

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

18th March, 2026

An Extraordinary Council meeting of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council was held on Wednesday, 18th March 2026.

Present

Mayor Councillor B. Saru

Councillors, E. Amaechi, M. Bird, J. Bonner, A. Bull, J. Clarke, J. Collett, T. Cooper, S. Croft, L. Cvetkovic, J. Gutteridge, W. Hancox, S. Hey, P. Hickling, B. Hughes, T. Jenkins, N. King, M. Kondakor, S. Markham, W. Markham, B. Pandher, C. Phillips, K. Price, R. Roze, J. Sheppard, C. Smith, T. Venson, C. Watkins, K. Wilson and M. Wright.

Apologies were received for Councillors D. Brown, S. Dhillon, M. Etienne, A. Khangura, Deputy Mayor Councillor T. Sheppard, R. Smith and M. Walsh

Absent: Councillor J. Hartshorn

CL71 **Declarations of Interests**

RESOLVED that the Declarations of Interests for this meeting are as set out in the schedule available to view on the website.

CL72 **Announcements**

None

CL73 **Public Participation**

No public questions or statements received for the meeting.

CL74 **Empty Homes and Second Homes Council Tax Premium – Pursuant to Section 5 of The Local Government and Housing Act 1989**

The Monitoring Officer submitted a report to Council on the above and during his presentation added the following recommendation at point 2.1.7 of the report:

2.1.7 That Full Council notes that Appendices to this report remain confidential and is not for publication on the basis that it contains information subject to legal professional privilege.

Councillor S. Hey moved the recommendations in the report and the added recommendation at 2.1.7.

Councillor C. Watkins seconded the recommendations.

Councillor K. Wilson moved the following amendment:

'In recognition that the current Deputy Leader of the Council presided over the Council as Leader that acted unlawfully, the Council requests the new leader to remove the current Deputy Leader from Cabinet and appoint a new Cabinet Member for Housing and Deputy Leader.'

Councillor S. Markham seconded the amendment.

A recorded vote was taken as follows:

FOR: Councillors M. Bird, J. Clarke, J. Collett, T. Cooper, S. Croft, L. Cvetkovic, J. Gutteridge, S. Markham, W. Markham, B. Pandher, and K. Wilson.

AGAINST: Councillors E. Amaechi, J. Bonner, A. Bull, W. Hancox, S. Hey, P. Hickling, B. Hughes, T. Jenkins, N. King, M. Kondakor, C. Phillips, K. Price, B. Saru, J. Sheppard, C. Smith, T. Venson, C. Watkins, and M. Wright.

ABSTENTIONS: Councillor R. Roze

The amendment was lost

A vote on the substantive recommendations was taken.

It was **RESOLVED** that

- a) the Monitoring Officer's report be considered;
- b) the Second Home Council Tax Premium be withdrawn;
- c) the additional levies associated to the Empty Property Premium introduced from 01/04/2025 be withdrawn with immediate effect and revert to the 2021 levy as per section 4.7 of the report;
- d) any payments made by individuals under those charges be refunded;
- e) Preceptors be notified, where relevant, for whom the Council collects these premiums as the billing authority;
- f) recommence the process of introducing the Second Homes Council Tax Premium and Empty Property Premium be recommenced in full

accordance with statutory guidance, subject to a future Cabinet and Full Council report; and

- g) appendices to the report remain confidential and are not for publication on the basis that it contains information subject to legal professional privilege be noted.

Mayor