

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

4th March 2026

A meeting of Cabinet was held on Wednesday 4th March 2026 in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall.

Present

Councillor S. Hey (Leader and Resources & Central Services) (Chair)
Councillor C. Watkins (Deputy Leader and Housing)
Councillor B. Hughes (Leisure & Health)
Councillor K. Price (Communities & Public Services)

CB102**Apologies**

Councillor N. King (Business & Regeneration)
Councillor T. Venson (Planning & Enforcement)

CB103**Declarations of Interest**

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

CB104**Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 25th February 2026, be approved, and signed by the Chair

CB105**First Consideration and Biodiversity report**

The Assistant Director – Planning submitted a report to Cabinet to introduce the new statutory Biodiversity Reporting Duty required under the Environment Act 2021.

RESOLVED that

- a) the actions listed within the Biodiversity Duty First Consideration Report and its publication be approved (Appendix A of the report);
- b) the contents of the Biodiversity Duty Report (Appendix B of the report) for publication by the statutory submission deadline of 26th March 2026 be approved;
- c) the Assistant Director for Planning be authorised, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Enforcement, to make minor amendments to the Biodiversity Duty Report prior to publication if required; and
- d) the ongoing requirement for the publication of a Biodiversity Duty Report within five years of the end date of the previous reporting period, which is a corporate responsibility, summarising the Council's actions to conserve and enhance biodiversity across the Borough be noted.

SPEAKERS:

County Councillor Keith Kondakor
Councillor Michele Kondakor

Options

To not proceed with the recommendations to publish the Council's First Consideration Report and Biodiversity Duty Report. This is rejected as Local authorities and planning authorities have a statutory duty under the Environment Act 2021 to publish its First Consideration Report and its Biodiversity Duty Report.

Reasons

The authority needs to meet its obligations under the Environment Act 2021 and publishes its First Consideration Report and its Biodiversity Duty Report.

CB106 Bedworth Physical Activity Hub Update

The Assistant Director – Recreation and Culture provided an update to Cabinet on the leisure development in relation to the Bedworth Physical Activity Hub (BPAH)

RESOLVED that

- a) progress on the BPAH be noted and a future report upon completion of the project be brought back to Cabinet to update.
- b) it be recommended to Council that:
 - i). the Strategic Director - Public Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Leisure & Health be given delegated authority to progress the additional works required in Appendix A of the report;
 - ii). an additional contingency fund of £100k from the BPAH Section 106, to be used if required, to support demolition of the existing Bedworth Leisure Centre site and amend the budget accordingly; and
 - iii). the BPAH budget be amended to £31.2m, using the funds collected from the S.106 agreements further to i) and ii) above and any unspent budget be used to support the original financial strategy in repaying the prudential borrowing element.

SPEAKERS:

County Councillor Keith Kondakor
Councillor Michele Kondakor

Options:

- Do not deliver the new BPAH. Following professional advice from Sport England it was more financial efficient to build a new facility than refurbish the existing site. The existing Bedworth site has also reached its end of shelf life and would have to be closed and demolished.

Reasons:

The additional over and extras detailed in Appendix A of the report have been considered to ensure that the overall site delivers users requirements and provide H&S for its users externally and provides site security and encourage active health and well-being.

CB107 Sherbourne Recycling Ltd – Shareholder Agreement Amendments

A report by the Strategic Director –Public Services provided Cabinet with an update on the management and governance at the Sherbourne Recycling facility and changes to the Shareholder Agreement

RESOLVED that

- a) delegate authority be given to the Strategic Director - Public Services, in consultation with the Assistant Director Democracy & Governance (the Monitoring Officer) and the Cabinet Member for Communities & Public Services to finalise and agree variations to the Shareholder Agreement for Sherbourne Recycling Ltd and Sherbourne Recycling Trading Ltd; these changes will include:
 - i. Appointment of an independent non-executive chair;
 - ii. Enable the future provision of additional of an additional three non-executive director, if and when needed; and
 - iii. Amend the board voting rights from % weighting based on shareholding to one equal vote per board member.

- b) delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director - Public Services, in consultation with the Assistant Director - Democracy & Governance (the Monitoring Officer) and the Cabinet Member for Communities & Public Services, to make variations (including variations from time to time thereafter) to Shareholders Agreement subject to:
 - i) they do not remove the following principles
 - an independent non-executive chair
 - the reduction in number of non-executive director, if and when needed
 - Amend the board voting rights from one equal vote per board member
 - Changes to the composition of the board

 - ii) the ability to refer changes to the Shareholder agreement or Waste Supply agreement to Cabinet for a decision where the Strategic Director – Public Services, after consultations, considers it is appropriate.

 - iii) subject to those changes being reported to Councillors via the Shareholder Committee as part of the Sherbourne Recycling reports.

SPEAKERS:

County Councillor Keith Kondakor

Options:

Three alternative options were considered and were rejected by the Board and Shareholders were:

- Appointing an independent Chair without voting rights: The professional advice is not to do that. A Chair of a board would expect to have a vote on decision making matters of the Board. Having a vote will ensue personal investment in SRL and therefore a vested interest in its success.
- Not appointing an independent Chair: The annual rotation of Chair by Council appointed directors is not effective corporate governance, as does not provide the board with continuity of leadership. Council appointed Chair's often lack the additional time commitment needed for this role.
- Not having the ability to appoint Independent Non-Executive Directors. The professional advice is that business evolves and looks to grow it is useful to have the ability to appoint such skills to the Board. The appointment of such Non-Executive Directors will require a Board recommendation to Shareholder Panel for a decision to enables Shareholders to inform the decision-making process.

Reasons:

It is good practice to review governance arrangements at certain points to ensure they remain effective, fit for purpose and aligned to changing business needs.

CB108 Action Plan – Local Government Peer Review – Next Steps

The Chief Executive submitted a report presenting to Cabinet the Council's Local Government Association (LGA) Corporate Peer Challenge Action Plan developed in response to the Peer Review undertaken in 2025.

RESOLVED that

- a) the LGA Peer Review Action Plan, attached at Appendix A of the report be approved; and
- b) the Action Plan be issued to each Overview and Scrutiny Panel (OSP) for consideration as part of their 2026/27 programme.

SPEAKERS:

Councillor Michele Kondakor

Options:

Do nothing - If Cabinet did not adopt the Action Plan, the Council would not respond effectively to the LGA Peer Review recommendations, which may weaken governance, improvement activity, and sector led assurance.

Request revision - The Action Plan has been developed with input from Senior Officers, Cabinet, and the LGA, and is considered robust and ready for implementation.

Reasons:

Cabinet approval will enable the Council to progress activity that strengthens leadership, governance, financial sustainability, and organisational effectiveness.

CB109 Corporate Delivery Plan April 2026 – March 2027

The Chief Executive presented to Cabinet the refreshed Corporate Delivery Plan for the 2026/27 financial year seeking approval for its adoption.

RESOLVED that the Corporate Delivery Plan 2026/27, attached at Appendix A of the report be approved, as the annual delivery plan underpinning the Corporate Plan, for its implementation from 1 April 2026.

SPEAKERS

County Councillor Keith Kondakor
Councillor Michele Kondakor

Options

- Do nothing - If Cabinet does not adopt the delivery plan, then it will be challenging to progress outcomes inline with the Corporate Plan.
- Request revision - Senior Officers and Cabinet have supported the drafting of the plan.

Reasons

The refreshed Corporate Delivery Plan 2026/27 provides a clear framework for delivering the Council's strategic priorities in the year ahead and will ensure a focused, accountable, and measurable approach to delivery across all service areas.

CB110 General Fund Budget Monitoring Quarter 3 2025/26

The Assistant Director – Finance submitted a report to Cabinet presenting the forecast revenue outturn position for the General Fund as at 31st December 2025.

RESOLVED that the forecast outturn position for the General Fund for 2025/26 be noted, with consideration given to key variances.

SPEAKERS

Councillor Keith Kondakor

Options

Do nothing - Not applicable as the report is to note the forecast position.

Reasons

The Council must submit regular financial reporting of its budgets.

CB111 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Monitoring Q3

The Assistant Director – Finance presented the forecast revenue outturn position for the HRA as at 31st December 2025.

RESOLVED that the forecast outturn position for the HRA for 2025/26 be noted, with consideration given to key variances.

SPEAKERS

County Councillor Keith Kondakor
Councillor Michele Kondakor

Options

Do nothing - Not applicable as the report is to note the forecast position.

Reasons

The Council must submit regular financial reporting of its budgets.

CB112 Capital Monitoring Quarter 3

The Assistant Director – Finance submitted a report to Cabinet presenting the updated Q3 forecasted outturn position on capital expenditure for both the General Fund and HRA.

RESOLVED that

- a) the Q3 forecasted capital outturn position for 2025/26 for the General Fund and HRA be noted: and
- b) it be recommended to Council an update to the budget for S106 projects and Disabled Facilities Grants - HEART as detailed in section 5.

SPEAKERS

County Councillor Keith Kondakor

Options

Do nothing - Not applicable as the report is to note the forecast position.

Reasons

The Council must submit regular financial reporting of its budgets.

CB113 Regeneration Projects Update

The Assistant Director – Economy and Regeneration submitted a report updating Cabinet on the progress of the regeneration projects taking place within the borough, and for consideration of approving an uplift to the value of existing procured contracts in order to deliver the final elements of Grayson Place.

RESOLVED that

- a) the content of the report and Dashboard (Appendix A of the report) be noted;
- b) the increase to financial value of the General Builder Contract, as detailed at paragraph 8.4 of the report be approved;
- c) as referenced in Section 8 of this report and recommendation 2.3 of the Cabinet report of 8 October 2025 (Appendix B of the report), a detailed report on the public realm element of Grayson Place will be presented at a future meeting; and
- d) further to section 5.1 of the report, delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director for Housing and Community Safety, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Business and Regeneration, to progress negotiations with an identified anchor tenant for the Food Court and any prospective tenants for the remaining Food Court units, with future report(s) issued back to Cabinet to seek approval to enter into a lease or leases for units in the Food Court.

SPEAKERS

County Councillor Keith Kondakor
Councillor Michele Kondakor

Options

To not accept the recommendations

Reasons

Regular updates will be provided to Cabinet on the progression of the Board formation and development of the investment plan.

CB114 **Recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny Panels**

a) **Environment and Leisure OSP – 5th February 2026**

Tree Strategy

At its meeting the panel considered the report on the adoption of the proposed Tree Strategy. A recommendation was put forward for Cabinet approval as follows:

i) it be recommended to Cabinet to adopt the Tree Strategy with consideration given to the comments made.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Tree Strategy be adopted.

SPEAKERS:

County Councillor Keith Kondakor
Councillor Michele Kondakor
Councillor Julian Gutteridge

CB115 **Any Other Items**

None

CB116 **Exclusion of Public and Press**

RESOLVED that 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 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act.

CB117 **Home Environment Assessment & Response Team (HEART) Arrangements**

The Strategic Director submitted a report for Cabinet for consideration on the HEART arrangement.

RESOLVED that

- a) the Council's intention to withdraw as the Host Authority for the HEART Partnership be approved;
- b) delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director - Housing & Communities to issue the formal required 12-month notice;
- c) delegated authority to the Assistant Director for Strategic Housing, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, the Strategic Director,

Housing & Communities, the Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer, to manage the transition process; and

- d) a further report is brought back to a future Cabinet detailing any new or updated risks, following service of the Notice and the outcome of future Hosting arrangements is known.

SPEAKERS

Councillor Michele Kondakor

Options

Do nothing - Maintaining Hosting responsibilities is no longer viable due to escalating financial, compliance, governance and reputational risk.

Reasons

The cumulative financial, governance, reputational and operational risks to the Council as Host Authority are now significant and unsustainable. Withdrawing as Host, while remaining a partner, offers the best balance between safeguarding the Council's interests and maintaining support for vulnerable residents.

Chair

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