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**INDIVIDUAL CABINET
MEMBER DECISION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Cabinet Member for Leisure and Health (Councillor B. Greenwood) is to consider the following report and make a decision on **Tuesday 15th September at 2.30pm** in Council Chamber, Town Hall, Nuneaton.

Yours faithfully,

TOM SHARDLOW

Chief Executive

A G E N D A
PART 1
PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. **EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

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2. **PUBLIC CONSULTATION** - Members of the public will be given the opportunity to speak on specific agenda items if notice has been received.

Members of the public will be given three minutes to speak on a particular item and this is strictly timed. The chair will inform all public speakers that: their comments must be limited to addressing issues raised in the agenda item under consideration: and that any departure from the item will not be tolerated.

The chair may interrupt the speaker if they start discussing other matters which are not related to the item, or the speaker uses threatening or inappropriate language towards Councillors or officers and if after a warning issued by the chair, the speaker persists, they will be asked to stop speaking by the chair. The chair will advise the speaker that, having ignored the warning, the speaker's opportunity to speak to the current or other items on the agenda may not be allowed. In this eventuality, the chair has discretion to exclude the speaker from speaking further on the item under consideration or other items of the agenda.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

Declaring interests at meetings

If there is any item of business to be discussed at the meeting in which you have a disclosable pecuniary interest or non-pecuniary interest (Other Interests), you must declare the interest appropriately at the start of the meeting or as soon as you become aware that you have an interest.

Arrangements have been made so that interests that are declared regularly by members can be viewed in a schedule on the Council website ([Councillor Declarations of Interests](#)). Any interest noted in the schedule on the website will be deemed to have been declared and will be minuted as such by the Democratic Services Officer. As a general rule, there will, therefore, be no need for those Members to declare those interests as set out in the schedule. There are, however, TWO EXCEPTIONS to the general rule:

1. When the interest amounts to a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest that is engaged in connection with any item on the agenda and the member feels that the interest is such that they must leave the room. Prior to leaving the room,

the member must inform the meeting that they are doing so, to ensure that it is recorded in the minutes.

2. Where a dispensation has been granted to vote and/or speak on an item where there is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, but it is not referred to in the Schedule (where for example, the dispensation was granted by the Monitoring Officer immediately prior to the meeting). The existence and nature of the dispensation needs to be recorded in the minutes and will, therefore, have to be disclosed at an appropriate time to the meeting.

Note: Following the adoption of the new Code of Conduct, Members are reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of their personal interests at the commencement of the relevant item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary or a Deemed Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, the Member must withdraw from the room.

Where a Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest but has received a dispensation from Audit & Standards Committee, that Member may vote and/or speak on the matter (as the case may be) and must disclose the existence of the dispensation and any restrictions placed on it at the time the interest is declared.

Where a Member has a Deemed Disclosable Interest as defined in the Code of Conduct, the Member may address the meeting as a member of the public as set out in the Code.

Note: Council Procedure Rules require Members with Disclosable Pecuniary Interests to withdraw from the meeting unless a dispensation allows them to remain to vote and/or speak on the business giving rise to the interest.

Where a Member has a Deemed Disclosable Interest, the Council's Code of Conduct permits public speaking on the item, after which the Member is required by Council Procedure Rules to withdraw from the meeting.

4. BULKINGTON CHRISTMAS EVENT GRANT – report of the Assistant Director – Recreation and Culture attached (**Page 4**).



NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Individual Cabinet Member Decision

Report to: Cllr Bobby Greenwood

Date of Meeting: 15th September 2026

Subject: Bulkington Christmas Event Grant

Portfolio: Leisure and Health

Responsible Officer: Assistant Director – Recreation & Culture

Corporate Plan – Theme 1: Place and Prosperity

Corporate Plan – Aim 2: Supporting Businesses

Ward Relevance: Bulkington

Public or Private: Public

Forward Plan: Yes

Subject to Call-in: Yes

1. **Purpose of report**

- 1.1 To provide Bulkington Volunteers with an annual grant to support it's annual Christmas Event.

2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the Portfolio Holder for Leisure & Health approves an annual grant of £3,500 to be distributed to Bulkington Volunteers for the Bulkington Christmas Event.

3. **Background**

- 3.1 The annual Christmas light switch on in Bulkington is managed and funded by Bulkington Volunteers a small charity with the help of external partner organisations to deliver the annual Bulkington Christmas Light event.

- 3.2 A annual grant payment from the Council has been agreed to support defined aspects related to the event, including road closures, barriers and waste disposal.
- 3.3 The Council will enter into a grant agreement with the group in relation to the use of the Grant payment to ensure that it is allocated for specific elements of the event only.
- 4. Financial Implications
 - 4.1 A Budget has been identified to support the grant payment annually.
- 5. Legal Implications
 - 5.1 Legal Officer support will be required on reviewing the grant agreement form.
- 6. Equalities implications
 - 6.1 The grant is expected to have positive equalities implications by supporting a free, community-based Christmas event that is open to residents and visitors, including families, children, and older people. Bulkington Volunteers will be expected to consider accessibility and inclusion in the planning and delivery of the event, including safe access, clear information, and reasonable consideration of the needs of people with disabilities and other protected characteristics. No adverse equalities impacts have been identified arising from the award of the grant.
- 7. Health implications
 - 7.1 The grant is expected to have positive health and wellbeing implications by supporting a free community event that encourages social interaction, community participation and local pride.
- 8. Climate and environmental implications
 - 8.1 The grant is expected to have limited environmental implications. The funding will support practical arrangements for the event, including waste disposal, and Bulkington Volunteers will be expected to encourage appropriate waste management and responsible disposal of materials arising from the event. Any temporary environmental impacts associated with the event are expected to be minor and short term. No adverse climate or environmental implications have been identified arising from the award of the grant.
- 9. Section 17 Crime and Disorder Implications

9.1 The grant is expected to have limited Section 17 Crime and Disorder implications. The funding will support practical arrangements for the event, including road closures and barriers, which will assist with public safety and the orderly management of the event.

9.2 No adverse crime and disorder implications have been identified arising from the award of the grant.

10. Risk management implications

10.1 The risks associated with the award of the grant are considered to be low. A grant agreement will be used to set out the purpose of the funding and any relevant conditions. Bulkington Volunteers will remain responsible for the planning and delivery of the event, including ensuring that appropriate risk assessments, insurance, permissions and event management arrangements are in place. No significant risk management implications have been identified arising from the award of the grant.

11. Human resources implications

11.1 No direct implications identified as this is a grant payment and will not include Officer time for supporting the event.

12. Appendices

None attached

13. Report Writer Details:

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