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Dear Sir/Madam

A meeting of the **SIMPLIFICATION PATHFINDER BOARD** will be held on Friday 6 March 2026 at 12.30 pm, meet in reception, Town Hall for a visit to Grayson Place and Bridge to Living, then return to Committee Room A, Town Hall, Coton Road, Nuneaton, CV11 5AA.

Yours faithfully

TOM SHARDLOW

Chief Executive Officer

To: All Members of the Simplification Pathfinder Board:

Sean Farnell (Chair), Marion Plant (Vice-Chair).
Councillors: Nicola King (NBBC), Steve Hey (NBBC), Jennifer Warren (WCC)
Alison Thompson, Amanda Bourne, Jenni Northcote, Jet Jones, Jodie Gosling (MP),
Leo Pollak, Les Ratcliffe, Lindsey Randle, Marion Plant, Rachel Taylor (MP) and
Lynsey Smith.

AGENDA

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

2. VISIT to Grayson Place and Bridge to Living to see progress – meet in Town Hall reception.

3. APOLOGIES - to receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

4. PREVIOUS MINUTES – of the meeting held on 19 December 2025 attached (Page 4)

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS - To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other interests in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

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 for interests that are declared regularly by Board Members to be appended to the agenda (**Page 7**). 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 Board 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 Board Member feels that the interest is such that they must leave the room. Prior to leaving the room, the Board Member must inform the Chair of 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 Council's Monitoring Officer immediately prior to the meeting). The existence and nature of the dispensation need to be recorded in the minutes and will, therefore, have to be disclosed at an appropriate time to the meeting.

6. HIGHLIGHT REPORT – presented by NBBC.

7. COMMUNICATION UPDATES – presented by NBBC

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

Recommended that under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item, it being likely that there would be disclosure of exempt information of the description specified in paragraph (iii) of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act.

10. RISK REGISTER – presented by NBBC.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

12/06/2026 – Location TBC

18/09/2026– Location TBC

11/12/2026– Location TBC

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

SIMPLIFICATION PATHFINDER BOARD

19 December 2025

A meeting of the Simplification Pathfinder Board was held on Friday 19 December 2025. The meeting was held at Bedworth Leisure Centre, Coventry Road Bedworth, CV12 8NN.

Present: Sean Farnell (CWLEP) - Chair, Alison Thompson (WCAVA), Steve Hey (Councillor), Garry Palmer (WCC), Keith Kondakor

Officers in attendance: Jonathan White (NBBC), Salewa A-Ogunleye (NBBC) - Mins

Apologies: Marion Plant (NWSLC), Jet Jones (Together for Change), Les Ratcliffe (CWC), Lindsey Randle – Horiba Mira

SPB21 Site visit and tour of the new Bedworth Physical Activity Hub took place.

SPB22 Chair's welcome and announcements

The Chair welcomed Board members to the meeting and introductions took place.

SPB23 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2025, were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

SPB24 Declarations of Interests

Board members' interests for the meeting were as set out in the Schedule of Declarations of Interests, attached to the agenda.

SPB25 Highlight Report

NBBC submitted a Highlight Report (which had been circulated prior to the meeting) to update Board members on the status of the Simplification Pathfinder programme and individual projects. The report detailed the overall Simplification Pathfinder programme financial status, the key risks and upcoming activities.

- Grayson Place – Phase 1 – hotel is operational, asset management company contract has been extended.
Phase 2 grand opening tentatively planned for March. Leisure box (formerly cinema box) is completed and operator agreed, the focus is now securing occupiers into the units.
- Digital skill & Innovation Centre – Completion of lease with NW&SLC by January, completion and handover by spring 2026.
- George Eliot Visitors Centre - Project will be overseen by Griff Preservation Trust, with NBBC making a financial contribution from received funding to the project. Returned tenders are currently being reviewed
- Saints – Building purchase and ground floor has been completed. The next step is completion of the lease.
- Parks Revival – Consultant appointed and the project is now progressing to the design development stage and stakeholder engagement.

- E-mobility – Provision of EV charging points, to be included within the Grayson Place development. A few suppliers have been identified, and operating models along with cost implications - currently under review
- Bedworth Physical Activity Hub – The Board Members visited the site and saw that the swimming pools are internally tiled. The sports hall is taking shape, with final soundproofing and flooring yet to be installed. Externally, some pedestrian pathways have been constructed, and landscaping works have commenced with ground levels formed.
- Bridge to Living – All units have been purchased by NBBC and have been fully vacated. Enabling works have commenced including opening-up works. Hoarding has been installed and party wall matters are ongoing.

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Communication Updates

- a) Grayson place – JW informed the board that internal discussion ongoing about promoting Grayson place, plan to invite local reporters for a site walkthrough soon, hoping to make announcement in January. Considering staged announcement to maintain public interest, aiming to keep awareness going by promoting development in stages. Intend to release more videos and pictures of the development. Grand opening tentatively planned for March.
- b) DS&IC – JW informed that the communication team is hoping to announce college details in January, planning to communicate college take-over in March, students expected on site by September academic year.
- c) E-mobility – JW plan to notify details about successful e- mobility tender applicant, will share spec of the machines, allocation of charging points, location of devices
- d) Bridge to living – JW mentioned communication team, in January, will provide schedule of works, information about potential road closures, details about major plant movements and site disruption.

SPB26

Any Other Business

The board received an update on the Believe In Bedworth programme, which was highlighted as a key regeneration initiative. Funding allocation is £20 million over 10 years, Regeneration plan submitted at the end of November, principle funding allocation expected from 1 April, the funding structure is 75% capital funding and 25% revenue funding.

The potential project areas include support from local businesses, Business funding agents, public realm improvements, community programmes, activities for young people. The board noted the community – led approach for positive local impact.

SPB27

Exclusion of the Public and Press

Under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 9172, the public and press were excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items, it being likely that there would be disclosure of exempt information on the description specified in paragraph (iii) of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

SPB28

Risk register

NBBC submitted an updated Programme Risk Register. The Board considered the specific risks raised by the updated register.

Chair of the Board

SCHEDULE OF DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS - TOWN DEAL BOARD

Name of Board Member	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
Alison Thompson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Manager, Warwickshire Community and Voluntary Action • Service Level Agreement between WCAVA and NBBC for services to support the voluntary and community sector • WCAVA Leases with NBBC: Newtown Centre, Newtown Road, Nuneaton, CV11 4HG and 1 Donnithorne Avenue, Nuneaton, CV10 7AF • Director, Arts in Arts CIC, lease with NBBC for 22 Abbey Street, Nuneaton CV11 5BT • Spouse/Partner: A-Dec Dental UK Ltd • Owner of a property in Nuneaton 		
Amanda Bourne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing Director, FindaBiz Ltd 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice Chair, Nuneaton BID Steering Group • Secretary, Nuneaton Business Alliance • FSB Representative Nuneaton and Bedworth • Representative Warwickshire Town Forum • TC Partnership 	
Catherine Marks	None	None	None
Councillor Jan Matecki	None	None	None
Councillor Nicola King	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employed by Love Hair and Beauty 		

Councillor Steve Hey	<p>Director:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Heywire Ltd - Brilliant Bookings Ltd - Member of the Labour Party - National Trust - CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale) - Royal Photographic Society <p>Representative on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Midlands Employers Board (NBBC representative) • Local Government Superannuation Scheme Consultative Board • West Midlands Employers • Nuneaton and Bedworth Older People's Forum 		
Jenni Northcote	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust - Director of Strategy, Service Improvement and Primary Care 		
Jet Jones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Regeneration and Community Transformation of the Diocesan Board of Finance, Church of England. • CEO of Together for Change - Together for Change lease Saints, Nuneaton • Spouse is curate of St Nicholas Parish Church and St James Parish Church, Nuneaton • Daughter works for Creative Live • Son works for Walsgrave Mega Bowl 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee of Bedworth Parish Church 	
Jodie Gosling (MP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paid role as Member of Parliament for Nuneaton 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unpaid directorship of Jelly Beans Nurture Nursery. • Unpaid trustee Lifelines Arley Whitacre, a small charity. 	

Leo Pollak	•	•	
Les Ratcliffe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing Director - Community Engagement Limited • Director - Engineering in Motion Ltd. • Non-Executive Director - Verity Housing • Spouse/Partner: Director Community Engagement Ltd 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman – Coventry & Warwickshire Place Board • Board Member – CWLEP Growth HUB • Deputy Lieutenant – West Midlands Lieutenancy • Board Member – Coventry & Warwickshire NSPCC Business Group 	
Lindsey Randle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MIRA • Spouse/Partner: MIRA • Owner of a property in Hartshill 		
Marion Plant (Vice Chair)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal & Chief Executive, North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire College (NWSLC) • North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire College Property/land • Spouse/Partner: Relations Manager, Christian Aid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Midland Academies Trust (07191874), Chief Executive Officer and Director (company dormant, no financial interest) • Skills Advisory Panel, West Midlands Combined Authority, Member • Trustee, National Council Church of England • Chair, Director and Trustee WorldSkills UK (0210423) • Director The Skills Show Ltd (05880193) • Local Skills Accountability Board, Member (Coventry and Warwickshire and Leicester and Leicestershire) • Colleges West Midlands (NWSLC) is a member • Coventry Skills Board member • Aoc Portfolio Group for Climate Change, Member • Coventry University Lifelong Steering Group, Chair • Health and Social Care Skills for Care Group 	

		(Coventry University led), Member <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Social Care Future Skills Board (NHS), Member • P1k Programme Board (NHS), Member 	
Rachel Taylor (MP)	None	None	None
Sean Farnell FCA (Chair)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burgis & Bullock, Chartered Accountants • Burgis & Bullock Management Ltd (dormant) • Burgis & Bullock Ltd (dormant) • CCWP Ltd (dormant) • Burgis & Bullock (Audit) Ltd (dormant) • Burgis & Bullock Corporate Finance Ltd 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coventry & Warwickshire Reinvestment Trust Ltd • Coventry & Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership Ltd • Growth Hub Business Solutions Ltd • Director of Coventry & Warwickshire Growth Hub Ltd Board 	
Lynsey Smith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Principal of King Edward VI College, Nuneaton 		