

**NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**INTERNAL OVERVIEW  
AND SCRUTINY PANEL**

**21<sup>st</sup> March, 2019**

A meeting of the Internal Overview and Scrutiny Panel was held at the Town Hall, Nuneaton on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2019.

**Present**

Councillor J. Glass, Chair

Councillors S. Croft, P. Elliott, S. Gran, J. Gutteridge, W. J. Hancox, A. Llewellyn-Nash (Substitute for Councillor K. Wilson), B. Longden, B. Pandher, G. Pomfrett, A. Sargeant (Vice-Chair), T. Sheppard, J. Tandy, H. Walmsley, and Mrs D. Ross.

Apologies: Councillor K. Wilson.

**PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS**

148 **Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2019, be confirmed as amended, and signed by the Chair.

149 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor B. Longden declared that he was no longer a member of the Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel.

Councillor J. Tandy declared an interest in that she was now a member of the Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel.

**RESOLVED** that the declarations of interest are as set out in the Schedule attached to these Minutes, and as above.

150 **Monitoring of the Grounds Maintenance Contract**

The Parks and Countryside Manager submitted a report to provide the Panel with an update on the performance of the grounds maintenance contracts provided by Glendale Grounds Management.

The Panel considered the following matters:

- Glendale's staff recruitment drive.
- Backup machinery transferred from Liverpool.
- The Glendale Live system process.

The Panel requested that details of the defaults issued be provided.

**RESOLVED** that the contents of the report be noted and the additional information regarding defaults be provided to the Panel.

151 **Update on the work of Nuneaton Museum & Art Gallery including involvement in GE2**

The Portfolio Holder - Arts, Leisure and Economic Development and the Director – Arts, Leisure and Democracy, submitted a report to inform the Panel of the performance of Nuneaton Museum and Art Gallery in 2018. The Panel was asked to consider the progress of the Museum in achieving its aims and objectives as set out at Appendix A to the report.

Leaflets and posters were displayed and circulated for the Panel's information. The Museum and Arts Officer informed the Panel that the Museum had been awarded a grant of £2040 from West Midlands Museum Development for the development of 'Talking Collections' and that the Museum would also be hosting the filming of a BBC documentary in regards to the George Eliot Bi-Centenary.

The Panel considered the following other matters:

- The Museum's attraction to both local residents and people from outside of the Borough, and the benefits that footfall brings to the Borough.
- The promotion of the Museum via leaflets, social media and websites.
- The Museum and Art Gallery's Arts Council Accreditation status.
- The potential for outreach work in Bedworth and Bulkington and the possibility of having the Knife Angel sculpture, currently on display in Coventry, visit the Borough.

Councillor H. Walmsley moved the following motion

“That the Portfolio Holder for Arts, Leisure and Economic Development be asked to work with the Museum and Arts Officer to investigate the possibility of inviting the Knife Angel sculpture to visit the Borough.”

The motion was seconded by Councillor A. Llewellyn-Nash.

The motion was carried.

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the Museum and Arts Officer be thanked for the positive report;
- b) the contents of the report be noted; and
- c) a recommendation be made that the Portfolio Holder for Arts, Leisure and Economic Development work with the Museum and Arts Officer to investigate the possibility of inviting the Knife Angel sculpture to the Borough.

152 **Civic Hall Business Improvement Plan Update**

The Director – Arts, Leisure and Democracy submitted a report to provide the Panel with an update on progress made against the actions contained within the Civic Hall Business Improvement Action Plan.

The following appendices were attached to the report:

Appendix 1 – April 2016 – March 2019 update

Appendix 2 – Update relating to Audience Development Plan 2013-2019

Appendix 3 – Scale of Charges for 2018-2019 financial year

Appendix 4 – Breakdown of attendances and income for The Civic Hall  
Pantomime Company for the periods 2011 – 2018 inclusive.

A 'What's On' brochure was also distributed for Panel Member's information.

The Panel considered the following matters:

- Arts Strategy and funding opportunities through the Borough Plan.
- Income from Council promoted shows and private hire, including exhibitions, conferencing, gallery space and bistro.
- The operational budget.
- The positive benefits to the Borough, community groups and residents.
- The history of the Civic Hall and the level of previous investment into the premises.
- The quality offered by the facilities, eg acoustics etc.
- Postcode analysis of service users.

**RESOLVED** that the contents of the report be noted.

153 **Integrated Performance Report – Third Quarter 2018/19**

The Audit and Governance Manager and Governance, Risk Management and Performance Officer, submitted a report to provide the Panel with the appropriate performance measures, budget information and risk data for service areas within the scope of the Panel, for the third quarter of 2018/19.

The report informed the Panel that during the quarter, there had been no surveillance operations in regards to the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) 2000.

The Panel considered the performance indicators showing an increase in refuse and recycling costs, detailed in the report.

**RESOLVED** that the contents of the report be noted.

154 **Forward Plan**

The Forward Plan showing the key decisions that will be made in the 4 months beginning 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2019, was provided to the Panel for information.

**RESOLVED** that the Forward Plan be noted.

155 **Work Programme 2018/2019**

An updated Work Programme was submitted to the Panel for approval. The Chair confirmed that an additional meeting of the Panel was scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2019

**RESOLVED** that the updated Work Programme be approved.

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Chair

## Internal Overview and Scrutiny Panel

### Schedule of Declarations of Interests

	<b>Name of Councillor</b>	<b>Disclosable Pecuniary Interest</b>	<b>Other Personal Interest</b>	<b>Dispensation</b>
	General dispensations granted to all members under s.33 of the Localism Act 2011			Granted to all members of the Council in the areas of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Housing matters</li> <li>- Statutory sick pay under Part XI of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992</li> <li>- An allowance, payment given to members</li> <li>- An indemnity given to members</li> <li>- Any ceremonial honour given to members</li> <li>- Setting council tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992</li> <li>- Allotments</li> </ul>
	S. Croft	Holland and Barrett Retail Ltd		
	P. Elliott	Personal Tutor at King Edward College		
	S. Gran		Member of Warwickshire County Council	
	J. Gutteridge	Startin Tractors		To speak and vote on any matters involving the Borough Plan related to land at Leyland Road Bulkington
	W.J. Hancox		Hammersley, Smith & Orton	
	B. Longden		Daughter and son-in-law work in the NHS; Member of the Stockingford Community Centre; Ex-Officiate of the Veterans Contact Point Board; Member of Warwickshire Police & Crime Panel.	
	B. Pandher	Manager of the Indian Community Centre Association, Coventry	Member of Warwickshire County Council; Treasurer & Trustee of	

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			Nanaksar Gurdwara Gursikh Temple; Coordinator of Council of Sikh Temples in Coventry; Secretary of Coventry Indian Community; Trustee of Sikh Monument Trust	
	A Sargeant		Member of Warwickshire County Council	
	T. Sheppard	Employee of Dairy Crest		
	J. Tandy		Partnership member of the Hill Top and Caldwell Big Local.	
	H. Walmsley	Chief of Staff to Julian Knight MP Self-employed Public Relations Consultant	Chartered Institute of Public Relations	
	K.D. Wilson	Employee of the courts service	Non Executive Director with Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Limited	To speak and vote on any matters related to the Courts Service or related bodies unless the matter directly affects the contract of employment of the Councillor and matters involving Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Limited (NABCEL)