pm	Audit & Standards
Wednesday	3 rd December	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Wednesday	10 th December	Town Hall	6.00pm	Council
Thursday	12 th December	Town Hall	6.00pm	Remuneration Panel
Tuesday	16 th December	Town Hall	*5.30pm	Planning
School Christmas holidays 22nd Dec 2025 – 2nd Jan 2026				
Thursday	25 th December			Bank Holiday
Friday	26 th December			Bank Holiday
Monday	29 th December			Offices Closed

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Day	Date	Location	Time	Title
Tuesday	30 th December			Offices Closed
Wednesday	31 st December			Offices Closed
		2026		
Thursday	1 st January			Bank Holiday
Tuesday	13 th January	Town Hall	*5.30pm	Planning
Tuesday	20 th January	Town Hall	6.00pm	Licensing
Wednesday	21 st January	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Thursday	22 nd January	Town Hall	6.00pm	Housing and Communities OSP
Tuesday	27 th January	Town Hall	6.00pm	Shareholder Committee
Wednesday	28 th January	Town Hall	6.00pm	Extraordinary Council (Civic)
Thursday	29 th January	Town Hall	6.00pm	Business, Regeneration and Planning OSP
Tuesday	3 rd February	Town Hall	6.00pm	Audit and Standards
Thursday	5 th February	Town Hall	6.00pm	Environment and Leisure OSP
Tuesday	10 th February	Town Hall	*5.30pm	Planning
Thursday	12 th February	Town Hall	6.00pm	Health and Corporate Resources OSP
Wednesday	18 th February	Town Hall	4.00pm	Cabinet (Budget & Council Tax Setting)
Half term 16-20th Feb 2026				
Wednesday	18 th February	Town Hall	6.00pm	Council (Budget & Council Tax Setting)
Wednesday	4 th March	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Tuesday	10 th March	Town Hall	*5.30pm	Planning
Wednesday	11 th March	Town Hall	6.00pm	Licencing
Tuesday	17 th March	Town Hall	6.00pm	Audit & Standards
Thursday	19 th March	Town Hall	6.00pm	Shareholder Committee
Easter 30th March – 10th April 2026				
Friday	3 rd April			Offices closed – Good Friday
Monday	6 th April			Offices closed – Easter

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Day	Date	Location	Time	Title
				Monday
Tuesday	21 st April	Town Hall	6.00pm	Planning
Wednesday	22 nd April	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Wednesday	29 th April	Town Hall	6.00pm	Council
Monday	4 th May			Bank Holiday
Tuesday	5 th May	Town Hall	6.00pm	Licensing
				Election (NBBC)
Wednesday	13 th May	Town Hall	6.00pm	Annual Council

*Elections to NBBC take place 7th May 2026.

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PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS
2026/2027

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Wednesday	13 th May	Town Hall	6.00pm	Annual Council
Tuesday	19 th May	Town Hall	6.00pm	Planning
Wednesday	20 th May	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Monday	25 th May			Bank Holiday
Half term 25th – 29th May 2026				
Thursday	4 th June	Town Hall	6.00pm	Housing and Communities OSP
Thursday	11 th June	Town Hall	6.00pm	Environment and Leisure OSP
Tuesday	16 th June	Town Hall	6.00pm	Planning
Wednesday	17 th June	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Thursday	18 th June	Town Hall	6.00pm	Business, Regeneration and Planning OSP
Tuesday	23 rd June	Town Hall	6.00pm	Audit & Standards
Wednesday	24 th June	Town Hall	6.00pm	Licensing
Thursday	25 th June	Town Hall	6.00pm	Health and Corporate Resources OSP
Wednesday	1 st July	Town Hall	6.00pm	Council
Tuesday	14 th July	Town Hall	6.00pm	Planning
Wednesday	15 th July	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Thursday	16 th July	Town Hall	6.00pm	Shareholder Committee
School summer holidays 20th July – 1 Sep 2026				
Monday	31 st August			Bank Holiday
Tuesday	1 st September	Town Hall	*5.30pm	Planning
Wednesday	2 nd September	Town Hall	6.00pm	Licensing
Tuesday	8 th September	Town Hall	6.00pm	Audit & Standards
Wednesday	9 th September	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet

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Day	Date	Location	Time	Title
Thursday	10 th September	Town Hall	6.00pm	Shareholder Committee
Wednesday	16 th September	Town Hall	6.00pm	Council
Tuesday	22 nd September	Town Hall	5.30pm*	Planning
Wednesday	23 rd September	Town Hall	6.00pm	Civic Honours sub-Committee
Thursday	24 th September	Town Hall	6.00pm	Housing and Communities OSP
Thursday	1 st October	Town Hall	6.00pm	Environment and Leisure OSP
Wednesday	7 th October	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Tuesday	13 th October	Town Hall	6.00pm	Shareholder Committee
Thursday	15 th October	Town Hall	6.00pm	Business, Regeneration and Planning OSP
Tuesday	20 th October	Town Hall	*5.30pm	Planning
Thursday	22 nd October	Town Hall	6.00pm	Health and Corporate Resources OSP
Half term 26th -30th Oct 2026				
Wednesday	4 th November	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Tuesday	10 th November	Town Hall	6.00pm	Licensing
Thursday	12 th November	Town Hall	6.00pm	Shareholder Committee
Tuesday	17 th November	Town Hall	*5.30pm	Planning
Tuesday	24 th November	Town Hall	6.00pm	Audit & Standards
Wednesday	2 nd December	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Wednesday	9 th December	Town Hall	6.00pm	Council
Tuesday	15 th December	Town Hall	*5.30pm	Planning
School Christmas holidays 21st Dec 2026 – 4th Jan 2027				
Friday	25 th December			Bank Holiday
Monday	28 th December			Bank Holiday
Tuesday	29 th December			Offices Closed
Wednesday	30 th December			Offices Closed
Thursday	31 st December			Officers Closed
		2027		

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Day	Date	Location	Time	Title
Friday	1 st January			Bank Holiday
Tuesday	12 th January	Town Hall	*5.30pm	Planning
Tuesday	19 th January	Town Hall	6.00pm	Licensing
Wednesday	20 th January	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Thursday	21 st January	Town Hall	6.00pm	Housing and Communities OSP
Tuesday	26 th January	Town Hall	6.00pm	Shareholder Committee
Wednesday	27 th January	Town Hall	6.00pm	Extraordinary Council (Civic)
Thursday	28 th January	Town Hall	6.00pm	Environment and Leisure OSP
Tuesday	2 nd February	Town Hall	6.00pm	Audit and Standards
Thursday	4 th February	Town Hall	6.00pm	Business, Regeneration and Planning OSP
Tuesday	9 th February	Town Hall	*5.30pm	Planning
Thursday	11 th February	Town Hall	6.00pm	Health and Corporate Resources OSP
Wednesday	17 th February	Town Hall	4.00pm	Cabinet (Budget & Council Tax Setting)
Half term 15-19th Feb 2027				
Wednesday	17 th February	Town Hall	6.00pm	Council (Budget & Council Tax Setting)
Wednesday	3 rd March	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Tuesday	9 th March	Town Hall	*5.30pm	Planning
Wednesday	10 th March	Town Hall	6.00pm	Licensing
Tuesday	16 th March	Town Hall	6.00pm	Audit & Standards
Thursday	18 th March	Town Hall	6.00pm	Shareholder Committee
Easter 29th March – 9th April 2027				
Friday	26 th March			Offices closed – Good Friday
Monday	29 th March			Offices closed – Easter Monday
Tuesday	20 th April	Town Hall	6.00pm	Planning
Wednesday	21 st April	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet

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Day	Date	Location	Time	Title
Wednesday	28 th April	Town Hall	6.00pm	Council
				Election*
Monday	3 rd May			Bank Holiday
Tuesday	4 th May	Town Hall	6.00pm	Licensing
Tuesday	11 th May	Town Hall	6.00pm	Planning
Wednesday	12 th May	Town Hall	6.00pm	Annual Council

*Elections

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