

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM SUB-COMMITTEE

11th August 2025

A meeting of Local Government Reform Sub-Committee was held on Monday 11th August, 2025 in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall.

Present

Councillor C. Watkins (Chair)

Councillors: J. Clarke, S. Hey, M. Kondakor, S. Markham, and K. Wilson

LGR01Apologies

Apologies were received for Councillor K. Price

LGR02Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED that the Declarations of Interest for this meeting are as set out in the Schedule published on the website.

LGR03Draft Terms of Reference

The Chief Executive Officer submitted a report detailing the terms of reference for the sub-committee. The draft terms of reference had been circulated to key senior officers and group leaders prior to being adopted by the Chief Executive Officer through a Delegated Authority by Officer decision (DO/16/2025 (TS)). The terms of reference were included in the agenda for review and noting.

RESOLVED that the Terms of Reference be noted.

LGR04PeopleToo Report

The Chief Executive of PeopleToo - Maggie Kenney presented the report on the Future of Social Care that was commissioned by the District and Borough Councils to provide analysis around the future of social care in a one or two unitary model for Warwickshire.

The following summarised points were raised:

- Concern over the demand pressures of adult and children services and budget gap that would need to be covered.
- Concern that a unitary will take local knowledge away when providing services to the residents.
- A two unitary model could provide opportunity to refine social care services at a local level and enable better delivery of outcomes.
- Important to examine what services need to be commissioned in respect of social care.
- The amount of work required takes considerable time and resources to enable a stable transition period, concern that the current timeframe of three years is not going to be adequate to enable proper consideration of all the factors.
- Concern over redundancies and the costs associated with this when creating the unitary councils.

- A business case to look at local initiatives that are not statutory to examine what benefits this would have.

RESOLVED that the report be noted

LGR05**CEO Update**

The Chief Executive submitted a report updating the sub-committee on the position of the current programme of the Local Government Reform for Warwickshire.

RESOLVED that

- a) the report be noted; and
- b) the continued participation in the collaborative workstreams, including public consultation and data sharing initiatives be endorsed.

LGR06**Any Other Items**

RESOLVED that

- a) if a Warwickshire County Council (WCC) report on the Local Government Reform (LGR) is submitted to WCC Cabinet that it be circulated to the members of the LGR sub-committee and placed on an appropriate agenda; and
- b) a timetable for future meetings of the sub-committee be produced and circulated to the members of the sub-committee.

Chair