

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

21st January 2026

A meeting of Cabinet was held on Wednesday 21st January 2026 in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall.

Present

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

CB76 **Apologies**

None

CB77 **Declarations of Interest**

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

CB78 **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 3rd December 2025, be approved, and signed by the Chair

CB79 **Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) – Permission to consult**

The Assistant Director – Planning submitted a report to Cabinet seeking approval to consult on Supplementary Planning Documents.

RESOLVED that the Affordable Housing SPD, Health Impact Assessment SPD, Heritage SPD, Hot Food Takeaway SPD, Sustainable Design and Construction SPD and Transport Demand Matters SPD be approved for a four-week public consultation and, it be noted a future report be issued back to Cabinet following consultation to endorse the Supplementary Planning Documents and recommend to Full Council the adoption of the Supplementary Planning Documents

SPEAKERS:

County Councillor Keith Kondakor
Councillor Michele Kondakor

Options

Not to proceed with the consultation on the SPDs - Rejected – To provide supplementary planning guidance in accordance with the commitments set out in the adopted Borough Plan Review and latest Local Development Scheme (December 2025). The draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (December 2025) requires SPD's to be adopted by June. The Town and Country Planning Act (2012) requires Local Planning Authorities to consult on SPD's a minimum of 4 weeks. Therefore, the proposed consultation dates meet the

statutory requirement and timeframes set out in the consultation documents (December 2025).

Reasons

In accordance with the provisions in the Local Development Scheme (LDS) the Council has committed to produce the Supplementary Planning Documents. In accordance with the LDS consultation is require before Cabinet and Council approval.

CB80 Air Quality Management – Revocation of Midland Road Air Quality Management Area (AQMA 2)

The Assistant Director – Environment and Enforcement submitted a report to Cabinet to seek approval for the revocation of Midland Road AQMA 2 following the requirement from DEFRA.

RESOLVED that

- a) the revocation of AQMA (Air Quality Management Area) 2 be approved; and
- b) that a report be taken to OSP in early 2026 to outline the steps to be taken for the Council to adopt an Air Quality Strategy (AQS) for the whole borough, to ensure that air quality remains a high-profile issue.

SPEAKERS:

County Councillor Keith Kondakor
Councillor Michele Kondakor

Options:

Do nothing – Rejected - Defra has confirmed that AQMA 2 should be revoked as the NO₂ concentrations have been below 90% of the annual mean objective value for five years. Concentrations in 2024 were all at or below 75% of the annual mean objective. Demonstrable compliance with air quality objectives over a prolonged period. Defra have requested revocation in accordance with updated guidance to retain the integrity of the Local Air Quality Management regime. If the AQMA is retained Defra will not appraise any Air Quality Action Plans for AQMAs that have been in compliance for five years.

Reasons:

NO₂ concentrations measured in AQMA 2 have been below 90% of the annual mean NO₂ objective value of 40 µg/m³ (i.e. below 36 µg/m³) for five consecutive years. The highest NO₂ concentration in AQMA 2 in 2024 was 30.8 µg/m³. Following appraisal of the 2025 Annual Status Report, Defra have recommended revocation of AQMA 2.

CB81 Contract Value Uplift – Property Maintenance

A report by the Interim Assistant Director – Housing and Community Safety submitted a report for Cabinet to seek approval to uplift the value of existing procured contracts to absorb the increased spend related to corporate property repair and maintenance.

RESOLVED that the increase to financial values as per 3.6 of the report be approved.

SPEAKERS:

Councillor Michele Kondakor

Options:

- 1) To agree the recommendations
- 2) To not agree the recommendations and request further information

Reasons:

To uplift the value of the existing relevant contracts as allowable under procurement regulations would:

- remove the delay caused by compliant contract tendering processes;
- allow time to undertake a full procurement exercise that incorporates the requirements of both dwellings and commercial properties
- ensure that all repair and maintenance requirements to corporate properties can be undertaken in a timely manner.

CB82 Contract Value Uplift – Independent Living Units Cleaning Contract with Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Limited (NABCEL)

The Assistant Director – Strategic Housing submitted a report to uplift the value of the existing procured Independent Living Unit (ILU) Cleaning Contract awarded to NABCEL

RESOLVED that the proposed variation to the Independent Living Unit Cleaning Contract with NABCEL increasing the contract value as set out in paragraph 4.1 of the report be approved.

SPEAKERS:

None

Options:

- 1) Do nothing – Rejected - This option would result in the Council being unable to provide cleaning services for Independent Living Units (ILUs). This would lead to unacceptable hygiene standards, increased health risks for vulnerable tenants, and potential reputational damage to the Council.
- 2) Bring the service in house – Rejected - A full cost analysis showed that insourcing would require significant investment in staff recruitment, training, equipment, and ongoing management. These costs exceed the revised proposal and would place additional strain on existing resources, making this option financially and operationally unviable.

Reasons:

To accept the revised pricing proposal effective from 1st March 2026 will:

- Remove delays caused by initiating a new tendering process.
- Allow sufficient time to undertake a full procurement exercise.
- Ensure all cleaning requirements for ILU units are met in a timely manner

CB83 Pride in Place Camp Hill Funding

The Assistant Director – Economy and Regeneration submitted a report to Cabinet with an update on the progress of the Pride in Place Programme (PiPP) for Camp Hill and provide details of fund requirements as well as the Council's role as the responsible and accountable body

RESOLVED that

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

SPEAKERS

County Councillor Keith Kondakor

Options

To approve the recommendations

To not approve the recommendations and request further information.

Reasons

To provide Cabinet with an update on the Pride in Place Camp Hill Programme .

CB84 Council Tax Support Scheme

The Assistant Director – Finance submitted a report to seek approval to undertake a review of the Local Council Tax Support Scheme with a view to changing the Banding Discount Scheme from 1st April 2027

RESOLVED that

- a) a review of the current scheme and the options around changes to a Banded Scheme be undertaken.
- b) engagement with an external consultant to support a review of the options for the Banded Scheme be approved.
- c) a report will be issued back to Cabinet following the review for consideration to either continue with the existing scheme or move to a Banded Scheme.

SPEAKERS

County Councillor Keith Kondakor

Councillor Michele Kondakor

Options

To approve the recommendation

To not approve the recommendation and request further information.

Reasons

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council currently offer an 85% scheme where residents in receipt of LCTRS pays at least 15% of their Council Tax bill, regardless of their circumstances. The current scheme is not as supportive as it could be for the most vulnerable residents who simply cannot pay rather than will not pay.

CB85 Recommendation from Local Government Reform Sub-committee
Community Governance

The Chief Executive submitted a report to the Local Government Reform Sub-committee outlining the process and key considerations associated with establishing community governance structures within the Borough, specifically through the mechanism of Community Governance Reviews (CGRs). Recommendations were put forward for Cabinet approval.

RESOLVED that

- a) the report be noted and the actions raised be brought back to a future meeting of the Local Government Reform Sub-committee; and
- b) recommend to Council it is most logical to defer a full council decision to initiate a Community Governance Review, until the Government has decided on the future structure of local government within Warwickshire.

SPEAKERS

None

Options

To approve the recommendation

To not approve the recommendation and request further information.

Reasons

Deferring the initiation of a Community Governance Review until the Government has confirmed the future structure of local government within Warwickshire will allow the Council to make an evidence based and appropriately timed decision, avoiding duplication of effort and ensuring alignment with any wider reorganisation outcomes

CB86 Recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny Panels

None

CB87 Any Other Items

None

Chair

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