

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

15th July 2026

A meeting of Cabinet was held on Wednesday 15th July 2026 in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall.

Present

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

A minute silence was held to mark the passing of Anne Widdecombe former MP for Maidstone and The Weald and acknowledging her contribution to public life.

CB19 Apologies

Councillor G. Finch (Leader)

CB20 Declarations of Interest

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

CB21 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 17th June 2026, be approved, and signed by the Chair

CB22 New Administration 100 Day Priorities

The Chief Executive submitted a report setting out the initial priorities of the new Administration for the first 100 days and provide an update on early progress whilst seeking the necessary approvals to enable further development.

RESOLVED that

- a) the priorities detailed within the report and the progress made to date be noted;
- b) the ongoing commitment to fostering a culture of openness and transparency in decision-making, financial management, and governance be acknowledged;
- c) delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director (Resources), in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder, to explore options for improving access to Council services in Bedworth and Bulkington and to bring forward any proposals requiring further approval through the Council's normal governance arrangements;

- d) delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director (Communities and Place), in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder, to commission a review of the Housing Allocations Policy, including consideration of how the needs of Borough residents may be prioritised within the relevant legal framework;
- e) delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director (Communities and Place) to produce a delivery plan to improve turnaround times for Council housing and commercial lettings voids;
- f) it be recommended to Full Council that the Climate Change Emergency declared in 2019 be rescinded, and that associated funding be redirected toward practical measures that mitigate the impacts of severe weather and enhance and protect the Borough's natural environment;
- g) the Strategic Director (Culture and Environment), in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder, prepares a report for consideration by Full Council on the viability, evidence requirements, legal implications and resource implications of introducing Article 4 Directions and/or selective licensing to manage Houses in Multiple Occupation within the Borough; and
- h) the wider medium-term ambitions of the Administration beyond the initial 100-day period be noted.

SPEAKER:

Linda Parsons
Elissa Novak
Councillor Brady Hughes
Councillor Keith Kondakor
Councillor Michele Kondakor
Councillor Chris Watkins
Councillor Mike Wright

Options

- Do nothing – Rejected - because it would not enable Cabinet to progress the priorities set out in this report.

Reasons

This report sets out a clear and deliverable programme for the first 100 days of the New Administration, reflecting the priorities of local residents and establishing a strong foundation for longer-term change.

CB23 Adoption of Revised Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy

The Assistant Director for Environment & Enforcement submitted the revised Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy, aligned with the requirements of the Renters' Rights Act 2025 for adoption.

RESOLVED that

- a) the proposed new Enforcement Policy drafted by the Association of Chief Environmental Health Officers (ACEHO), to take effect from 1 May 2026

with transitional arrangements in place to ensure legal and procedural continuity be adopted

- b) delegated authority be given to for the Strategic Director of Culture and Environment, in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder, to approve minor modifications to the policies and to incorporate new secondary legislation as it comes into force under subsequent phases of the Renters' Rights Act.

SPEAKERS:

None

Options:

- Do nothing – rejected - There is a risk that failure to adopt updated enforcement and civil penalty policies aligned with the Renters' Rights Act could result in the Council being unable to demonstrate compliance with its statutory duty to enforce landlord legislation under Section 107.

Reasons:

Statutory Duty to enforce landlord legislation under Section 107

CB24 Special Projects Resource

A report of the Assistant Director – Planning sought Cabinet approval to utilise £70k of funds from the Financial Planning Reserve to secure resource to deal with a number of special projects.

RESOLVED that

- a) £70,000 of the Financial Planning Reserve can be utilised for the appointment of resource to progress the special projects be approved;
- b) delegated authority be given to the Head of Paid Service and the S151 Finance Officer to draw down the £70,000 from the Financial Planning Reserve.
- c) the appointment of resource to progress the special projects for the 2026/27 financial year be approved;
- d) a further report be brought back to Cabinet with the outcomes of the special projects work undertaken.

SPEAKERS:

Councillor Keith Kondakor

Councillor Tony Venson

Options:

- To not proceed with the creation of resource for the special projects and to reject the recommendations set out in the report – Rejected – the Council must resolve some of the legacy matters the Planning team are currently dealing with to remove any risk associated with them not being concluded. It is also advantageous to the Council to investigate additional potential sources of income for the Planning Service, and review the charges

currently made by the Local Land Charges service and Street Naming and Numbering Service.

Reasons:

To resolve of legacy matters, and positive initiatives to move the Planning service forwards.

CB25 Regeneration Projects Update and Regeneration Review

The Assistant Director – Economy & Communications submitted to Cabinet an update on the progress of regeneration projects taking place within the Borough and to consider an amendment to Pride in Place Impact Fund (PIPIF) allocations.

RESOLVED that

- a) the allocation of the Pride in Place Impact Fund (PIPIF), as detailed at Section 12 was considered and confirm the final allocation as follows:
 - 45% Nuneaton
 - 45% Bedworth
 - 5% Bulkington
 - 5% Keresley;
- b) the design amendment to the Parks Revival project be approved, as detailed at Section 11.3;
- c) delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director, Communities & Place, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Town Centre Regeneration and Business Development, to develop funding schemes for the PIPIF in line with the public consultation feedback, attached as Appendix A of the report;
- d) the Regeneration Review, attached as Appendix B of the report be noted.

SPEAKERS:

Councillor Keith Kondakor
Councillor Nicki King
Councillor Michele Kondakor
Councillor Jeff Clarke
Councillor Brady Hughes
Councillor Tony Venson

Options:

Do nothing – Rejected – In relation to the Parks Revival project, the failure to amend the project design would mean that additional funding would be required. This option was rejected as no other funding availability was identified.

Reasons:

To provide an update on the position of the Regeneration Projects.

CB26 General Fund Outturn Revenue 2025/26

The Assistant Director for Finance submitted a report to Cabinet to present the final outturn position for 2025/26 and for approval of the earmarked reserve balances at 31st March 2026

RESOLVED that

- a) the 2025/26 outturn position for the General Fund be noted; and
- b) the earmarked reserve balances as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report be noted and approved.

SPEAKERS:

Councillor Keith Kondakor

Options:

- Do nothing – Rejected - Reporting the outturn position is key for transparency therefore this is not an option.

Reasons

The Council has a duty to report the financial position of its budget.

CB27 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Revenue Outturn 2025/26

The Assistant Director for Finance submitted a report to Cabinet to present the final outturn position for 2025/26 and for approval of the earmarked reserve balances at 31st March 2026

RESOLVED that

- a) the 2025/26 outturn position for the HRA be noted; and
- b) the reserve balances as details in Appendix 2 of the report be approved.

SPEAKERS:

Councillor Keith Kondakor

Options:

- Do nothing – Rejected - Reporting the outturn position is key for transparency therefore this is not an option.

Reasons

The Council has a duty to report the financial position of its budgets.

CB28 Capital Outturn 2025/26

The Assistant Director for Finance submitted a report to Cabinet to update on the outturn position on capital expenditure for both the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account (HRA)

RESOLVED that

- a) the 2025/26 outturn position for the Capital budget be noted; and
- b) the Capital reserve position at the end of 2025/26 be noted.

- c) it be recommended to Council that the updated Capital Budget for 2026/27 as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report be approved.

SPEAKERS:

None

Options:

- Do nothing – Rejected - Reporting the outturn position is key for transparency therefore this is not an option.

Reasons

The Council has a duty to report the financial position of its budgets.

CB29 Collection Fund Outturn 2025/26

The Assistant Director for Finance submitted a report to Cabinet to present the final Collection Fund outturn position for 2025/26.

RESOLVED that the Collection fund position as detailed in the report be noted

SPEAKERS:

None

Options:

- Do nothing – Rejected - Reporting the outturn position is key for transparency therefore this is not an option.

Reasons

The Council has a duty to report the financial position of its budgets.

CB30 Recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny Panels

a) Business, Regeneration and Planning OSP – 11th June 2026

At its meeting a Regeneration Projects Update was provided to the panel and a recommendation put forward for Cabinet consideration as follows:

‘It be recommended to Cabinet that any outstanding leases be reviewed’

The Chair of the Business, Regeneration and Planning OSP presented the recommendation and expressed his concern on monies being spent without leases in place presenting a risk to this Council. The Chair expressed concern in relation to the Abbey Theatre lease and to the lack of information coming forward on the leases. The Chair expressed that a further report on the progress would be welcomed as soon as possible and that the OSP would continue to monitor the regeneration projects.

Cabinet considered the recommendation put forward and acknowledged the concerns brought forward by the Chair of the Business, Regeneration and Planning OSP.

RESOLVED that the outstanding leases be reviewed.

SPEAKER: Councillor Keith Kondakor

CB31 **Any Other Items**
None

Chair

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