

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

10th December 2025

A Council meeting of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council was held on Wednesday, 10th December 2025.

Present

The Mayor (Councillor B. Saru)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor T. Sheppard)

Councillors E. Amaechi, M. Bird, J. Bonner, A. Bull, J. Clarke, J. Collett, T. Cooper, S. Croft, M. Etienne, J. Gutteridge, W. Hancox, J. Hartshorn, S. Hey, P. Hickling, B. Hughes, T. Jenkins, A. Khangura, N. King, M. Kondakor, S. Markham, W. Markham, B. Pandher, K. Price, R. Roze, J. Sheppard, C. Smith, R. Smith, T. Venson, M. Walsh, C. Watkins, K. Wilson and M. Wright.

Apologies were received for Councillors D. Brown, L. Cvetkovic and C. Phillips

CL39 **Minutes**

RESOLVED that

- a) the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 16th September 2025 were confirmed and signed by the Mayor;
- b) the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 17th September 2025 were confirmed and signed by the Mayor; and
- c) the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 29th October 2025 were confirmed and signed by the Mayor

CL40 **Declarations of Interests**

RESOLVED that the Declarations of Interests for this meeting are as set out in the schedule which can be viewed on the website.

CL41 **Announcements**

The Mayor wished to express his gratitude for everyone involved in the Christmas Light Switch On's including officers, councillors, stall holders and residents.

Councillor K. Wilson and Councillor C. Watkins both announced that in the spirit of Christmas and as per tradition for the December Council meeting, Councillors were to participate in wearing a Christmas Jumper and donations were made to the Mayor's Appeal.

CL42 **Public Participation**

Question 1 – David Sedgewick asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Business and Regeneration:

Dear Councillors,

Nuneaton Arts is the charity that, amongst other things, manages the Abbey Theatre. In January 2023, following an unsuccessful bid for Levelling Up funding for a new arts hub in the town, the charity approached the council with a view to renew the lease on the theatre which had expired in 2013.

This would provide the charity with security of tenure, enable financial planning and give greater access to external grant funding.

In March 2023 Councillor Kristofer Wilson, the then leader of the council, agreed that this would be done and that he was "taking up the issue of the lease with the relevant officers".

And so the saga begins, with Nuneaton Arts consistently chasing the council to move things forward and being given a multitude of excuses and reasons for delay. This prolonged time has, understandably, led to irritation, frustration and, at times, anger.

Following local elections in 2024 another meeting was held with the new council leader, Councillor Christopher Watkins alongside Councillors and cabinet members Nicky King and Tim Jenkins. Verbal assurances were again given that the new leadership was wholly in support of renewing the lease.

What is particularly frustrating in the delay is that we note since March 2023, when we first reached out to the council, that the council has either agreed or progressed leases for at least 7 other of their properties, namely:

- Bulkington Sports and Social Club - July 2023.
- Bedworth Civic Hall - September 2024.
- The Saints - March 2025.
- Indian restaurant in Abbey Street - September 2025.
- Newdigate Colliery and District Sports and Social Club - October 2025.
- Use of Leisure Box as Padel courts - October 2025.
- Nuneaton Town Football Club - November 2025.

Where are we with progress on the theatre lease today? We don't know.

The last update we had was with Maria Bailey in September but she has now left the council and there has been no response from the council to two subsequent requests for an update.

We are, in our opinion, no further forward.

If anything we have taken a step back as, following a request from the council, we made a payment of £3000 in June 2025 towards the cost of a lease valuation calculation and, six months on, this has still not been carried out. This is not acceptable business practice.

Over the last two and a half years the council's handling of the lease renewal can only be described, at best, as shambolic and inept.

What commitment and reassurance can the council give to a realistic date for the lease to be agreed and completed?

If this cannot be done, can we expect to be having discussions with different cabinet members following the local elections in 2026, or with whatever unitary authority comes in to being in 2028?

Councillor N. King, Portfolio Holder for Business and Regeneration, responded as follows

Whilst the Theatre continues to operate as usual, the Council has been sourcing support for this specialist area. Following the receipt of information, it is expected that we will enter into lease negotiations within the first half of January.

Councillor K. Wilson moved that the above question and answer be referred to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel for further consideration.

Councillor S. Markham seconded the procedural motion

A vote was taken

The motion was carried

RESOLVED that the question and answer be referred to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel for further consideration.

Question 2 – Nicola Fentiman asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Enforcement

At the previous council meeting, I asked why the community facilities and associated buildings at Hawkesbury Village — which are physically complete — remain unopened and unavailable for public use. This is not just the village community building and orchid & allotments. This also includes other public footpaths. For example the paths above the mine shifts close to Heritage Drive, have been recapped and pathways base work completed over 18 months ago. This land is still fenced off and due to this the paths ways are overgrown just like the allotments.

At the last meeting, the only explanation given was a lack of legal capacity. This is not a sufficient justification for inaction on a major Section 106 obligation affecting an entire community.

As this position has significant consequences for the residents of Hawkesbury, can the Council please provide:

1. A clear timetable for when the legal work required to bring these facilities into public use will be completed;
2. Confirmation of whether the developer has met, or breached, its Section 106 obligations for the community building, allotments and associated infrastructure on the Hawkesbury site
3. Details of what action the Council has taken since the last meeting to progress this matter.

The community needs assurance that this issue is not being indefinitely delayed and that the Council is actively addressing its responsibilities.

Councillor T. Venson, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Enforcement responded as follows:

There are two S106 agreements in relation to the site. The first is dated 10th May 2021 and relates to application 036870 (land owned by Vistry). This governs the construction of community infrastructure, open space, allotments, and community

building, and sets out the Management & Maintenance Company (MMC) and rent/service charge mechanisms. It requires the formation of a management company to manage public open space, community assets, and infrastructure. The second is dated 19th August 2022 and relates to application 037807. This pertains to phase 2 (land owned by Tilia), with similar MMC and maintenance provisions.

There have been a number of meetings between Planning Officers and Legal to try and move the situation forwards. In October, Counsel advice was sought. A further meeting with Counsel has taken place on 20th November 2025 and following this a formal letter was sent to Vistry who are the housebuilder on 21st November which set out the breaches of the S106 agreement and a request they set out their position in relation to the breaches identified. A response to this letter was requested within 21 days. Upon receipt of the response, the Council will then consider it's position and determine the appropriate course of action.

Question 3 – John Blackburn asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Enforcement;

How much has been spent by NBBC on salary costs for planning enforcement legal officers since May 2021 when a section 106 deed for the Hawkesbury old golf course was signed by the council and what is the estimated salary cost of employing a permanent legal officer for planning enforcement (rather than a succession of locum temporary posts) to improve the service to electors since the conditions this deed were breached over two years ago?

Councillor T. Venson, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Enforcement responded as follows;

I refer to the response already given in respect of S106 and Land Ownership.

The Council does not have a Planning Enforcement Legal Officer post and therefore the Council cannot provide salary information. Instead, the Council has a Planning Solicitor role within the Legal Team and a Planning Enforcement Team within Planning.

In terms of Planning Enforcement, since April 2025 the team has been very under staffed and has not had any permanent members of staff. The team has been resourced using contractor staff and we currently have one Planning Enforcement Officer covering the whole borough. The Planning Enforcement Team has experienced a high turnover of staff with 5 staff members having left

their positions with the Planning Enforcement Team over the last 4 years (November 2021 – April 2025).

The Legal Team has, to date, been unsuccessful in recruiting to the vacant Planning Solicitor post. We have tried multiple options but are aware that there is an issue across the local government sector with legal team recruitment. At the time of Full Council, Warwick District Council and Stratford District Council work collaboratively and are currently out to advert for a shared Planning and Regulatory Legal Team Leader position. Since the permanent Planning Solicitor left the Council during 2023/2024, the Legal team have had interim staff rather than permanent Planning Solicitor.

The Council has recently re-advertised the Planning Solicitor role and are continuing to look into other external options that represent best value for the taxpayer. Whilst having agency staff is not an ideal long-term solution, it has provided us with some capacity, using salary savings, and the staff are working hard to deliver the required service.

Question 4 – County Councillor Keith Kondakor made the following statement:

I need to make a statement about the surface water attenuation pond number 6 on the Callander Farm phase 2 development by Taylor Wimpey. The site is commercially called Meadow Green and is adjacent to the existing St Nicolas Park estate and Bellway Phase 3 (Royal Park), off The Long Shoot.

Concerns were raised in the summer that the ponds on the south west corner of the development were not draining properly, after a summer storm in July, due to the inlets and outlets being obscured with green silt control mesh. I raised this with the WCC flood team and NBBC planning. Nothing gets done as it seems the two councils assume it is a matter for the other one. In October I did get a response from the developer stating the mesh is cleaned twice a year.

Then the evening before Storm Claudia was due to arrive I was informed that the water in the pond in the corner was already at it's rim and slowly spilling towards the back gardens on St Nicolas Park estate. In the dark, it was clear that the level of the silt screen mesh was higher than the side of the attenuation pond. I pushed the mesh down slightly so that the pond would flow more into the outflow. During the day of Storm Claudia, I monitored pond 6 to ensure that it did not overflow from the side again.

After the event I have now looked again at the planning documents and it is clear that the west side of pond 6 should have been raised to prevent it overflowing from the side toward the gardens of existing housing. The ditch on the old field

boundary between Meadow Green and Bellway Phase 3 is full of water and barely draining. I have, of course, notified the county council and they will talk to the borough council, but I have little hope of either council getting it sorted this winter. That is why I am making a statement rather than asking a question.

Councillor T. Venson, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Enforcement responded as follows;

Thank you, County Councillor Keith Kondakor for your comments these have been noted.

CL43 **Questions by Members**

Question 1 – Councillor Michele Kondakor asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Enforcement:

Last week, I saw that North Warwickshire Borough Council was putting signs up at sites around their Borough, declaring that it was a Fly-tip enforcement area and that enforcement cameras are in operation. The more things that our neighbours do to deter fly-tipping in their area, the more likely that people will come across the border, into Nuneaton and Bedworth to fly-tip if we don't also do something similar. Will the portfolio holder ensure that this happens?

Councillor T. Venson, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Enforcement, responded as follows:

We have recently installed permanent fly tipping warning notices along the laybys of the A444 as well as other known hotspots within the Borough. They are intended to directly target those who maybe considering fly tipping their waste.

Without wanting to compromise the ongoing work and efforts to tackle fly tipping, I can confirm that we regularly target areas with CCTV systems to try and gather evidence against those who think it's acceptable to blight our Borough through their selfish and illegal actions. However, I can confirm that we have several prosecutions currently going through the Courts regarding recent high-profile incidents. I would therefore like to remind those who think that they can use our Borough as a dustbin that it is illegal to fly tip and if we catch you, we will take formal action against you.

In offering reassurance on the concerns raised on offenders coming from outside the Borough, the 6 Local Authorities have recently agreed to work together to tackle fly tipping across the County. It is hoped that by sharing best practices

and information, a more collaborative approach will lead to a reduce in fly tipping across the entire County.

Question 2 – Councillor Kris Wilson asked the following question to the Chair of Housing and Communities OSP:

At the Extraordinary Council in September 2025, Council resolved to call a special OSP and invite stakeholders to give evidence about what happened and possible lessons learned regarding the events in the summer and the asylum and immigration system.

Could the Chair of the OSP update Council on progress towards fulfilling the resolution of Full Council?

Councillor C. Watkins, Leader of the Council, in the absence of the Chair of Housing and Communities OSP responded as follows:

Thank you, Cllr Wilson, for your question,

The panel at the last Housing and Communities OSP agreed to have this item as part of the already scheduled meeting on 22nd January 2026 due to the agenda being light on items. Invites to the meeting have been sent out to SERCO, Warwickshire Police, WCC Communities Team and NBBC Communities team. A representative from the Home Office is also being located with the help of the local MP.

Whilst we await responses, the Council continues to be proactively engaged with all stakeholders, both in terms of lessons learned, and in relation to sharing good practice with other local authorities and other stakeholders.

We are working closely with the MHCLG Communities Unit to establish a network of learning for all regions impacted. In addition, we actively participate in the Warwickshire Migration Partnership via regular meetings and sub groups to co-ordinate migration services, share best practice and strengthen partnerships. We are also a member of the West Midlands Strategic Migration partnership to deliver a co-ordinated and collaborative approach to all matters related to migration.

Question 3 – Councillor Rob Roze asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Enforcement:

Derelict buildings, overgrown sites, and promised community centres sit empty across Nuneaton and Bedworth, developers dodging legal duties including those for local facilities, and frequently secured investment is not even spent, while enforcement backlogs and legal team struggles persist.

What is the clear strategy, beyond locums and surveys, to clear these backlogs, force developers and owners to deliver, spend obligations, and restore trust in council's ability to look after our borough?

What concrete steps will be taken to fix the capacity failures for good?

Councillor T. Venson, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Enforcement responded as follows:

It is important to note that that not all sites the Council can do anything about, even with engagement that the Council may pursue, unless other powers are considered and may not purely be a Council matter, and specifically Legal and Planning teams. There are other parts such as the Empty Property activity in Private Sector Housing, and the recent Cabinet report considered 3rd December 2025 Ref Probate Concession Services Contract.

In terms of Planning Enforcement, since April 2025 the team has been very under staffed and has not had any permanent members of staff. The team has been resourced using contractor staff and we currently have one Planning Enforcement Officer covering the whole borough. A restructure of the Planning Enforcement team has recently been agreed which would see the creation of a Principal Planning Enforcement post together with a Planning Enforcement Technician post. This will ensure that the Planning Enforcement Team is well resourced in order to cope with the increase in the number of alleged breaches, as well as the complexity of planning enforcement cases in the Borough. A full time S106 Agreement Monitoring Officer post has also been approved. The role will maintain the register of Section 106 Agreements and proactively monitor the agreements to ensure that the provisions within them are recorded and enacted efficiently. The role will also operate in a more proactive manner in respect of the monitoring of legal agreements and sites.

The Legal Team has, to date, been unsuccessful in recruiting to the vacant Planning Solicitor post. We have tried multiple options but are aware that there is an issue across the local government sector with legal team recruitment. We have recently re-advertised the Planning Solicitor role and are continuing to look into other external options. Whilst having agency staff is not an ideal long term solution, it has provided us with some capacity and the staff are working hard to deliver the required service.

Question 4 - Councillor Mike Wright asked the following question to the Leader of the Council:

With energy costs set to rise in the New Year, could the responsible cabinet member please clarify what measures are being taken to improve energy efficiency and reduce wastage throughout the borough?

Councillor C. Watkins, Leader of the Council, responded as follows:

In terms of the homes of our residents, the Council is actively tackling fuel poverty on a number of fronts. For those residents within the Council's housing stock, we are an active participant in the Local Authority Delivery scheme, improving the thermal efficiency of our own dwellings, along with the installation of energy efficient boilers, double glazing and roof insulation.

For home owners, we have successfully bid for £1.4m of funding from the Midlands Net Zero Hub to deliver grants for energy efficiency measures to their homes.

The ongoing decarbonisation delivery at the Pingles Leisure site will see only electric being used from early April 2026, with the installation of PV panels supporting the overall electric costs. The new modern heating and ventilation system, along with internal refurbishment will help drive the efficiency of the building going forward. Likewise, the delivery of the new Bedworth Physical Activity Hub has incorporated energy efficient equipment as part of the building design, including PV panels that will help support efficiencies measures in its ongoing operational delivery.

CL44 Special Urgency Decisions

It was noted that the following decision was taken under urgency rules:

- DO/51/2025 (TS) Delegated Authority by Officer re: Procurement of Active Harmonic Filtration equipment for the Pingles Decarbonisation project.

CL45 Cabinet

The Leader of the Council submitted the Leaders report on behalf of Cabinet. The report highlighted matters considered at the Cabinet meeting held on 10th September 8th October and 12th November 2025 and refers members to the minutes from the West Midlands Combined Authority Board (WMCAB), where items can be read in detail that may have a direct impact on NBBC.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

CL46 **Notice of Motion**

A motion was received from the Leader of the Opposition Councillor K. Wilson in line with procedure rule 4A.11 for Council consideration.

Councillor K. Wilson moved the motion as follows:

“This Council opposes the announcement by the Prime Minister that the government will legislate to introduce mandatory ID cards and the fundamental change in the relationship between citizen and the state it will result in for the residents of Nuneaton and Bedworth. This council does not believe that the introduction of an ID card system will resolve the challenges our country faces, will add additional burdens to law abiding citizens and fail to address the issues caused by those who fail to abide by the laws of this land.

Therefore, this Council resolves to write to our 3 local Members of Parliament to express this Council’s opposition to the policy of mandatory ID cards and ask them to vote against these proposals in Parliament on behalf of the residents of Nuneaton and Bedworth.”

Councillor S. Markham seconded the motion

Councillor R. Roze moved the following amendment:

“Furthermore, Council is deeply concerned that local authorities could be expected to bear the cost or administrative burden of implementing identity verification processes, particularly at a time when Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council is already modernising legacy IT systems to better serve residents.

Council therefore calls on the Government to guarantee that any future legislation on identity verification is truly focused on solving issues, not creating new ones and fully respects citizens’ rights, provides clarity on funding and responsibility for organisations involved, including councils and prevents the expansion of centralised data systems without proper democratic scrutiny, safety and privacy.”

Councillor K. Wilson seconded the amendment.

A recorded vote was taken on the amendment as follows:

FOR: Councillors M. Bird, J. Clarke, J. Collett, T. Cooper, S. Croft, M. Etienne, J. Gutteridge, J. Hartshorn, A. Khangura, M. Kondakor, S. Markham, W. Markham, B. Pandher, R. Roze, R. Smith, M. Walsh, K. Wilson and M. Wright

AGAINST: Councillors E. Amaechi, J. Bonner, A. Bull, S. Dhillon, W. Hancox, S. Hey, P. Hickling, B. Hughes, T. Jenkins, N. King, K. Price, B. Saru, C. Smith, T. Venson, and C. Watkins

ABSTENTIONS: Councillors J. Sheppard and T. Sheppard

The amendment was carried.

A recorded vote was taken on the substantive motion as follows:

FOR: Councillors M. Bird, J. Clarke, J. Collett, T. Cooper, S. Croft, M. Etienne, J. Gutteridge, J. Hartshorn, A. Khangura, M. Kondakor, S. Markham, W. Markham, B. Pandher, R. Roze, R. Smith, M. Walsh, K. Wilson and M. Wright

AGAINST: Councillors E. Amaechi, J. Bonner, A. Bull, S. Dhillon, W. Hancox, S. Hey, P. Hickling, B. Hughes, T. Jenkins, N. King, K. Price, B. Saru, C. Smith, T. Venson, and C. Watkins

ABSTENTIONS: Councillors J. Sheppard and T. Sheppard

The substantive motion was carried

It was **RESOLVED** that

this Council opposes the announcement by the Prime Minister that the government will legislate to introduce mandatory ID cards and the fundamental change in the relationship between citizen and the state it will result in for the residents of Nuneaton and Bedworth. This council does not believe that the introduction of an ID card system will resolve the challenges our country faces, will add additional burdens to law abiding citizens and fail to address the issues caused by those who fail to abide by the laws of this land.

Therefore, this Council resolves to write to our 3 local Members of Parliament to express this Council's opposition to the policy of mandatory ID cards and ask them to vote against these proposals in Parliament on behalf of the residents of Nuneaton and Bedworth.

Furthermore, Council is deeply concerned that local authorities could be expected to bear the cost or administrative burden of implementing identity verification processes, particularly at a time when Nuneaton and Bedworth

Borough Council is already modernising legacy IT systems to better serve residents.

Council therefore calls on the Government to guarantee that any future legislation on identity verification is truly focused on solving issues, not creating new ones and fully respects citizens' rights, provides clarity on funding and responsibility for organisations involved, including councils and prevents the expansion of centralised data systems without proper democratic scrutiny, safety and privacy.

CL47 Preparations for the Local Elections – 7th May 2026

A report of the Chief Executive was submitted to Council to provide an update on the preparations that are currently ongoing for the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough election due to be held on 7th May 2026. In addition to seek agreement to delegate to the Returning Officer the ability to review and amend the schedule of fees when required.

Councillor S. Hey moved the recommendations with the inclusion of the revised section 3.2 of the report as follows:

3.2. May 2024 was an anomaly year due to the Nuneaton & Bedworth (Electoral Changes) Order 2024. From May 2026, the Council is expected to return to its usual pattern of electing half of the council every two years. This means councillors will serve four-year terms, staggered so that half are up for election every two years. For the May 2026 elections, one councillor's seat will be contested in each of the 19 wards (Arbury, Attleborough, Bede, Bulkington, Camp Hill, Chilvers Coton, Eastboro, Exhall, Galley Common, Heath, Milby, Poplar, Slough, St Mary's, St Nicolas, Stockingford East, Stockingford West, Weddington, Whitestone). The position for May 2028 remains uncertain due to potential Local Government Reorganisation. Subject to a Government decision, May 2026 may be the last Borough Elections in the current format.

Councillor C. Watkins seconded the recommendations with the inclusion of the revised section 3.2 of the report.

A vote was taken.

It was **RESOLVED** that

- a) the proposed changes to the scale of fees, as per Appendix A of the report be approved;

- b) delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive to make minor amendments to the fees to reflect inflation and/or National Joint Council Local Government Pay Award;
- c) the preparations that are taking place for the election on 7 May 2026 as outlined in the report be endorsed;
- d) further to paragraph 3.3 of the report, an amendment to the Constitution at Part A2.2 Election and Terms of Members that clarifies the future cycle of elections are to be in halves further to The Nuneaton & Bedworth (Electoral Changes) Order 2024, subject to Local Government Re-organisation be approved; and
- e) the revised section 3.2 of the report be approved as follows:

3.2. May 2024 was an anomaly year due to the Nuneaton & Bedworth (Electoral Changes) Order 2024. From May 2026, the Council is expected to return to its usual pattern of electing half of the council every two years. This means councillors will serve four-year terms, staggered so that half are up for election every two years. For the May 2026 elections, one councillor's seat will be contested in each of the 19 wards (Arbury, Attleborough, Bede, Bulkington, Camp Hill, Chilvers Coton, Eastboro, Exhall, Galley Common, Heath, Milby, Poplar, Slough, St Mary's, St Nicolas, Stockingford East, Stockingford West, Weddington, Whitestone). The position for May 2028 remains uncertain due to potential Local Government Reorganisation. Subject to a Government decision, May 2026 may be the last Borough Elections in the current format

CL48 Corporate Peer Challenge - 2025

A report of the Chief Executive was submitted to present the findings of the recent Local Government Association (LGA) Corporate Peer Challenge.

Councillor C. Watkins moved the recommendations

Councillor S. Hey seconded the recommendations

Councillor K. Wilson moved the following amendment:

"The Corporate Peer challenge report and subsequent action plan be referred to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panels to establish any further work that needs to be carried out"

Councillor C. Watkins seconded the amendment

A vote was taken on the amendment

The amendment was carried.

A vote was taken on the substantive recommendations

It was **RESOLVED** that

- a) the Corporate Peer Challenge (CPC) report and its findings be noted
- b) the report will be published by 15 January 2026 in line with Local Government Association (LGA) requirements.
- c) a full action plan responding to the recommendations will be presented to Cabinet in the New Year, no later than March 2026. This plan will set out clear actions, milestones, and timelines to ensure progress is monitored and delivered; and
- d) the Corporate Peer challenge report and subsequent action plan be referred to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panels to establish any further work that needs to be carried out

CL49 Recommendations from Cabinet and Other Committees

i) Treasury Management Update 2025 - 2026

At the Audit and Standards Committee meeting held on 25th November 2025, recommendations were put forward for Council approval on the above item.

Councillor J. Bonner, Chair of Audit and Standards Committee, moved the recommendations for approval

Councillor B. Hughes seconded the recommendations

A vote was taken.

RESOLVED that

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

ii) **Review of Performance Management Framework and Risk Management Policy and Strategy**

At the Audit and Standards Committee meeting held on 25th November 2025, a recommendation was put forward for Council approval on the above item.

Councillor J. Bonner, Chair of Audit and Standards Committee moved the recommendation for approval

Councillor K. Price seconded the recommendation

A vote was taken.

RESOLVED that the Performance Management Framework and Risk Management Policy and Strategy documents be adopted and the constitution be updated accordingly.

iii) **Adoption of Borough Plan and Local Development Scheme**

At the Cabinet meeting held on 3rd December 2025, recommendations were put forward for Council approval on the above item.

Councillor T. Venson, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Enforcement, moved the recommendations for approval

Councillor S. Hey seconded the recommendations

Councillor K. Wilson moved the following amendment:

“That Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council opposes the revised housing methodology in the new National Planning Policy Framework as it imposes an unfair housing target on our Borough and requests the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to advise him of our position.”

Councillor C. Watkins seconded the amendment

A vote was taken on the amendment

The amendment was carried

A vote was taken on the substantive recommendations

It was **RESOLVED** that

- a) the adoption of the Borough Plan Review as per the Inspectors Report (8th October 2025), incorporating the Main Modifications (Appendix B of the report) be approved. A version of this Plan and the accompanying Policies Maps are contained online;
- b) the updates made to the Local Development Scheme (Appendix C of the report) be approved and that the Local Development Scheme be adopted; and
- c) Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council opposes the revised housing methodology in the new National Planning Policy Framework as it imposes an unfair housing target on our Borough, and requests the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to advise him of our position

iv) **Draft Budget 2026/27**

At the Cabinet meeting held on 3rd December 2025 a recommendation was put forward for Council approval on the above item.

Councillor S. Hey, Portfolio Holder for Resources and Central Services, moved the recommendation.

Councillor C. Watkins seconded the recommendation.

A vote was taken

RESOLVED that the Council Tax base for 2026/27 increase from 40,809.30 to 41,369.00 as per 5.2 of the report and the surplus on the Council Tax Fund detailed in paragraphs 5.2 and 5.3 of the report be approved.

v) **Capital Monitoring Quarter 2**

At the Cabinet meeting held on 3rd December 2025, recommendations were put forward for Council approval.

Councillor S. Hey, Portfolio Holder for Resources and Central Services, moved the recommendation.

Councillor C. Watkins seconded the recommendation.

A vote was taken

RESOLVED that

- a) an update to the budget for UKSPF projects as detailed in section 5 of the report be noted; and
- b) two new S106 funded projects, as detailed in section 5 of the report be approved.

vi) **Statement of Licensing Policy**

At the Licensing Committee held on 11th November 2025, a recommendation was put forward for Council approval.

Councillor T. Sheppard, Chair of Licensing Committee, moved the recommendation.

Councillor C. Watkins seconded the recommendation.

A vote was taken

RESOLVED that the revised Statement of Licensing Policy be adopted.

Mayor