

# Nuneaton & Bedworth **United to Achieve**



## AGENDA for **THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

to be held on

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026**

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Date: 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Our Ref: KB

To: All Members of the Borough Council

AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Nuneaton, on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2026, at 6.00 p.m.**

In accordance with Procedure Rule Part 4A, Paragraph 4.3.1(iv) of the Council's Constitution, the Head of Paid Service is calling an Extraordinary Meeting following a request from Councillors K. Wilson, S. Croft, R. Smith, M. Walsh, S. Markham, W. Markham, L. Cvetkovic, J. Gutteridge, T. Cooper, M. Bird, J. Clarke, D. Brown, J. Collett and M. Etienne.

All members of the Council are summoned to attend to determine the business of the meeting.

Yours faithfully

TOM SHARDLOW

Chief Executive

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The Council is committed to providing a safe and respectful environment for our employees, customers and elected members. As such, please be advised that any form of abuse, aggression, or disrespectful behaviour towards our team will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

## **A G E N D A**

### **1. EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

A fire drill is not expected, so if the alarm sounds please evacuate the building quickly and calmly. Please use the stairs and do not use the lifts. Once out of the building, please gather outside Lloyds Bank on the opposite side of the road.

Please exit by the door by which you entered the room or by the fire exits which are clearly indicated by the standard green fire exit signs. If you need any assistance in evacuating the building, please make yourself known to a member of staff.

Please also make sure all your mobile phones are turned off or set to silent.

### **2. APOLOGIES** - to receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in matters under consideration pursuant to Council procedure Rule 4A.2(iii).

#### **Declaring interests at meetings**

If there is any item of business to be discussed at the meeting in which you have a disclosable pecuniary interest or non- pecuniary interest (Other Interests), you must declare the interest appropriately at the start of the meeting or as soon as you become aware that you have an interest.

Arrangements have been made so that interests that are declared regularly by members can be viewed in a schedule on the Council website - [Councillor Declarations of Interests for Meetings](#). Any interest noted in the Schedule at the back of the agenda papers will be deemed to have been declared and will be minuted as such by the Committee Services Officer. As a general rule, there will, therefore, be no need for those Members to declare those interests as set out in the schedule.

**There are, however, TWO EXCEPTIONS to the general rule:**

- 1. When the interest amounts to a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest that is engaged in connection with any item on the agenda and the member feels that the interest is such that they must leave the room. Prior to leaving the room, the member must inform the meeting that they are doing so, to ensure that it is recorded in the minutes.**
- 2. Where a dispensation has been granted to vote and/or speak on an item where there is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, but it is not referred to in the Schedule (where for example, the dispensation was granted by the Monitoring Officer immediately prior to the meeting). The existence and nature of the dispensation needs to be recorded in the minutes and will, therefore, have to be disclosed at an appropriate time to the meeting.**

**Note: Following the adoption of the new Code of Conduct, Members are reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of their personal interests at the commencement of the relevant item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is a Disclosable**

**Pecuniary or a Deemed Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, the Member must withdraw from the room.**

Where a Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest but has received a dispensation from Audit and Standards Committee, that Member may vote and/or speak on the matter (as the case may be) and must disclose the existence of the dispensation and any restrictions placed on it at the time the interest is declared.

Where a Member has a Deemed Disclosable Interest as defined in the Code of Conduct, the Member may address the meeting as a member of the public as set out in the Code.

**Note: Council Procedure Rules require Members with Disclosable Pecuniary Interests to withdraw from the meeting unless a dispensation allows them to remain to vote and/or speak on the business giving rise to the interest.**

**Where a Member has a Deemed Disclosable Interest, the Council's Code of Conduct permits public speaking on the item, after which the Member is required by Council Procedure Rules to withdraw from the meeting.**

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** - to receive announcements from the Mayor, Leader, Members of the Cabinet, or the Chief Executive.
5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - (maximum 20 minutes).  
to hear and answer questions by any resident of the Borough concerning the item on the agenda (maximum 20 minutes). A copy of the Procedure Rule 9 is attached (**Page 6**) and this is not subject to debate. A question or statement can be submitted using the link below which will send your submission to the Chief Executive and Member Services: [Ask a question at full council](#). NB – For an Extraordinary Council meeting the question/statement must be in connection with the business listed in the agenda.
6. **NOTICE OF MOTION**  
The Leader of the Opposition, Councillor K. Wilson submitted a requisition for full council (**Copy attached Page 8**) in accordance with the constitution part 4A.3 4.3.1 (iv). The requisition contained the following notice of motion for council consideration:

*Disagreements over policy are part of the normal political process and elected officials should abide by the result of a democratic vote, regardless of their personal view on the subject. However, when the fundamental rights of citizens are denied, it is the duty of elected members to challenge any attempt to do so.*

*The right to vote has been fought for over centuries and is the cornerstone of our democracy. Any delay in elections must be justified and proportionate, as in the time of war or pandemic.*

*This Council believes that the government has not met the high threshold for delaying the local elections in May and the lack of a timetable for local government reform in Warwickshire means that no special circumstances exist for a delay.*

*The letter of the Leader of the Council dated 5 January 2026 to request a delay for the elections in Nuneaton and Bedworth fundamentally undermines the rights of the residents of our Borough in a way that surpasses normal disagreements over policy.*

*Therefore, this Council resolves that it has no confidence in the Leader of the Council and calls for his immediate removal from office.*

**NOTE: Points of Order and Personal Explanation can only be raised in accordance with Council Procedure Rules which are set out below:-**

**Point of order**

A Member may raise a point of order at any time. The Mayor will hear them at the end of the speech of the Member speaking at the time the point is raised. A point of order may only relate to an alleged breach of these Council Rules of Procedure or the law. The Member must indicate the rule of law and the way in which he/she considers it has been broken. The Mayor shall consider the Point of Order and, if necessary, take advice on the matter from the Monitoring Officer and, shall then rule on the Point of Order raised. There shall be no discussion or challenge to the advice given or the Mayors decision in the meeting. If a Member persistently seeks to raise a Point of Order but is unable to identify the procedure rule or legal principle infringed then, after having been warned by the Mayor, any further abuse of this procedure rule shall not be tolerated, and the Mayor shall move that the Member not be heard further pursuant to Procedure Rule 4.19.13. The ruling of the Mayor on the matter will be final.

**Personal explanation**

A Member may make a point of personal explanation at any time. The Mayor will hear them at the end of the speech of the Member speaking at the time the point is raised. A personal explanation may only relate to some material part of an earlier speech by the Member which may appear to have been misunderstood in the present debate. The ruling of the Mayor on the admissibility of a personal explanation will be final.

**4A.9 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**4.9.1 General**

At each Ordinary Meeting or Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council, 20 minutes (which can be extended at the discretion of the Mayor) shall be set aside for questions or statements from the public gallery by any resident of the Borough in relation to matters in respect of which the Council has powers or duties, or which affect the Borough. In the case of an Extra Ordinary Meeting the question or statement must relate to the business of that meeting.

**4.9.2 Notice of Questions and Statements**

No such question shall be asked, or statement made, unless it shall have been delivered in writing to the Head of Paid Service no later than 12 noon, two working days, before the meeting of the Council.

**4.9.3 Scope of Questions and Statements**

The Head of Paid Service may reject a question or statement if it:

- a) is not about a matter for which the Council has a responsibility or which doesn't affect the Borough;
- b) is defamatory, frivolous or offensive;
- c) is substantially the same as a question or statement which has been put at a meeting of the Council in the past six months;
- d) requires or involves the disclosure of confidential or exempt information; or
- e) It is not a question nor a statement, as provided for in these Procedure Rules.

**4.9.4** The Mayor will invite the relevant Cabinet Member or Committee Chair to give a reply. Such reply shall not exceed five minutes. In the case of a question, on the discretion of the Mayor, a supplementary question may be asked if arising directly from the reply, provided that the original allocation of five minutes is not exceeded. The Mayor may reject a supplementary question on any of the grounds detailed in paragraph 4.9.3 above

#### **4.9.5 Time Limit and Number of Questions**

No question or statement shall exceed three minutes. In the event of there being more than one question or statement, the Head of Paid Service will ensure that questions and statements are dealt with in the order received. At the expiry of the 20 minute period, or such period as may be agreed by the Mayor, or after the reply to the final question or statement, whichever shall first occur, the Council will proceed to the next business.

#### **4.9.6 Record of Questions and Statements**

The question or statement and the reply given shall be minuted.

#### **4.9.7 Reference of Question to the Cabinet or a Committee**

Unless the Mayor decides otherwise, no discussion will take place on any question, but any Member may move that a matter raised by a question be referred to the Cabinet or the appropriate Committee. Once seconded, such a motion will be voted on without discussion.

#### **4.9.8 Any question or statement which cannot be dealt with during Public Participation because of lack of time will be dealt with in writing, and recorded in accordance with paragraph 4.9.6.**

## Requisition of a Full Council

**To:** Tom Shardlow  
Chief Executive, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council

We request that an urgent Full Council meeting be requisitioned to consider the following motion:

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Signed:

K. Sheldes

KRISTOFER WILSON

LC. L. H.

Samuel R. Croft

R. S.

RICHARD SMITH

Martin Warkham

M. H.

SUE MARKHAM

WILHELM FRANZ MARKHAM

W. F.

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JULIAN CUTTERIDGE

J. C.

TONY COOPER

A. J. Cooper

MICHAEL BIRD

M. Bird

JEFFREY CLARKE

J. C.

R. J. C.

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J. C.

M. ETIENNE