

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

12th November 2025

A meeting of Cabinet was held on Wednesday 12th November, 2025 in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall.

Present

Councillor C. Watkins (Leader and Housing)
Councillor S. Hey (Deputy Leader and Resources & Central Services)
Councillor N. King (Business & Regeneration)
Councillor K. Price (Communities & Public Services)
Councillor T. Venson (Planning & Enforcement)

CB53 **Apologies**

Apologies received from Councillor B. Hughes (Leisure & Health)

CB54 **Declarations of Interest**

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

CB55 **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 8th October 2025, be approved, and signed by the Chair

CB56 **Nuneaton Town Football Club**

The Assistant Director – Recreation and Culture submitted a report to Cabinet providing Cabinet with an update on a request from Nuneaton Town Football Club (NTFC) to Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council (NBBC) to seeking support in identifying land for NTFC to develop a Nuneaton home ground on.

RESOLVED that

- a) the information contained within the report and Appendix A of the report provided by Nuneaton Town Football Club as part of an initial feasibility study and request for support of a new home ground be noted;
- b) the request from Nuneaton Town Football Club to the Council in supporting a new home football ground being developed and considers the site at Vale View or an alternative location be considered;
- c) an “In Principle” decision to support Nuneaton Town Football Club with a 49-year lease for the Vale View site or alternative location be approved; and
- d) reports be brought back to Cabinet on a regular basis to seek next stage approvals / sign off as the project develops. This will include seeking delegated authority to negotiate Heads of Terms / Lease agreement and that funding is in place for the site to be developed by Nuneaton Town Football Club.

Speakers:

James Evans (CIC Board Member - Nuneaton Football Club)
Stuart Elliott (CIC Board Member - Nuneaton Football Club)
Mark Axon (CIC Board Member - Nuneaton Football Club)
County Councillor Keith Kondakor
Councillor Kris Wilson
Councillor Jonathan Collett

Options

1. Cabinet do not support the development of a Football Ground at the Vale View site or other locations, due to risks associated with the long-term financial sustainability of such a development on NBBC land. In rejecting this NBBC need to ensure that due diligence / professional advice is taken in developing the project and the NTFC Business and Financial Plan is robust and sustainable.
2. Cabinet consider that a further football ground is not needed in Nuneaton and further mediation needs to be exhausted with existing locations for shared use options. NTFC have confirmed that discussions have been held with the Eastboro Way landowner and these have not been able to move forward and are not sustainable for the Club. There is no other site that meets the required needs by NTFC that would allow them to be sustainable.
3. Sites at Tomkinson Road, Vernon's Lane, Pingles Avenue Road pitches and Paul's Land have also been considered. However, NTFC has stated that Vale View is its preferred site.

Reasons

To seek Cabinet support and enable the Council to formally support the NTFC identifying land for the development of a Nuneaton home ground.

CB57 Pingles Decarbonisation Project - Update

The Assistant Director – Recreation and Culture submitted a report to Cabinet updating on the progress of the decarbonisation of the Pingles Leisure Centre and Pingles Stadium, following successful funding from Sport England and Salix to install PV Panels, pool covers and heat source technology.

RESOLVED that the progress update on the Pingles Decarbonisation Project be noted.

Speakers:

County Councillor Keith Kondakor

Options:

No other options identified as the connection to the National Grid substation is via this sole supplier only. Other areas of the report for noting only.

Reasons:

To update on the progress of the Pingles Decarbonisation Project.

CB58 Local Government Reform

The report by the Chief Executive presented the final business case for Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) in Warwickshire, prepared on behalf of the District and Borough Councils ahead of the statutory submission deadline in late November 2025.

RESOLVED that

- a) the two Unitary Model for Warwickshire forms the basis of a final submission to Government on or before 28 November 2025 as unanimously supported at Extraordinary Council 29 October 2025, comprising:
 - i. North Warwickshire Unitary Authority: incorporating North Warwickshire Borough, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough, and Rugby Borough; and
 - ii. South Warwickshire Unitary Authority: incorporating Warwick District and Stratford on Avon District;
- b) delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive Officer (Head of Paid Service), in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to:
 - i. submit the joint business case to Government with other Warwickshire District and Borough Councils that support the proposed two unitary model as per (a) i and ii above;
 - ii. include within the submission to Government, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council's opposition to Warwickshire County Council being designated as the continuing authority if a single unitary model is pursued; and
 - iii. continue representing and acting on behalf of Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council in all matters relating to Local Government Reform and Reorganisation;
- c) delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive Officer (Head of Paid Service), in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Group Leaders of the opposition parties, to make and approve any necessary administrative or presentational amendments to the final business case prior to its submission to Government; and
- d) the report be marked not for call in on the basis Council unanimously supported at the Extraordinary Council meeting 29 October 2025 to support a two Unitary Model for Warwickshire and noting timescales to coordinate with the other Warwickshire District and Borough Councils to submit before the deadline.

Speakers:

County Councillor Keith Kondakor
Councillor Kris Wilson

Options:

The business case considered two primary options: a single county wide unitary authority and a two unitary model dividing Warwickshire into North and South. The single unitary model is proposed to be rejected due to concerns over scale, democratic deficit, and reduced responsiveness to local needs. The two unitary model was preferred for its alignment with community identities, financial

sustainability, and ability to deliver improved outcomes through locally focused governance.

Reasons:

These recommendations ensure that Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council fulfil its obligation to submit a response to Government by the statutory deadline in November 2025, in line with the resolution passed by Council.

Delegating authority to the Chief Executive Officer allows for timely and responsive amendments to the business case, ensuring its accuracy and alignment with evolving developments and the positions of partner authorities. The inclusion of opposition Group Leaders in the consultation process ensures continued cross-party engagement and transparency.

CB59 Bedworth Regeneration and Investment Plan

The Assistant Director – Economy and Regeneration submitted a report to Cabinet on the progress of the Bedworth Pride in Place Fund (Believe in Bedworth) and provided details of fund requirements and Nuneaton and Bedworth Councils role as the responsible body.

RESOLVED that

- a) the requirements of the fund be noted;
- b) the strategic direction and priorities of the Bedworth Board be noted; and
- c) the spend by the Board must be signed off by the Council's Section 151 Officer, as per the fund's technical guidance as per Appendix 1 of the report.

Speakers:

County Councillor Keith Kondakor
Councillor Jeff Clarke
Councillor Kris Wilson
Councillor Michele Kondakor

Options:

- 1. To accept the recommendations
- 2. To ask for further information pertaining to the report.

Reasons:

To update on the progress of the Bedworth Pride in Place Fund.

CB60 Recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny Panels

i) Health and Corporate Resources OSP – 23rd October 2025

Capital Strategy 2025/26

Cabinet considered the recommendation put forward from the above OSP and it was **RESOLVED** that the Capital Strategy 2025/26 be approved

SPEAKERS: None

ii) Environment and Leisure OSP – 16th October 2025

Sea Cadets – Access to Open Water

Cabinet considered the recommendation put forward from the OSP. In their considerations with a view to aid the decision making process, the Cabinet moved additional recommendations, and it was **RESOLVED** that

- a) the good work that the Sea Cadets do in the borough for young people be noted, and will work collaboratively with them to explore the potential for open water usage within the Borough;
- b) the Environment and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Panel have reviewed the report on the Sea Cadet request and have requested further information to be brought to the panel in February 2026 be noted;
- c) officers be directed to obtain external advice to assist with the review of the request from the Sea Cadets;
- d) delegate authority be given to the Strategic Director – Corporate Resources in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Central Services to identify budget for external advice to be sought further to c) above; and
- e) request the Proper Officer call an Extraordinary Environment and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Panel as soon as practicable following external advice in advance of February 2026.

SPEAKERS:

County Councillor Keith Kondakor
Councillor Damon Brown
Councillor Kris Wilson

iii) Environment and Leisure OSP – 16th October 2025

Domestic Food Waste Service

Cabinet considered the recommendation put forward from the above OSP and it was **RESOLVED** that the recommendations made in the report submitted to Environment and Leisure OSP be noted.

SPEAKERS:

County Councillor Keith Kondakor
Councillor Michele Kondakor

CB61 **Any Other Items**

None

Chair

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