

**NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**INTERNAL OVERVIEW  
AND SCRUTINY PANEL**

**14<sup>th</sup> November, 2019**

A meeting of the Internal Overview and Scrutiny Panel was held at the Town Hall, Nuneaton on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.

**Present**

Councillor J. Glass, Chair

Councillors J. Beaumont, S. Croft, P. Elliott, K. Evans (Substitute for Councillor H. Walmsley), J. Gutteridge, L. Hocking, K. Kondakor, A. Llewellyn-Nash, B. Longden (Substitute for Councillor S. Doughty), B. Pandher (Substitute for Councillor S. Gran), G. Pomfrett, M. Rudkin (Substitute for Councillor J. Tandy), A. Sargeant and Mrs L. Price.

Apologies: Councillors S. Doughty, S. Gran, J. Tandy, H. Walmsley, Mrs L. Price and Mrs D. Ross.

**PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS**

I19 **Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2019, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

I20 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor K. Kondakor declared an Other interest in regards to Agenda Item 8 in that most Saturdays he takes part in the Park Run around the Miner's Welfare Park in Bedworth. He also declared that he had contacted the Education Department to inform them he was interested in making a bid under Wave 14, but that he had not made a bid.

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

I21 **Local Council Tax Support Scheme**

Further to Minute I15, Cabinet approved that the report containing the final proposals, submitted to its meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019, be taken back to the Internal Overview and Scrutiny Panel meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.

An extract from the Draft Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2019, detailing Minute CB46 Local Council Tax Support, was submitted to the Panel.

Speaker: Mrs M. Kondakor

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the Local Council Tax Support Scheme final report and Minute CB46 be noted; and
- b) the Panel welcomed the Cabinet's decision on the scheme.

122 **SLM Annual Report**

A presentation was made to the Panel by Simon Fearn, Everyone Active's Area Contract Manager, providing customer comments and usage statistics for the Borough's sport and leisure sites.

The presentation also outlined activity and programme development, community development and the take up of Passport to Leisure broken down by Ward.

The Panel raised the following matters for consideration:

- Bus services to the Pingles Leisure Centre.
- Free parking for Puregym customers.
- Sensory activity sessions.
- Site usage figures.

Simon Fearn agreed to:

- approach Stagecoach to ask the local bus service provider if they would consider redirecting their current route to service the Pingles Leisure Centre; and
- to provide the Panel with further information on sensory sessions and activities.

Speaker: Mrs M. Kondakor

**RESOLVED** that the contents of the presentation be noted and Simon Fearn be thanked for his attendance at the meeting.

123 **Leisure Development Options**

The Head of Leisure submitted a report to provide the Panel with information on three leisure development proposals, including Destination Parks Concept Planning (Miners Welfare and Riversley Parks), in order to provide a strategic vision for leisure and open space facilities.

The Nuneaton and Bedworth Strategic Outcomes Planning Guidance Report (SOPG) was submitted as Appendix A to the report and outlined a vision for change, shared local outcomes, place insight and interventions. Concept plans were also circulated in advance of the meeting and displayed for the Panel's information.

The Panel was asked to consider the proposals in order for their comments to be referred on to the Cabinet Member for Arts and Leisure. A further report would be presented to Cabinet in the very near future.

The Panel considered the proposed development of Activity Hubs at the three sites:

- Bedworth Activity Hub incorporating Bedworth Leisure Centre (the oldest Leisure Centre property under consideration having been built mid 1970's), the Miners' Welfare Park and Hawkesbury Meadows;
- Pingles Activity Hub, incorporating Pingles Leisure Centre, Riversley Park and George Eliot Gardens; and
- Top Farm Activity Hub, a new development within HSG1 of the Borough Plan, including a new school and GP surgery.

The Council's Head of Leisure, along with Racheal Sutcliffe, Strategic Leisure Limited and Janet Neale, Infrastructure Delivery Manager, Warwickshire County Council, attended the meeting to present the information and respond to the Panel's questions.

The Panel was informed that the proposals were of great interest to Sports England, who were keen to work with a local authority which put health and wellbeing as their top priority.

The Head of Leisure agreed to feedback the following specific ward related requests made by members of the Panel:

- Play facilities at Whitestone – refer to Open Space.
- Walkway and cycle paths at Wembrook.
- Green gym at Wembrook.

Speakers: Councillor W. Hancox  
Mrs M. Kondakor

**RESOLVED** that

- a) thanks be given for the hard work that had gone into the development of these proposals; and
- b) Panel Members consider the options detailed in the report and provide feedback to the Cabinet Member for Arts and Leisure.

124 **Forward Plan**

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

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

125 **Work Programme 2019/2020**

The updated Work Programme for 2019/2020 was submitted to the Panel.

The Panel was provided with a briefing note in regards to the Gresham Road Depot and lessons learned, as previously requested.

**RESOLVED** that

- a) a special meeting of the Panel be scheduled for Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2019; and
- b) the updated Work Programme be approved.

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Chair

**Internal Overview & Scrutiny Panel**  
**Schedule of Declarations of Interests – 2019/2020**

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
	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>- Planning and Licensing matters</li> <li>- Allotments</li> <li>- Local Enterprise Partnership</li> </ul>
	J. Beaumont		Board member of Bulkington Community Library CIC in addition to an unpaid Manager of the library. Board member of Bulkington Village Centre  Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nuneaton and Bedworth Older People's Forum</li> </ul>	
	S. Croft	Employed at Holland & Barrett Retail Ltd	Treasurer of the Conservative Association	
	S. Doughty	People in Action Cherville Limited	Unite the Union	
	P. Elliott	Employee of CW Mind ASD Support Service Mentor	Governor at Stockingford Nursery  Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friendship Project for Children</li> </ul>	
	J. Glass	None	None	
	S. Gran		Member of Warwickshire County Council	
	J. Gutteridge	Startin Tractors	Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age UK (Warwickshire Branch)</li> </ul>	To speak and vote on any matters involving the Borough Plan related to land at Leyland Road Bulkington

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	L. Hocking	Employed by Openreach	Member of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unite the Union</li> <li>• Communication Workers Union</li> </ul>	
	K.A. Kondakor		Member of Warwickshire County Council	
	A. Llewellyn-Nash	Employee of BMI Healthcare	Treasurer of Exhall Multi-cultural Group  Governor at Newdigate Primary and Nursery School, Bedworth	
	G.D. Pomfrett	None	None	
	A. Sargeant		Member of Warwickshire County Council Chairman of The Nook (Nuneaton) Residents Association. Chair of Attleborough Community Matters group. Volunteer at Volunteer Friends Bulkington. Member of Nuneaton Carnival Committee	
	J.A. Tandy		Partnership member of the Hill Top and Caldwell Big Local.  Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nuneaton Festival of Arts</li> <li>• Warwickshire Race Equality Partnership</li> <li>• Warwickshire Race Equality Partnership</li> <li>• West Midlands Combined Authority Audit Group</li> </ul>	
	H. Walmsley	Chief of Staff to Julian Knight MP Self-employed Public Relations Consultant.	Chartered Institute of Public Relations	