

**NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**AUDIT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**17<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

A meeting of the Audit & Standards Committee was held on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Nuneaton.

**Present**

Councillor J. Bonner – Chair

Councillors: D. Brown (Vice-Chair), A. Bull, B. Hancox, T. Jenkins, W. Markham, C. Smith, M. Wright and Mr A. Morgan.

Apologies: Councillor L. Cvetkovic.

Absent: Councillors T. Cooper and J. Hartshorn.

**PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS**

ASC40 **Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the minutes of the Audit and Standards Committee meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 be approved and signed by the Chair; and
- b) the minutes of the Extraordinary Audit and Standards Committee meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026 be approved and signed by the Chair.

ASC41 **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](#)).

ASC42 **Internal Audit Plan Report 2026/27**

A report of the Audit Manager gave Committee Members the opportunity to approve the Internal Audit Charter and Annual Internal Audit Plan for 2026-27

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the Internal Audit Plan for 2025/26 be considered and approved for Implementation; and
- b) the Internal Audit Charter be approved.

ASC43 **Internal Audit Progress Report**

The Audit Manager presented a report which provided the Committee with an update on progress against the approved Internal Audit Plan, which details the performance and activity of Internal Audit since the last Progress Report presented to this Committee.

**RESOLVED** that the Internal Audit Progress Report be considered, and any issues identified be subject to a follow-up report as appropriate.

ASC44 **Constitution Update – Report from the Constitution Review Working Party**

A report of the Assistant Director – Democracy and Governance (Monitoring Officer) gave Members the opportunity to consider and approve the recommendations from the Constitution Review Working Party (CRWP) and

recommend changes to the Constitution to Full Council related to Section 5D.7 of the Constitution and Part 3E.7(b) of the Scheme of Delegation for the Assistant Director for Planning.

**RESOLVED** that  
**IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL** that the Constitution be updated as follows:

- a) the Scheme of Delegation for the Assistant Director - Planning be updated to align with Section 5D.7 (as per 4.2.7 of the report); and
- b) amendments to Section 5D.7 of the constitution (as per 4.3.3 of the report) be endorsed and approved.

ASC45 **Review and Update of the Mayoral Protocol**

A report of the Democratic Services Team Leader gave Members the opportunity to consider the proposed changes to the Office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor Protocol and recommend any additions and/or alterations.

**RESOLVED** that the proposed changes to the Office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor Protocol be not approved or recommended to Council.

ASC46 **Anti Money Laundering Framework and Anti-Fraud, Corruption and Bribery Strategy**

A report of the Assistant Director – Democracy and Governance provided Committee Members with the reviewed Anti Money Laundering Framework and Anti-Fraud, Corruption and Bribery Strategy for consideration, approval and referral to Full Council for adoption.

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the revised Anti Money Laundering Framework be endorsed;
- b) the revised Anti-Fraud, Corruption and Bribery Strategy be endorsed; and
- c) **IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL** that
  - I. the revised Anti Money Laundering Framework be approved and adopted, and the Constitution be updated accordingly; and
  - II. the revised Anti-Fraud, Corruption and Bribery Strategy be approved and adopted, and the Constitution be updated accordingly.

ASC47 **Fraud Response Plan and Partnership Framework**

A report of the Assistant Director – Democracy and Governance provided Committee Members with the reviewed Fraud Response Plan and Partnership Framework for consideration and approval.

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the revised Fraud Response Plan be approved; and
- b) the revised Partnership Framework be approved.

ASC48 **Local Code of Corporate Governance**

The Assistant Director – Democracy and Governance provided Committee Members with the reviewed Local Code of Corporate Governance for consideration, approval and referral to Full Council for adoption.

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the revised Local Code of Corporate Governance be endorsed;
- b) **IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL** that the revised Local Code of Corporate Governance be approved and adopted; and
- c) where 'Elected Members' are referenced in reports this be changed to 'Members' with a capital 'M', in order to align with the Constitution.

ASC49 **Member Induction Programme 2026**

A report of the Elections and Democratic Services Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer provided Committee Members with details of the Member Induction Programme from May 2026 for consideration, comment and approval.

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the Member Induction Programme for 2026 be considered and approved;
- b) the photo for the Member Induction Pack be changed to a picture which better reflects the Council; and
- c) definitions and a glossary of terms be included in the pack, including Declarations of Pecuniary Interests.

ASC50 **Overview of Member Complaints**

The Monitoring Officer provided Committee Members with an update on the overview report presented in respect of complaints against Members.

**RESOLVED** that it be noted that a total of one (1) formal complaint against elected members has been received since the last report came before the Committee (on 9th September 2025).

ASC51 **Any Other Matters – Extraordinary Audit and Standards Committee Meeting**

An Extraordinary meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

Chair \_\_\_\_\_