## NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

## **AUDIT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

25th November 2025

A meeting of the Audit & Standards Committee was held on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Nuneaton.

## <u>Present</u>

Councillor J. Bonner - Chair

Councillors: D. Brown (Vice-Chair), A. Bull, T. Cooper, L. Cvetkovic, B. Hancox, J. Hartshorn, T. Jenkins, W. Markham, C. Smith and M. Wright.

## **PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS**

## ASC19 Minutes

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Audit and Standards Committee meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025 be approved and signed by the Chair.

### ASC20 **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).

## ASC21 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.

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

## ASC22 Auditor's Annual Report

The Strategic Director – Corporate Resources and External Auditors provided the Committee with the Annual Auditor's Report for 2024/25.

**RESOLVED** that the Auditor's Annual Report be noted.

### ASC23 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 September 2025 and therefore any decisions made after this date are not reflected in this report.

#### RESOLVED that IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL that

- a) the Treasury Management Report for 2025/26 Mid-Year review be noted;
   and
- b) the update to the Treasury Management Practice (TMP) 5 be approved.

# ASC24 Review Of Performance Management Framework And Risk Management Policy And Strategy

A Report of the Governance, Risk Management and Performance Officer provided the Committee with the reviewed Performance Management Framework and Risk Management Policy and Strategy documents for consideration, approval and referral to Full Council for adoption.

#### **RESOLVED** that

- a) the revised Performance Management Framework and Risk Management Policy and Strategy documents be endorsed; and
- b) **IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL** that the Performance Management Framework and Risk Management Policy and Strategy documents be adopted and the constitution be updated accordingly.

# ASC25 Review Of The Register Of Members' Interests And The Gifts And Hospitality Register 2024-2025

A Report of the Monitoring Officer provided Committee Members with information regarding the registration of Members' Interests and, Gifts and Hospitality by Members and Officers for the period 16 October 2024 – 23 October 2025

### **RESOLVED** that

- a) the contents of Members' Interests between 16 October 2024 and 23 October 2025 be considered and noted; and
- b) the contents of the Register of Gifts and Hospitality for Members and Officers between 16 October 2024 and 23 October 2025 be considered and noted.

## ASC 26 Any Other Business

The Monitoring Officer advised the Committee Members that an independent Co-Opted Member had now been appointed to the Audit and Standards Committee, and would hopefully be attending the next meeting.

Chair			