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Dear Sir/Madam,

An Extraordinary meeting of the **Housing and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel** will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Nuneaton on **Tuesday, 26th August 2025 at 6.00 p.m.**

Yours faithfully,

Tom Shardlow

Chief Executive

To: All Members of the Housing &
Communities Overview and Scrutiny
Panel

Councillors C. Phillips (Chair), M. Etienne (Vice-
Chair), E. Amaechi, M. Bird, T. Cooper, S. Dhillon,
B. Pandher, B. Saru and C. Smith.

A G E N D A

PART 1 – PUBLIC BUSINESS

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. 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.

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

2. **APOLOGIES** - To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/PARTY WHIP** - To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other interests in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct and of the Party Whip in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules 4E, Paragraph 16(b).

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 so that interests that are declared regularly by members can be viewed in a schedule on the Council website ([Councillor Declarations of Interests](#)) Any interest noted in the schedule on the website will be deemed to have been declared and will be minuted as such by the Democratic 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.

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 & 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.

4. PUBLIC CONSULTATION - Members of the Public will be given the opportunity to speak on specific agenda items if notice has been received.

Members of the public will be given three minutes to speak on a particular item and this is strictly timed. The chair will inform all public speakers that: their comments must be limited to addressing issues raised in the agenda item under consideration: and that any departure from the item will not be tolerated.

The chair may interrupt the speaker if they start discussing other matters which are not related to the item, or the speaker uses threatening or inappropriate language towards Councillors or officers and if after a warning issued by the chair, the speaker persists, they will be asked to stop speaking by the chair. The chair will advise the speaker that, having ignored the warning, the speaker's opportunity to speak to the current or other items on the agenda may not be allowed. In this eventuality, the chair has discretion to exclude the speaker from speaking further on the item under consideration or other items of the agenda.

5. CONDUCT A PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON CHANGES TO POOL BANK CAR PARK - The decision of Cabinet on the 16th July 2025 regarding the above has been 'called in'. The following documents are attached:

- a) Request for call in received 28th July 2025 (**Page 6**)

The call in has been assessed against Article 12: Principles of Decision Making as detailed within the Council Constitution. Following this assessment four of the five call in areas have been rejected as they fully comply with the Article 12 Principles.

The fifth area of the call in relates to 'Options offered for consideration will be explained' this has been accepted for OSP to review and consider.

- b) Extract of Cabinet Minute CB28 (**Page 10**)

- c) Report to Cabinet dated 16th July 2025 (**Page 11**)

THIS PAGE IS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council
Corporate Plan
Building Communities 2025 – 2029
United in Achievement.

Theme 1: Place and Prosperity

Strategic Aims:

1. Regenerate Nuneaton Town Centre; completing the Transforming Nuneaton Programme.
2. Establish an increased number of residential properties within the Town Centres
3. Help local businesses thrive, support new business incubation and reduce the number of vacant units.
4. Continue to promote and enable events across the Borough.
5. Continue to develop and help our markets to thrive.
6. Work with the business community to strengthen business in the whole Borough
7. Deliver a regeneration plan for Bedworth Town Centre.
8. Promote, and support our Town Centre economies.

Theme 2: Housing, Health and Communities

Strategic Aims:

1. Deliver the construction and opening of the Bedworth Physical Activity Hub (BPAH).
2. Focus on awareness and promotion of support services for mental health and wellbeing.
3. Facilitate warm, safe, sustainable and affordable housing.
4. Work with public health colleagues and partners to address community inequalities.
5. Promote active travel across the Borough.
6. Extend the housing home building programme to provide more Council homes.
7. Work with partners to prioritise community safety and empowerment.

Theme 3: Green Spaces and Environment

Strategic Aims:

1. Review the grounds maintenance contract for the Borough.
2. Celebrate the heritage within our green spaces, including museums, George Eliot and local industry.
3. Decarbonise our housing stock and promote the decarbonisation of homes in the private sector.
4. Support our residents to recycle more of their household waste.
5. Promote and develop play area facilities in line with the Parks and Green Space Strategy.
6. Reduce the carbon footprint of the Pingles Leisure Centre by 2026.
7. Establish a Climate Change Strategy and Delivery Plan by 2026.
8. Work with partners to improve air quality across the Borough.
9. Explore opportunities to promote, protect and enhance biodiversity in the borough.

Theme 4: Your Council

Strategic Aims:

1. Conduct a Local Government Association Peer Review by 2026.
2. Increase the level of resident engagement and consultation.
3. Deliver a refreshed Council change plan to modernise services.
4. Focus on civic pride, celebrating rich heritage and diverse communities.
5. Deliver continued forward financial planning to safeguard the finances of the Council.
6. Set ambitious and challenging budgets, to ensure taxpayers money is respected, and high-quality services are delivered.
7. Deliver a modern organisation with agile and effective structure that meet the needs of residents.
8. Strive for transparency and accountability in all that we do. Increase public scrutiny

Request for Call In

This form is to be used when calling in a decision taken by the Executive, an individual Member of the Executive, or a key decision made by an officer with delegated authority from the Executive, or under joint arrangements. An extract from the call in procedure is set out overleaf. The full procedure is set out in the Constitution.

DECISION TAKEN BY: CABINET

DATE: 14th July 2025

(State which decision making principle has not been complied with. Decision making principles are attached)

ITEMS TO BE CALLED IN: Agenda item 12.

Conduct public consultation on changes to Pool Bank street car park.

REASONS FOR CALL IN

(The request must state whether or not you believe that the decision is not in accordance with Article 12 or outside the budget or Policy framework)

See attached

PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE COURSE OF ACTION:

See attached

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL:

SIGNED: Councillor:  OSP

Councillor:  OSP

PRINT NAME: DAMON BROWN

PRINT NAME: JONATHAN COLLETT


Councillor: 

Councillor: 

PRINT NAME: SUE MARKHAM

PRINT NAME: 





(Note: A valid request for call in must be signed by 1 Member of the relevant OSP and any other two Members of the Council)

DATE: 24/7/25

THIS REQUEST FOR CALL IN MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OR MONITORING OFFICER (BY POST OR EMAIL), WITHIN 5 WORKING DAYS OF THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE DECISION.

Conservative Request for Call In

Cabinet 16 July 2025

Item 12 – Conduct Public Consultation on Changes to Pool Bank Street Car Park

Principles of Decision Making – Article 12

a) Proportionality (i.e. the action taken must be proportionate to the desired outcome).

- The Cabinet report considered did not report on the implications to ongoing negotiations with Abbey Theatre for a long-term lease. If necessary, the report could have been held in confidential session to consider these aspects. The proposal considered could cause issues for the ongoing negotiations with the Abbey Theatre and therefore be in conflict with the Council's long-term arts and cultures strategies. This is even more important considering the levelling up bid for a new theatre was rejected by the last Government and therefore a new theatre is unaffordable to the council.
- Consideration of a deferral was raised by speakers but not considered by officers or cabinet. There could be an impact on the Abbey Theatre's legal and financial position by having to reconsider and redraft Heads of Terms in light of the proposal approved by Cabinet. Whilst the proposal for Cabinet was to go out to consultation, the consultation would be flawed if it does not set out the potential implications and therefore respondents would be unable to comment on the consultation adequately.

b) Due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers.

- The report is silent on any consultation with the property and legal teams about the ongoing negotiations with Abbey Theatre for a lease, therefore it is arguable that full consultation and taking of professional advice has been considered by Cabinet by all interested departments of the Council.

c) Respect for human rights.

- Not applicable

REJECTED

d) Presumption in favour of openness.

- The consultation cannot be considered to be fair and open if the implications on any legal negotiations with the Abbey Theatre are not considered. Respondents would only have partial information and therefore unable to make a reasoned response.

e) Clarity of aims and desired outcomes.

- N/A – it is accepted that Cabinet are looking at local crime and disorder. The call-in seeks to ensure that the decision has been correctly made and not premature, considering other relevant factors in the area.

f) Options offered for consideration will be explained.

ACCEPTED

- An option for deferral was not considered therefore the reason for not doing so was not explained. It is clearly another option, but it has not been explained why it has been ruled out. Given the ongoing legal negotiations with the Abbey Theatre, it is an option that is relevant, proportionate and possible for Cabinet to consider and then make a determination on. The option was not given.

g) The reasons for the decision will be recorded

CB28 Conduct Public Consultation on changes to Pool Bank Street Car Park

The Assistant Director for Economy & Regeneration and Assistant Director for Social Housing & Community Safety submitted a report providing an overview of matters arising and to seek authority to carry out a community consultation on changes proposed to Pool Bank Street, Car Park.

RESOLVED that

- a) delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director – Housing & Communities and the Communities & Community Safety Manager to carry out a community consultation with regards to the installation of additional security measures at this site; and
- b) a future report be presented to Cabinet detailing options and recommendations, based upon the outcome of the consultation.

Speakers:

County Councillor Keith Kondakor
Councillor Sue Markham
Councillor Damon Brown

Options:

- 1. Agree the recommendations
- 2. Not agree the recommendations

Reasons:

Local residents have raised a number of issues with both the local authority and police that include anti-social behaviour in the evenings, speeding vehicles and drug use.



AGENDA ITEM NO.

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to:	Cabinet
Date of Meeting:	16 th July 2025
Subject:	Conduct public consultation on changes to Pool Bank Street Car Park
Portfolio:	Business and Regeneration and Communities and Public Services
Responsible Officer:	Assistant Directors for Economy and Regeneration and Social Housing and Community Safety
Corporate Plan – Theme:	Housing, Health and Communities
Corporate Plan – Aim:	Work with partners to prioritise community safety and empowerment.
Ward Relevance:	St Mary's
Public or Private:	Public
Forward Plan:	Yes
Subject to Call-in:	Yes

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1. Purpose of report
 - 1.1. To provide an overview of matters arising, and to seek authority to carry out a community consultation on changes proposed to Pool Bank Street Car park.
 2. Recommendations
 - 2.1. That authority is delegated to the Strategic Director, Housing and Communities and the Communities and Community Safety Manager to carry out a community consultation with regards the installation of additional security measures at this site.

- 2.2 That it be noted that a future report will be presented to Cabinet detailing options and recommendations, based upon the outcome of the consultation.

3. Background

- 3.1. This car park is located near to the town centre and adjacent to Pool Bank recreation ground. There are a number of community organisations in the immediate vicinity of the car park who use this car park, particularly in the evening and weekends.
- 3.2. The area is also impacted by a range of community safety challenges such as anti-social behaviour (ASB) and serious violence. As a result, the recreation ground is underused by the local community due to the fear of crime and high-profile incidents historically.
- 3.3. The aim is to carry out a consultation to make improvements, that will seek to benefit residents as well as other stakeholders.

4. Body of report and reason for recommendations

- 4.1. Local residents have been raising a number of issues with both the local authority and Police that include ASB in the evenings, speeding vehicles, vandalism and drug use.
- 4.2. In order to address these concerns, consultation on the installation of additional gates that will alleviate some of these issues, is proposed. This will allow the area to be secured when not required but still enable local organisations to use the car park when required.

5. Consultation with the public, members, officers and associated stakeholders

- 5.1. The Council is eager to consult local residents and community organisations as to the impact of this change. It is proposed that the consultation will take place over a three week period via the Council's website and other channels in early August, with adequate publication of this consultation via the Council's website and other media.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. The installation of bollards and new line markings have taken place already to improve this surface car park via external funding. The costs for the installation of a gate will be negligible and funded via the remaining external funding pot.

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1. No specific legal implications have been identified.

8. Equalities implications
 - 8.1. The consultation will be widely advertised. Respondents will be able to submit their responses via the Council's website, via email or letter, via telephone or in person via Customer Services.
9. Health implications
 - 9.1. No specific health implications have been identified.
10. Climate and environmental implications
 - 10.1. No direct climate and/or environmental implications have been identified.
11. Section 17 Crime and Disorder Implications
 - 11.1. It is anticipated this improvement will help the Council to address issues faced by residents in particular, throughout the year but more so in the spring summer months.
12. Risk management implications
 - 12.1 Following the outcome of the consultation, recommendations will be formulated, and any risk management implications will be identified at this stage.
13. Human resources implications
 - 13.1. No direct human resource implications have been identified.
14. Options considered and reason for their rejection
 - 14.1 Any additional options will be identified and assessed via this consultation process.
15. Conclusion
 - 15.1. In conclusion, carrying out a community consultation will allow the Council to ensure its decision making going forward is cognisant of residents and local stakeholders.
16. Appendices
 - 16.1. Please note there are no appendices attached to this report.
17. Background papers
 - 17.1. Please note there are no background papers attached to this report.

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