

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE

9th September 2025

A meeting of the Audit & Standards Committee was held on Tuesday, 9th September 2025 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Nuneaton.

Present

Councillor J. Bonner – Chair

Councillors: A. Bull, T. Cooper, L. Cvetkovic, J. Hartshorn, T. Jenkins, W. Markham, C. Smith, M. Wright, S. Markham (substitute for D. Brown) and C. Phillips (substitute for B. Hancox)

Apologies: Councillors D. Brown and B. Hancox.

PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS

ASC9 **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Audit and Standards Committee meeting held on 24th June 2025 be approved and signed by the Chair.

ASC10 **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](#)).

ASC11 **Internal Audit Charter and Mandate**

A Report of Audit Manager gave the Committee the opportunity to review and discuss the CMAP Internal Audit Charter and Mandate. Having an internal audit charter and mandate establishes the internal audit activity's position within the organisation and demonstrates commitment to adhering to the Global Internal Audit Standards (GIAS).

RESOLVED that the CMAP Internal Audit Charter and Internal Audit Mandate be approved.

ASC12 **Internal Audit Progress Report**

The Audit Manager presented a report which provided the Committee with an update on progress against the approved Internal Audit Plan. The report detailed the performance and activity of Internal Audit since the last Progress Report presented to the Audit and Standards Committee.

Public Speaker: County Councillor K. Kondakor

RESOLVED that the report be considered and issues identified be subject to a follow-up report as appropriate.

ASC13 **Internal Audit Annual Opinion Report 2024-2025**

A Report of Audit Manager provided the Committee with the Annual Internal Audit Opinion as required by the Public Sector Internal Standards, together with a

summary of the work that the Council's Internal Audit Service has undertaken during 2024-25.

The report also provided information on the performance of the Internal Audit Service in 2024-25 and an assessment of the conformance against the Public Sector Internal Auditing Standards.

Public Speaker: County Councillor K. Kondakor

RESOLVED that the Annual Internal Audit Opinion for 2024-25 be considered and noted.

ASC14 **Treasury Management Update 2025-2026**

The Finance Manager – Treasury reported that the Council is required through the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management (the Code) and the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities (the Prudential Code) to report to Full Council a mid-year review.

This report to the Committee set out the Council's treasury position as at 30th June 2025 and therefore any decisions made after this date are not reflected in this report.

Public Speaker: County Councillor K. Kondakor

RESOLVED that **IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL** that the Treasury Management Report for 2025/26 – Quarter 1 Review be noted.

ASC15 **LGSCO – Annual Review of Local Government Complaints for 2024-2025**

A Report of the Customer Experience and Data Protection Officer provided the Committee with the annual summary of the complaint statistics from the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (LGSCO) for the year ending 31 March 2025.

Public Speaker: County Councillor K. Kondakor

RESOLVED that

- a) the report be noted and information including how NBBC approaches complaints be acknowledged; and
- b) the forthcoming changes to the LGSCO complaint handling code be noted.

ASC16 **Annual Governance Statement 2024-2025**

The Assistant Director – Democracy and Governance presented a report which gave Members the opportunity to discuss and review the Annual Governance Statement 2024/2025.

Public Speaker: County Councillor K. Kondakor

RESOLVED that the Annual Governance Statement for the 2024/2025 financial year be approved.

ASC17 **RIPA 2000 and the Investigatory Powers Act 2015**

A report of the Assistant Director – Democracy and Governance provided the Committee with the outcome of the usual three-yearly inspection by the Investigatory Powers Commissioner's Officer (IPCO) to assess compliance with

the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) 2000 and the Investigatory Powers Act 2016.

Public Speaker: County Councillor K. Kondakor

RESOLVED that

- a) the findings of the Surveillance Inspector from the IPCO for the 2025 inspection be noted;
- b) the updates to the policy and procedure for the August 2025 policy review be endorsed;
- c) bi-annual training be endorsed; and
- d) it be noted that the next routine inspection will take place in 2028.

ASC18 **Overview of Member Complaints**

A report of the Monitoring Officer provided the Committee with an update on the overview report presented in respect of complaints against members.

Public Speaker: County Councillor K. Kondakor

RESOLVED that it be noted that a total of one (1) complaint against elected members have been received since the last report came before the Committee (1st April 2025).

Chair _____