

Nuneaton & Bedworth **United to Achieve**



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

to be held on

Wednesday, 28th January, 2026

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To: All Members of the Borough Council

AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL will be held on
Wednesday, 28th January, 2026, at 6.00 p.m. to consider the nominations of
Civic Honours Awards.

At the meeting of Cabinet held on 3rd December 2025 the following item was
recommended by the Civic Honours sub-committee for Cabinet approval:

Any Other Items

IT BE RECOMMENDED TO CABINET to endorse the Head of Paid Service to
refer any nomination to an Extraordinary Full Council scheduled for
Wednesday 28th January 2026 for the purpose of voting upon the nominations
of Honorary Freeman of the Borough

**Minute No CB75: it was RESOLVED that Cabinet endorsed the Head of
Paid Service to refer any nomination to an Extraordinary Full Council
scheduled for Wednesday 28th January 2026 for the purpose of voting
upon the nominations of Honorary Freeman of the Borough.**

In accordance with Procedure Rule Part 4A, Paragraph 4.3.1(v) of the
Council's Constitution, and Section 100A (6) of the 1972 Local Government
Act by the Head of Paid Service on the matter above requiring an urgent
decision by Council.

All members of the Council are summoned to attend to determine the
business of the meeting. An agenda will be published in due course

Please note that meetings will be recorded for future broadcast.

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 the Virgin Money Bank (formerly Yorkshire 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](#)) Any interest noted in the schedule on the website will be deemed to have been declared and will be minuted as such by the Democratic 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 SPEAKING – to hear and answer questions by any resident of the Borough concerning the work of the Council where notice has been given (maximum 20 minutes). In respect of an Extraordinary Council this must be in connection with an item on the agenda. A copy of the Procedure Rule 9 is attached (**Page 7**) 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 meetings of Full Council | Public participation at meetings | Nuneaton & Bedworth \(nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk\)](https://nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk/ask-a-question-at-meetings-of-full-council-public-participation-at-meetings-nuneaton-&bedworth)
6. NOMINATION OF HONORARY FREEMAN – MR KENNETH WHITEHEAD
Mr Kenneth Whitehead as nominated by the Civic Honours Sub-committee held on 26th November 2025 and resolved by Cabinet at their meeting of 3rd December 2025 it is recommended that:
 - a) Mr Kenneth Whitehead be admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council under Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 in recognition of his distinguished service to Nuneaton and Bedworth and that his name be enrolled on the Freeman's roll.
 - b) the common seal of the Council be affixed to the enrolment of Mr Kenneth Whitehead on the said Freemen's roll and to the certificate to be presented to him on his admission as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough

- c) delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive to agree an expenditure figure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Central Services for the purposes associated with the appointment.

7. **NOMINATION OF HONORARY FREEMAN – MR ERIC TUNNICLIFFE**

Mr Eric Tunnicliffe as nominated by the Civic Honours Sub-committee held on 26th November 2025 and resolved by Cabinet at their meeting of 3rd December 2025 it is recommended that:

- a) Mr Eric Tunnicliffe be admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council under Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 in recognition of his distinguished service to Nuneaton and Bedworth and that his name be enrolled on the Freeman's roll.
- b) the common seal of the Council be affixed to the enrolment of Mr Eric Tunnicliffe on the said Freemen's roll and to the certificate to be presented to him on his admission as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough
- c) delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive to agree an expenditure figure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Central Services for the purposes associated with the appointment

8. **NOMINATION OF HONORARY FREEMAN – MAJOR (RETD) PADAM BAHADUR GURUNG MVO**

Major (Retd) Padam Bahadur Gurung MVO as nominated by the Civic Honours Sub-committee held on 26th November 2025 and resolved by Cabinet at their meeting of 3rd December 2025 it is recommended that:

- a) Major (Retd) Padam Bahadur Gurung MVO be admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council under Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 in recognition of his distinguished service to Nuneaton and Bedworth and that his name be enrolled on the Freeman's roll.
- b) the common seal of the Council be affixed to the enrolment of Major (Retd) Padam Bahadur Gurung MVO on the said Freemen's roll and to the certificate to be presented to him on his admission as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough
- c) delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive to agree an expenditure figure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Central Services for the purposes associated with the appointment.

9. **NOMINATION OF HONORARY FREEMAN – MR JOHN BURTON**

Mr John Burton as nominated by the Civic Honours Sub-committee held on 26th November 2025 and resolved by Cabinet at their meeting of 3rd December 2025 it is recommended that:

- a) Mr John Burton be admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council under Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 in recognition of his distinguished service to Nuneaton and Bedworth and that his name be enrolled on the Freeman's roll.
- b) the common seal of the Council be affixed to the enrolment of Mr John Burton on the said Freeman's roll and to the certificate to be presented to him on his admission as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough
- c) delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive to agree an expenditure figure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Central Services for the purposes associated with the appointment

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 Mayor's 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.