

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE

3rd February 2026

A meeting of the Audit & Standards Committee was held on Tuesday, 3rd February 2026 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Nuneaton.

Present

Councillor J. Bonner – Chair

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

Absent: Councillor A. Bull and T. Jenkins.

PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS

ASC27 **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Audit and Standards Committee meeting held on 25th November 2025 be approved and signed by the Chair.

ASC28 **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](#)).

ASC29 **Treasury Management Update 2025/26**

The Treasury and Technical Business Partner 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 quarterly report.

This report to the Committee set out the Council's treasury position as at 30th December 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 - Quarter 3 report be noted; and
- b) the update to the Treasury Management Practices in Appendix A of the report (TMP 5) be approved.

ASC30 **Treasury Management Practices 2026/27**

A Report of the Treasury and Technical Business Partner provided the Committee with the reviewed Treasury Management Practices (TMPs) for approval.

RESOLVED that

- a) the updated TMPs be noted; and
- b) **IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL** that the updated TMPs be approved.

ASC31 **Treasury Management Strategy Statement (TMSS) 2026/27**

The Treasury and Technical Business Partner reported that the Local Government Act 2003 and the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Code of Practice for Treasury Management in the Public Services (the Code) require Council's to "have regard to" the Prudential Code and to set Prudential Indicators for the forthcoming 3 years to ensure that the Council's capital investment plans are affordable, prudent and sustainable.

Regulations also require an Annual Investment Strategy, Treasury Management Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy to be approved.

RESOLVED that

IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL that the Treasury Management Strategy Statement including all Prudential Indicators, the MRP Policy and Annual Investment Strategy be approved.

ASC32 **Constitution Updates – Report from Constitution Review Working Group**

A Report of the Assistant Director – Democracy and Governance provided an opportunity for the Panel to consider and approve the recommendations from the Constitution Review Working Party and recommend changes to the Constitution.

RESOLVED that

IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL that

- a) the number of signatories required for Motions on Notice be amended to one (1) Councillor and a Seconder;
- b) the Civic Honours Sub-Committee membership list be amended by removing 'The Cabinet Member - Finance and Corporate Services' and replace with 'One other Cabinet Member' as per Table 2 under 4.3.1 of the report;
- c) the Terms of Reference for the Shareholder Committee be included as per 4.4.2 of the report;
- d) It be ensured all public meetings have a Vice Chair appointed with effect from the 2026/2027 Municipal Year, as proposed in 4.5.1 of the report; and
- e) the wording under 4E.15 of the Constitution be amended as per Table 3 under 4.6.1. of the report.

ASC33 **Pre-Election Period Publicity Protocol**

A report of the Elections and Democratic Services Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer provided Committee Members with details of the Publicity Protocol Guidance in the period leading to an Election/By-Election/Referendum/Petition as set out in Section 5G of the Council's Constitution.

RESOLVED that

- a) the Publicity Protocol Guidance as extracted from the Constitution (and set out at Appendix A to the report) be noted; and
- b) guidance be issued by the Monitoring Officer on the Publicity Protocol to Members and Officers ahead of the Pre-Election period, where requested by Officers and Members.

ASC34 **Review of the Council's Strategic Risk Register**

A report of the Assistant Director – Democracy and Governance presented the Council's Strategic Risk Register for review and comment by the Audit and Standards Committee, ensuring that identified risks remain relevant, sufficiently captured, and appropriately managed.

RESOLVED that the Strategic Risk Register (Third Quarter 2025/26) be noted.

ASC35 **Government Consultation: Strengthening The Standards And Conduct Framework For Local Authorities In England**

A report of the Elections and Democratic Services Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer provided Committee Members with the outcome of the Government Consultation: Strengthening the Standards and Conduct Framework for Local Authorities in England that ended on 25 February 2025.

RESOLVED that

- a) the outcome of the Government Consultation: Strengthening the Standards and Conduct Framework for Local Authorities in England be noted; and
- b) further reports be received by the Audit and Standards Committee when updates are available and Legislation is passed.

Chair _____