

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

BUSINESS, REGENERATION AND PLANNING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL

12th June 2025

A meeting of the Business, Regeneration and Planning Overview & Scrutiny Panel was held on Thursday, 12th June 2025 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall Nuneaton.

Present

Councillor P. Hickling (Chair)

Councillors: J. Clarke (Vice-Chair), E. Amaechi, M. Burd, D. Brown, C. Phillips, R. Smith, R. Roze (substitute for B. Saru) and B. Hancox (substitute for A. Bull).

Apologies: Councillor B. Saru and A. Bull.

PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS

BRP 1 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Business, Regeneration and Planning Overview and Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 6th February 2025 be approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

BRP 2 Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED that the declarations of interests are as set out in the Schedule which can be viewed on the Council website ([Councillor Declarations of Interests](#)).

BRP 3 Questions to Cabinet

The Portfolio Holder for Business and Regeneration (Councillor N. King) and the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Enforcement (Councillor T. Venson) were in attendance at the meeting. There were no questions asked.

BRP 4 Integrated Performance Report – Third and Fourth Quarters 2024-25

A summary report of the Risk Management and Performance Officer provided Panel Members with appropriate performance measures, budget information and risk data for service areas within the scope of the Panel.

Public Speaker: County Councillor K. Kondakor

The Panel discussed and asked questions on the following:

- Market stalls – concerns about numbers of stalls and footfall decreasing.
- The loss of carparking, and some car parks are in need of repair.
- Need ideas to increase footfall in both towns, improve carparks and markets.
- The measuring of footfall by use of sensors picking up mobile signals.
- Improving communication with stall holders.
- The move to 'self erect' in Nuneaton has been a positive step.
- Looking at what impact regeneration will have, and the need for more promotion to attract market traders.
- Concerns were raised about roadworks, traffic and the state of the roads having a negative impact on people visiting the Towns, and the

fact roadworks could be better planned to have less of an impact on resident. The Panel agreed the relevant Cabinet Member (with support from Cabinet) should be asked to liaise with the County Council and County Highways on a regular basis to look at the need for better planning in relation to roadworks and how to improve the poor state of the roads.

RESOLVED that

- a) the contents of the report be considered and noted; and
- b) **IT BE RECOMMENDED TO CABINET** that the relevant Cabinet Member be asked to liaise with the County Council and County Highways on a regular basis to try and improve the state of roads, improve traffic issues and improve planning of roadworks to reduce impact residents.

BRP 5 Update on Regeneration Projects

A report of the Strategic Director – Place and Economy, provided the Panel with an update on the progress of regeneration projects taking place within the Borough.

**Public Speakers: Councillor J. Collett
County Councillor K. Kondakor**

The Panel discussed and asked questions on the following:

- The Saints project– Members raised concerns that the historical St George’s Hall was being renamed, and given its history and tradition Members agreed that Cabinet should be requested to give their support to retaining the name ‘St George’s Hall’.
- Bedworth skatepark – needs replacing.
- Grayson Place – it is hoped all buildings will be in use soon.
- The need to have more EV charging points in the Town Centres – Members were advised that negotiations are ongoing to increase the numbers of EV charging points for public use, particularly in Nuneaton Town Centre.
- Bridge to Living – looking at attracting people to the Town.
- Looking at celebrating 800 years of Market Charter Status in 2026 – Members agreed Cabinet should be asked to look into starting the process for celebrating this, and it should fit in with the regeneration projects.

RESOLVED that

- a) the contents of the report be considered and noted; and
- b) **IT BE RECOMMENDED TO CABINET THAT**
 - i) Cabinet be requested to give their support to retaining the name ‘St Georges Hall’; and
 - ii) Cabinet be asked to look into starting the process for celebrating 800 years of Market Charter status is 2026.

BRP 6 CORPORATE PLAN AND DELIVERY PLAN

The Corporate Plan and Delivery Plan showing the strategic aims and themes that the Council are working towards which were agreed at Full Council in April 2025 was presented to the panel for information.

The main themes and strategic aims will be provided in every OSP agenda. The plan is in place for four years and Panel Members can monitor this to ensure the council is delivering on its strategic aims and themes relevant to this OSP.

Public Speaker: County Councillor K. Kondakor

The Panel discussed and asked questions on the following:

- The delivery plan needs measurables, deliverables and needs monitoring to show progress and if targets are being met.
- Members were advised that Councillors would receive updates and information will be reported back.

RESOLVED that that Corporate Plan and Delivery Plan 2025 – 2029 be noted

BRP 7 Forward Plan

The Forward Plan showing the key decisions that will be made in the four months commencing 1st July 2025, was provided to the Panel for information.

RESOLVED that the Forward Plan be noted.

BRP 8 Work Programme 2025-2026

The Panel were presented with the Work Programme for the municipal year 2025-2026.

RESOLVED that the 2024-2025 work programme be approved.

BRP 9 Exclusion of the Public and Press

Public Speaker: County Councillor K. Kondakor

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 (iii) of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act.

PART II – EXEMPT ITEM/S

BRP 10 Performance Report (Grayson Place Limited)

A report of the Non-Executive Director of Grayson Place Limited Board provided the Panel with an update on the performance Of Grayson Place Limited which currently consists of the Hampton by Hilton Hotel which opened in September 2024.

The Panel discussed and asked questions on the following:

- Occupancy rates, partnership/corporate liaison and customer feedback are all improving.
- Updates/briefing notes will continue to be given to this OSP.

RESOLVED that the contents of the report be considered and noted.

Chair