

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

27th May 2026

A meeting of Cabinet was held on Wednesday 27th May 2026 in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall.

Present

Councillor G. Finch (Leader) (Chair)
Councillor M. Bannister (Deputy Leader and Finance, Enabling Services and Communities)
Councillor S. Coates-Jarman (Planning, Enforcement and Public Services)
Councillor J. Groves (Town Centre Regeneration and Business Development)
Councillor B. Greenwood (Leisure and Health)

CB01 **Apologies**

Councillor J. Bartlett (Housing)

CB02 **Declarations of Interest**

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

CB03 **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 22nd April 2026, be approved, and signed by the Chair

CB04 **Strategic Authorities and Planning Update**

A report of the Chief Executive was submitted to Cabinet updating on the Government's request for expressions of interest regarding the geography for Spatial Development Strategies and proposals for Foundation Strategic Authorities, as set out in correspondence from Ministers dated 12th February 2026.

RESOLVED that

- a) the content of the Government's letter dated 12th February 2026 regarding Spatial Development Strategies and Foundation Strategic Authorities, and the joint response submitted by Warwickshire Leaders on 9th March 2026 be noted; and
- b) delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader to:
 - i) continue engagement with government, neighbouring authorities and relevant partners; and
 - ii) take any necessary interim actions consistent with the collective Warwickshire position, pending further government decisions

SPEAKER:

Councillor Kris Wilson

Options

Do nothing – Rejected – this would limit the Council's influence and ability to shape outcomes affecting strategic planning and governance.

Note correspondence without delegation – Rejected – this would risk delayed or inconsistent engagement with Government.

Reasons

The recommendations enable Cabinet to note the current position and ensure the Council remains actively engaged in discussions.

CB05 Section 106 Monitoring System – Budget Variation

The Assistant Director – Planning submitted a report updating the 2026/27 General Fund budget to include £30,100 from the Council's Transformation Reserve to fund one-off capital costs associated with the Section 106 Monitoring Software project, approved by Senior Leadership Team in March 2026

RESOLVED that

- a) the background of the Section 106 Monitoring Software Project and the circumstances giving rise to this report be noted; and
- b) it be recommended to full council that the 2026/27 General Funding Budget be updated to account for Transformation Reserve funding of £30,100 to cover one-off costs associated with the Section 106 Monitoring Software Project.

SPEAKERS:

None

Options:

- Not to approve the Transformation Reserve funding (Do Nothing) - Rejected: the Transformation Reserve funding was included in the approved business case and is essential to deliver the historic data upload, a critical component of the project. Without it, there is a high risk the system would go live without a complete dataset, significantly undermining the value of the investment and the Council's ability to manage its Section 106 obligations effectively. This is because extant Section 106 Agreements (i.e those entered into at anytime before the Software system goes live and which aren't yet fully complied with and discharged) would in that scenario not be recorded on the system and they would therefore not be able to be monitored, thereby rendering the system almost obsolete from the very start. The 'do nothing' option would therefore result in the Council having incurred the cost of procuring and implementing a system without realising its full intended benefit.
- Delay the historic data upload and seek approval at a later date via the quarterly budget update report to Council in September 2026 – Rejected - as set out in the project overview, approval of the budget variation is required by 10 July 2026 to support timely progression of the procurement process for the historic data upload contract. Waiting until the September quarterly report would mean approval is received after this deadline,

preventing the data upload contract from being awarded on time, and thus delaying the project.

Reasons:

The Section 106 Monitoring Software project represents a significant improvement in the Council's ability to manage its significant portfolio of Section 106 obligations.

CB06 Transformation Strategy

A report of the Deputy Chief Executive – Strategic Director for Corporate Resources presented to Cabinet the newly authored Transformation Strategy.

RESOLVED that the Transformation Strategy be adopted and work on the implementation plan be commenced.

SPEAKERS:

Councillor Kris Wilson
Councillor Tony Venson

Options:

Do nothing – Rejected - Without a coordinated and documented approach to transformation, including protocols for running projects, standardised reporting and appropriate skills, all outlined in the Strategy, the Council is at risk of failing to deliver key aspirations outlined in the Corporate Plan as well as detrimental effects to running daily services.

Reasons:

The Transformation Strategy provides the Council a blueprint from which to focus resources and priorities. It documents core values and direction of travel relating to employee development, culture and performance.

CB07 ICT Policies

The Deputy Chief Executive – Strategic Director for Corporate Resources submitted a report requesting adoption of the newly authored ICT Policies.

RESOLVED that

- a) the policies outlined in appendices A – C of the report be adopted; and
- b) delegated authority to the Assistant Director – Digital and Business change to make any necessary changes to approved ICT policies in considering the protection of the Council, in consultation with the Senior Leadership Team

SPEAKERS:

None

Options:

Do nothing – Rejected - Without a coordinated and documented approach to ICT Security the Council is vulnerable to attacks and withdrawal of services by partners. Both will lead to significant reputational and financial damage.

Reasons:

The policies create a coherent and layered security framework that addresses risks across people, data, and technology in a structured and proportionate way.

CB08 **Recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny Panels**

None

CB09 **Any Other Items**

None

Chair

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