

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

7th October 2026

A meeting of Cabinet was held on Wednesday 7th October 2026 in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall.

Present

Councillor G. Finch (Leader)
Councillor M. Bannister (Deputy Leader and Resources & Internal Affairs (Chair)
Councillor J. Bartlett (Housing)
Councillor S. Coates-Jarman (Planning, Enforcement & Public Services)
Councillor J. Groves (Town Centre Regeneration & Business Development)
Councillor P. Gilbert (Finance)
Councillor B. Greenwood (Leisure & Health)

CB47 Apologies

None

CB48 Declarations of Interest

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

CB49 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 9th September 2026, be approved, and signed by the Chair

CB50 Pride in Place Impact Fund Update

The Assistant Director – Economy & Communities submitted a report providing information to members in relation to the proposed projects for investment via the Pride in Place Impact Fund as endorsed by Cabinet in September 2026.

RESOLVED that

- a) the proposed projects as detailed at Section 5 of the report be approved;
- b) delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director - Communities and Place, and the Assistant Director for Economy & Communities, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Town Centre Regeneration & Business Development, the Leader of the Council, and the Portfolio Holder for Finance, to undertake all necessary procurement and associated activities required to deliver the projects funded through the Pride in Place Impact Fund;
- c) delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director - Communities & Place, and the Assistant Director for Economy & Communities, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Town Centre Regeneration & Business Development, the Leader of the Council, and the Portfolio Holder for Finance, to allocate the Community Assets Funding for Bulkington, in line with the Fund criteria; and

- d) a further report will be brought to a future Cabinet meeting, detailing allocation of resources and project progress.

SPEAKER:

Councillor Kris Wilson
Councillor Michele Kondakor
Councillor Sue Markham
Councillor Jeff Clarke
Councillor Lubs Cvetkovic
Councillor Keith Kondakor

Options

Do nothing – Rejected - because it would not enable the Council to make use of the external Pride in Place Impact Fund allocation to deliver visible improvements to town centres and community spaces. It would not respond to the public consultation feedback, member priorities or the funding objectives, and could risk the loss or underuse of grant funding within the required programme timescales.

Reasons

Utilising the Pride in Place Impact Fund will enable the Council to deliver improvements to community assets, public spaces and town centres, generating social, environmental and economic benefits for residents. These investments will help create stronger, more connected communities and more attractive local places, contributing to the borough's long-term prosperity and wellbeing.

CB51 Environment Act 2021 – Food Waste Collections

The Assistant Director – Environment & Enforcement submitted a report updating Cabinet on the arrangements for enacting the delivery of domestic food waste collections in accordance with the requirements of the Environment Act 2021.

RESOLVED that

- a) the service provision for domestic food waste collections approved on 25 February 2026 (minute CB92), and the revised implementation timeline set out in section 4.7 and Appendix C of the report be noted;
- b) the procurement of seven food waste collection vehicles (six operational and one spare) built to the agreed specification on a 12.5 tonne chassis, rather than the 7.5 tonne chassis originally specified, at an anticipated cost of £124,000 per vehicle, subject to confirmation that the vehicles meet the agreed specification and to a compliant call-off under the framework, to enable service commencement in April 2027;
- c) delegated authority be given to award the vehicle contract to the Strategic Director for Culture and Environment, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder and the Section 151 Officer; and
- d) the use of £55,599 from the food waste service underspend to meet the shortfall in food waste implementation costs set out in paragraph 6.3 of the report be approved.

SPEAKERS:

Councillor Keith Kondakor
Councillor Kris Wilson
Councillor Michele Kondakor
Councillor Chris Morris

Options:

- 1) Do nothing - Rejected - the Council has a statutory duty to provide a free, weekly food waste collection service since April 2026. Doing nothing would leave the Council non-compliant and put future Extended Producer Responsibility payments at risk.
- 2) Proceed with the specified supplier (7.5 tonne chassis) and accept the longer lead-in time – Rejected - Vehicles could take up to twelve months from order, delaying the start of the service and extending the period of non-compliance
- 3) Hire vehicles to deliver the service in the interim - Rejected - availability of suitable rental vehicles varies, and a full fleet cannot be guaranteed. Hire would also be an additional cost to the service.
- 4) Procure vehicles of the agreed specification on a 12.5 tonne chassis from an alternative supplier - Recommended - Vehicles are reported to be available from stock, subject to the specification review and a compliant call-off under the framework, which would suggest the service could start in April 2027, with implementation costs exceeding the remaining grant funding by £55,599, to be met from the food waste service underspend.

Reasons:

With a legal requirement to implement domestic food waste collections, NBBC needs to conclude the procurement process and set in place the full timeline for the roll out of the domestic food waste service.

CB52 Housing Revenue Account – Housing Stock Acquisition – Hawkesbury Development

A report of the Assistant Director – Housing Services was submitted to Cabinet seeking approval to acquire 14 properties from Tillia Homes Ltd for affordable rent for residents within Nuneaton and Bedworth who are currently on the Council's waiting list for Housing.

RESOLVED that

- a) the acquisition of 14 Section 106 properties at Sephton Drive, Coventry, West Midlands, CV6 6QY be approved;
- b) **IT BE RECOMMENDED TO FULL COUNCIL THAT** the HRA capital budget is amended to incorporate £2,561,728 over a three-year period as outlined in 5.1 of the report;
- c) **IT BE RECOMMENDED TO FULL COUNCIL THAT** the one off charge for 2027/2028 of £91,899 be approved and built into the HRA Business Plan and 2027/2028 budget and note the income outlined in section 5.4 of the report; and

- d) delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director for Communities & Place, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to acquire the properties.

SPEAKERS:

Councillor Will Markham
Councillor Kris Wilson
Councillor Keith Kondakor

Options:

- 1) Do nothing – Rejected - There is a 5-year timeframe within which to spend the One for One receipts, meaning that there would be a possibility that some receipts would have to be repaid to Government with interest. The Right to Buy continues to deplete the Council's housing stock. Without this project we will not be able to redress the balance and reduce the waiting times for residents waiting to be housed.
- 2) Build our own housing stock – Rejected - There are very few developable sites remaining within the Housing Revenue Account. Most remaining sites are complex and / or constrained which increases the cost to build. The Housing Development and Acquisition Strategy recognises the need to consider acquisition in order to maintain a supply of social/affordable homes to mitigate the loss of homes via the Right to Buy. This project will complement the numbers of new homes that the Council is able to facilitate and relieve some pressure on housing demand and temporary accommodation usage and cost to the General Fund. This option is not discounted over the longer term, as both the acquisition proposal within this business case and the building of new homes within the Housing Revenue Account are complementary and necessary to provide a supply of social / affordable housing.

Reasons:

The acquisition of these 14 affordable homes represents a cost-effective opportunity to increase housing supply, reduce demand pressures, and make full use of available Right to Buy receipts to support residents in need.

CB53 Conduct Public Consultation on the Public Space Protection Orders – Alcohol, Town Centres and Dog Control

The Assistant Director – Economy & Regeneration submitted to Cabinet seeking approval for a borough-wide public consultation regarding proposed Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) under the Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), Crime and Policing Act 2014. The consultation will seek views on proposed amendments to the Town Centre ASB PSPO, implementation of the Alcohol PSPO and extension of the Dog Control PSPO for a further three years.

RESOLVED that

- a) the proposed Town Centre ASB PSPO amendments, Alcohol PSPO implementation and Dog Control PSPO extension be approved for a two-week consultation period commencing mid to late October; and
- b) a further report be brought back to Cabinet outlining the findings of the consultation and recommendations for further action.

SPEAKERS:

Councillor Michele Kondakor
Councillor Keith Kondakor
Councillor Kris Wilson
Councillor Will Markham

Options:

- Taking no action was considered and rejected as it would not adequately address ongoing anti-social behaviour and dog control concerns.

Reasons:

A combined consultation will provide residents and stakeholders with the opportunity to shape the future of the Borough's PSPO framework and ensure any future decisions are transparent, proportionate and evidence based.

CB54 Local Government Reorganisation Update

The Chief Executive submitted a report to Cabinet to provide Members with an overview of the Warwickshire Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Programme, summarise progress made to date, explain the current position following recent Government announcements, and outline the contribution made by Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council (NBBC) throughout the programme.

RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted.

SPEAKERS:

Councillor Jeff Clarke
Councillor Kris Wilson
Councillor Keith Kondakor
Councillor Michele Kondakor

Options:

N/A the report is for noting.

Reasons

To update members on the overview of the Warwickshire Local Government Reorganisation Programme.

CB55 Recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny Panels

None

CB56 Any Other Items

The Leader announced that the remit of Communications and Marketing were to be moved from Portfolio Holder for Resources & Internal Affairs to the Leader of the Council.

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