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Date: 2nd April 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

A meeting of the **CABINET** will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Nuneaton, on **Wednesday, 10th April 2024** at **6.00 p.m.**

The public can follow the decision making online:-
www.nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk/virtual-meeting.

Please note that meetings are recorded for future broadcast.

Yours faithfully,

BRENT DAVIS

Chief Executive

To: Members of Cabinet

Councillor K. Wilson (Leader of the Council and Business and Regeneration)
Councillor C. Golby (Deputy Leader and Housing and Communities)
Councillor S. Croft (Finance and Corporate)
Councillor S. Markham (Public Services)
Councillor R. Smith (Planning and Regulation)
Councillor J. Gutteridge (Health and Environment)

Also invited:

Councillor C. Watkins (Leader of the Main Opposition Group and Observer)

AGENDA

PART I

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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Please also make sure all your mobile phones are turned off or set to silent.

I would also advise that all or part of the meeting will be live streamed and recorded for future broadcast.

2. APOLOGIES - To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

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 for interests that are declared regularly by members to be appended to the agenda (**Page 6**). Any interest noted in the Schedule at the back of the agenda papers will be deemed to have been declared and will be minuted as such by the Committee 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 and 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. MINUTES - To confirm the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on the 6th March 2024 (**Page 9**).

5. 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.

6. NEWDIGATE RECREATION GROUND – report of the Assistant Director – Recreation and Culture to follow
7. SUICIDE PREVENTION – report of the Assistant Director – Recreation & Culture attached (**Page 19**)
8. CREATIVE EXPLORERS UPDATE – report of the Assistant Director – Recreation and Culture attached (**Page 25**)
9. BOROUGH PLAN REVIEW – EXAMINATION IN PUBLIC – report of the Assistant Director – Planning attached (**Page 32**)
10. BEDWORTH TOWN DEAL BOARD – report of the Strategic Director – Economy and Transformation to follow
11. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANELS
None
12. ANY OTHER ITEMS - which in the opinion of the Chair of the meeting should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances (which must be specified)

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council

Building A Better Borough

Nuneaton and Bedworth 2032: working in partnership, restoring pride in our borough

AIM 1: LIVE

We want to make our borough a place where our residents enjoy living and in which others choose to make their home.

Priority 1: Promote residents' health and wellbeing

Priority 2: Enable appropriate housing development

Priority 3: Sponsor a sustainable green approach

Priority 4: Prioritise community safety and empowerment

AIM 2: WORK

Using our prime location within the national road and rail networks and responding to the needs of private companies, we want to make our borough a place in which businesses choose to locate and where our residents enjoy a range of employment options.

Priority 1: Grow a strong and inclusive economy

Priority 2: Champion education and skills

Priority 3: Embrace new and emerging technology

Priority 4: Support local businesses

AIM 3: VISIT

Taking advantage of our open green spaces, our heritage, and our location within the West Midlands, we want our borough to be a vibrant destination for residents and visitors alike. A place where people and families want to spend time relaxing, socialising and taking part in leisure and cultural activities.

Priority 1: Create vibrant and diverse town centres

Priority 2: Stimulate regeneration

Priority 3: Celebrate and promote our heritage

Priority 4: Improve the physical environment

Cabinet - Schedule of Declarations of Interests – 2023/2024

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	C. Golby		Member of Warwickshire County Council Membership of Other Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership • Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd. • Nuneaton and Bedworth Home Improvement Agency • Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board • Warwickshire Housing and Support Partnership • Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel • George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust – Public/User Board 	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Eliot Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Governors • District Leaders (substitute) • Local Enterprise Partnership (substitute) • Coventry, Warwickshire and Hinckley and Bosworth Joint Committee (substitute) 	
	J. Gutteridge		<p>Representative on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board • Age UK (Warwickshire Branch) • Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground • West Midlands Combined Authority Wellbeing Board <p>Member of NABCEL</p>	
	S. Markham	County Councillor – WCC (Portfolio Holder for Children’s Services)	<p>Governor at Ash Green School</p> <p>Member of the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton and Bedworth Sports Forum • Warwickshire Direct Partnership • Warwickshire Waste Partnership • Sherbourne Asset Co Shareholder Committee • Hammersley, Smith and Orton Charities • Trustee for Abbey Theatre 	
	R. Smith		<p>Chairman of Volunteer Friends, Bulkington;</p> <p>Trustee of Bulkington Sports and Social Club;</p> <p>Director of NABCEL;</p> <p>Member of the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A5 Member Partnership; • PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulation Outside of London) Joint Committee; • Building Control Partnership Steering Group • Bulkington Village Community and Conference Centre • West Midlands Combined Authority and Land Delivery 	

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			Board	
	K.D. Wilson	Delivery Manager, Nuneaton and Warwick County Courts, HMCTS, Warwickshire Justice Centre, Nuneaton	<p>Deputy Chairman – Nuneaton Conservative Association</p> <p>Board Member of the Conservative Association.</p> <p>Corporate Tenancies: properties are leased by NBBC to Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd, of which I am a Council appointed Director.</p> <p>Representative on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd (NABCEL) • Coventry, Warwickshire and Hinckley & Bosworth Joint Committee • District Council Network • Local Government Association • LGA People & Places Board (Member) • West Midlands Combined Authority 	

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

6th March 2024

A meeting of Cabinet was held on Wednesday 6th March, 2024 in the Council Chamber which was recorded and uploaded onto the Council's website.

Present

Councillor K. Wilson (Leader and Business and Regeneration)
Councillor C. Golby (Deputy Leader and Housing and Communities)
Councillor S. Croft (Finance and Corporate)
Councillor S. Markham (Public Services)
Councillor R. Smith (Planning and Regulation)

CB111**Apologies**

Councillor J. Gutteridge (Health and Environment)

CB112**Declarations of Interest**

RESOLVED that the Declarations of Interest for this meeting are as set out in the Schedule attached to these minutes with the following addition:

Councillor K. Wilson declared an Other Interest by way of him being a Board Member of the Conservative Association.

CB113**Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 21st February 2024, be approved, and signed by the Chair.

CB114**Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2024 - 2029**

The Assistant Director – Strategic Housing submitted a report to Cabinet presenting the new Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy for consideration.

RESOLVED that the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2024 -2029 as at Appendix A of the report be approved.

Speakers:

Mr Peter Smith
Mrs Michele Kondakor
Councillor Keith Kondakor

Options

- 1) Seek amendments to the Strategy following consideration of the report
- 2) Reject the Strategy

Reasons

The Council is statutorily required to have a Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy in place. The Councils current Strategy is out of date and without a replacement the Council will not be compliant with Statutory legislation.

CB115 Bedworth Physical Activity Hub (BPAH) Update

The Strategic Director –Public Services provided a report to Cabinet with a Leisure Development update in relation to BPAH enabling works and leisure management procurement timetable.

RESOLVED that

- a) the progress on the BPAH be noted;
- b) delegated authority be given to the Strategic Directors for Economy & Transformation and Finance & Governance in consultation with the Assistant Director for Recreation & Culture and the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Public Services, to agree and sign contract terms for the enabling works package in advance of RIBA Stage 5 for the BPAH;
- c) the progress on the Leisure Management procurement work taking place, to align the delivery of the new BPAH and management of the two existing NBBC facilities of Pingles and Jubilee sports centre be noted; and
- d) the report be marked not for call in as provided for in paragraph 15(f) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Constitution.

Speakers:

Mrs Michele Kondakor
Councillor Keith Kondakor

Options

- a) Accept the recommendations in full.
- b) Do not accept the recommendations and suggest alternative options.

Reasons

To note the progress made on the BPAH project.

To deliver the project by agreed timelines, with external funds secured and achieve the first milestones that the new Physical Activity Hub building will be in completed by September 2025, as it is crucial that enabling works are undertaken on site to keep within agreed time limits.

Enabling works identified being on site in early April to establish pathway construction, site entrance for construction, hoarding and compound set up with the ability to commence earth moving works at the Bedworth MWP site. These works in advance of formally agreeing the final contract sum in June 2024, provide around three/four months of advance works.

Discussion with the project management team and BAM has been ongoing as to agreeing a formal legal way forward for the enabling works to be undertaken totalling around £3M costs, as part of the overall estimated project cost of £30.6M.

CB116 **Building a Better Borough (BaBB) 2022 / 2025 – Review of Assessment Document for 2024/25**

The Strategic Director – Economy and Transformation presented to Cabinet the Building a Better Borough 2022/2025 – Review of Assessment Document for 2024/25 to consider a more effective means of assessing the progress of corporate objectives identified in the BaBB 2022-25.

RESOLVED that the refreshed Building a Better Borough Assessment Document for 2024/25 be approved.

Speakers

Mrs Michele Kondakor
Councillor Keith Kondakor

Options

Approve the proposed recommendations.
Approve the proposed recommendations subject to identified amendments.
Reject the proposed recommendations.

Reasons

To establish the assessment document in relation to monitoring the Council's corporate objectives for the final year of the Building and Better Borough 2022-25 Document.

CB117 **General Fund Budget Monitoring Q3 2023/24**

The Strategic Director – Finance and Governance provided an update on the financial performance of the General Fund and anticipated outturn position.

RESOLVED that the forecast outturn position for the General Fund for 2023/24 be noted with consideration given to key variances.

Speakers

Mrs Michele Kondakor
Councillor Keith Kondakor

Options

To accept the report or request further information on the forecast outturn position.

Reasons

The council is required to achieve a balanced budget each year.

CB118 **Housing Revenue Account Budget Monitoring Q3 2023/24**

The Strategic Director – Finance and Governance provided an update on the financial performance of the Housing Revenue Account Budget Monitoring and anticipated outturn position.

RESOLVED that the forecast outturn position for Housing Revenue Account for 2023/24 be noted with consideration given to key variances,

Speakers

Mrs Michele Kondakor

Councillor Keith Kondakor

Options

To accept the report or request further information on the forecast outturn position.

Reasons

The council is required to achieve a balanced budget each year.

CB119Capital Budget Monitoring Q3 2023/24

The Strategic Director – Finance and Governance provided an update on the financial performance of the Capital Budget Monitoring 2023/24 and anticipated outturn position.

RESOLVED that the forecasted capital outturn position for 2023/24 for the General Fund and HRA be noted.

Speakers

Michele Kondakor
Councillor Keith Kondakor

Options

To accept the report or request further information.

Reasons

To comply with regulations.

CB120Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2024/25

The Assistant Director – Finance updated Cabinet on the Council's Local Council Tax Support Scheme in-line with the regulations required by Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC).

RESOLVED that

- a) the changes to the Local Council Tax Support Scheme be noted;
- b) the Local Council Tax Support Scheme for financial year 2024/25 be approved; and
- c) the report be marked not for call in as provided for in paragraph 15(f) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the constitution.

Speakers

Michele Kondakor
Councillor Keith Kondakor

Options

To accept the report

Reasons

Legislative requirements

CB121 Civic Honours – Street Renaming (x2)

The Assistant Director – Democracy and Governance submitted a report to Cabinet to seek approval for the commencement and implementation of the renaming.

RESOLVED that

- a) the formal commencement and implementation of the renaming of Clinic Drive to Fusilier Louis Carter Drive be approved; and
- b) the formal commencement and implementation of Clinic Drive (the unnamed section) to Angels Way be approved.

Speakers

Michele Kondakor
Councillor Keith Kondakor

Options

To approve and implement
To not approve and implement

Reasons:

Officers have undertaken the review in accordance with the Council's Street Naming and Numbering Policy following the request from the Civic Honours Sub Committee. As a result of the review, both requests comply with the criteria set out in the policy.

CB122 Recommendations From Overview and Scrutiny Panels

None

CB123 Any Other Items

None

CB124 Exclusion of Public and Press

RESOLVED that that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item, it being likely that there would be disclosure of exempt information of the description specified in paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act.

CB125 Nuneaton Market Operational Review

The Assistant Director – Economy and Regeneration submitted a report outlining options for a review of the operation of Nuneaton Market.

RESOLVED that

- a) the proposal to explore the self-erect model further be supported, including consultation with Market Traders and other stakeholders; and
- b) a report be brought to Cabinet on the findings and recommendations

Speakers:

None

Options

- 1) Continue with the existing model of operation which is presenting a substantial financial burden on the general fund.
- 2) Investigate further the self erect model presented in the report which would significantly reduce operating costs and provide opportunities to reduce pitch rates for traders.

Reasons

Failing trader numbers across the UK, together with pressures on Local Authority funding and rising operational costs, necessitate a review of the current operation of our Town Centre Markets. We aim to consider all alternative options for the future delivery of the service to ensure value for money and resilience. We want to provide opportunities for markets to thrive as town centres evolve in the face of the changing retail and town centres landscape.

CB126 Revised Governance Arrangements

The Strategic Director – Finance and Governance submitted a report seeking approval of the revised Governance Arrangements.

RESOLVED that

- a) the council joins the Central Midlands Audit Partnership (CMAP) on 1st April 2024 be approved;
- b) the Internal Audit Team consisting of 2.60 FTE transfer in accordance with TUPE Regulations into CMAP from 1st April 2024 be approved;
- c) the Chair of Audit & Standards Committee to sit on the Partnership Board and the S151 officer to sit on the Operational Board to represent the Council;
- d) this report be considered and approved by Cabinet as a key decision;
- e) Delegated Authority be given to the Strategic Director – Finance & Governance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member – Finance & Corporate, to enter into and sign the CMAP partnership agreement; and
- f) the report be marked not for call in due to urgency for the approval of the contract with CMAP.

Speakers:

None

Options:

To accept or reject the proposal

Reasons:

To ensure increased resilience in the Internal Audit service supporting the control environment and governance.

Chair

PUBLICATION DATE: 15TH MARCH 2024

DECISIONS COME INTO FORCE: 25TH MARCH 2024

Cabinet - Schedule of Declarations of Interests – 2023/2024

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	K.D. Wilson	Acting Delivery Manager, Nuneaton and Warwick County Courts, HMCTS, Warwickshire Justice Centre, Nuneaton	<p>Deputy Chairman – Nuneaton Conservative Association</p> <p>Corporate Tenancies: properties are leased by NBBC to Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd, of which I am a Council appointed Director.</p> <p>Representative on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd (NABCEL) • Coventry, Warwickshire and Hinckley & Bosworth Joint Committee • District Council Network • Local Government Association • LGA People & Places Board (Member) • West Midlands Combined Authority 	

Report Summary Sheet

Date: 10th April 2024

Subject: Suicide Prevention

Portfolio: Health and Environment (Councillor J. Gutteridge)

From: Assistant Director - Recreation & Culture

Summary:

This report provides Cabinet with an update in relation to work being undertaken across the Borough linked to Suicide Prevention.

Recommendation:

1. That Cabinet note the Suicide Prevention update.

Options:

- a) Note the recommendation.

Reasons:

This provides an update on the delivery of works linked to the Suicide Prevention health programme.

Consultation undertaken with Members/Officers/Stakeholders

Chief Executive and Strategic Directors
Portfolio Holder – Health & Environment

Subject to call-in: Yes

Ward relevance: All

Forward plan: Yes

Building A Better Borough Aim 1: Live

Priority 1: Promote residents' health and wellbeing

Relevant statutes or policy:

Suicide Prevention Strategy for England: 2023 to 2028
Coventry and Warwickshire Suicide Prevention Strategy 2023 – 2030
NBBC Health Priorities

Equalities Implications:

The beneficiaries of this program will be members of the public within Nuneaton and Bedworth who are at risk of suicide. The benefits will be available universally and will specifically target residents who have contact with the Council, and who may be at risk of suicide.

NBBC Employees will feel equipped with the information to perform in these scenarios.

Human resources implications:

Embedding these changes require input and commitment from all departments across the Council.

Financial implications:

The funds to deliver the training to upskill all customer facing employees with Suicide Prevention training, including Manager training for their line managers is being funded via a successful Warwickshire North Place Health Grant funding of £25k that was received to develop and improve the health and wellbeing of residents in North Warwickshire and Nuneaton and Bedworth. £5k from a Council Health Budget has also been allocated to the delivery of the training.

The Council have received £6k from WCC to support suicide prevention activity at a local level. This will be utilised for promotion of mental health support services.

Health Inequalities Implications:

Nuneaton and Bedworth have the highest suicide rates within Coventry and Warwickshire (12 per 100,000 residents according to Public Health data between 2019 and 2021). There is a link between suicide and areas of deprivation, and the five Lower-

layer Super Output Area's (LSOAS) in Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough are within the 10% most deprived nationally.

Section 17 Crime & Disorder Implications:

None identified.

Risk management implications:

Provisions will need to be put in place to mitigate staff turnover and ensure training needs are addressed long term.

Environmental implications:

By ensuring that frontline staff have clear and detailed guidance to support them with Suicidal incidents, we can enhance the Making Every Contact Count (MECC) support, ensuring that residents feel heard and listened to at first contact.

Legal implications:

None identified

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AGENDA ITEM NO:7

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to: 10th April 2024

From: Assistant Director - Recreation and Culture

Subject: Suicide Prevention

Portfolio: Health and Environment (Councillor J. Gutteridge)

Building A Better Borough

Aim 1: Live

Priority 1: Promote residents' health and wellbeing

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report provides Cabinet with an update in relation to work being undertaken across the Borough linked to Suicide Prevention.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That Cabinet note the Suicide Prevention update.

3. Project Background

3.1 Nuneaton and Bedworth have the highest suicide rates within Coventry and Warwickshire (12 per 100,000 residents according to Public Health data between 2019 and 2021). There is a link between suicide and areas of deprivation, and five Lower layer Super Output Areas (LSOAS) in Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough are within the 10% most deprived nationally.

3.2 Council Employees have been working closely with Warwickshire County Council's (WCC) Public Health team to identify Health priorities for NBBC to address. These priorities sit within the wider determinants of health bracket and are in synergy with North Warwickshire's Health priorities enabling both authorities to have greater output by working together across 'Warwickshire North'. One of these priorities' links to the addressing of Suicide Prevention and the delivery of suicide prevention training to Council front line staff.

3.3 In September 2023, the Government published its 5-year cross-sector strategy and action plan to reduce suicides and self-harm in England. Building on progress made by the Government's 2012 10-year strategy, the new plan sets out over 100 actions across sectors, agencies and the general public, in promoting suicide prevention as everybody's business.

3.4 Additional to the refreshed national strategy, the Coventry and Warwickshire Suicide Prevention Strategy was released last year for the period of 2023 – 2030 jointly by WCC and Coventry City Council.

4. Current Status

- 4.1 The Council have successfully secured funding to deliver suicide prevention training to front line staff. The training will upskill employees and will be informing and educating these employee who encounter residents at risk of suicide as part of their normal daily work activity. The training will provide support to ensure that employees feel equipped with additional skills and are informed and able to facilitate resident into additional services where required. This training will be delivered in Q2 2024 and additional spaces to complete the training has been extended to North Warwickshire Borough Council to support their employees.
- 4.2 A Suicide Prevention working group was formed in 2023 with a range of employees from neighbouring Councils. An action that was rolled out included a refresh and update of suicide prevention guidance documents to support Council employees who may encounter a resident or team member at risk of suicide. Using the expertise of the working group a template was produced for each local authority to build upon to improve the support to employees. NBBC have updated the guidance for employees and are rolling this out across the Council in Q2 2024.
- 4.3 As part of the review of the guidance document, a new reporting form and process was produced so that employees have a specific reporting form that will capture all the required information in relation to such scenario. The Suicide Encounter Form is being released on the Council intranet in April 2024.
- 4.4 All Council employees currently have the option to complete the zero-suicide alliance training E-Learning. This has now changed to become mandatory for all employees to complete the short E-Learning to ensure that employees have a basic understanding to support any potential exposure to a suicidal situation.
- 4.5 Employees are working on further localised promotional activities through utilising the grant received from WCC, this will include activities such as moving promotions across the Borough with an aim to target the approach for those groups and communities at a higher risk of suicide and increase awareness to help change public attitudes about suicide.

5. Finance Implications

- 5.1 The successful Warwickshire North Place Grant of £25k has supported the delivery of suicide prevention training with an additional £5k being contributed from an existing Council Health Budget to support the training delivery.
- 5.2 The Council have also received £6k from WCC to support suicide prevention activity at a local level. This will be utilised for promotion of mental health support services.

ENDS

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Appendices

None attached

Background Documents

Suicide prevention strategy for England: 2023 to 2028

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/suicide-prevention-strategy-for-england-2023-to-2028>

Coventry and Warwickshire Suicide Prevention Strategy 2023 – 2030

<https://api.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/WCCC-1350011118-3306>



Report Summary Sheet

Date: 10th April 2024

Subject: Creative Explorers Update

Portfolios: Public Services (Councillor S Markham)

From: Assistant Director – Recreation and Culture

Summary:

To provide Cabinet with an update on the delivery of the Creative Explorers programme, supported by Arts Council England, NBBC and Warwickshire County Council.

Recommendation:

1. The Creative Explorers update be noted.

Options:

1. Note the recommendation.

Reasons:

This report provides an update on the delivery of programme - Creative Explorers is a 21-month journey with the Council, arts organisations, artists, and residents working together to create a unique cultural identity for Nuneaton & Bedworth which builds skills, generates civic pride and confidence, develops the visitor economy, and leads to a creative borough.

Consultation undertaken with Members/Officers/Stakeholders

Portfolio Holder - Public Services

Subject to call-in: Yes

Ward relevance: All Wards

Forward plan: Yes

Building A Better Borough

Aim 3: Visit

Priority 3: Celebrate and promote our heritage

Relevant statutes or policy:

Building a Better Borough
Borough Local Plan

Equalities Implications:

The programme is helping to deliver access, and opportunities within Culture for all members of the Borough including for protected groups.

Human resources implications:

Recruitment for a Creative Explorers Project Officer was unsuccessful, therefore a Freelance Officer was sourced via the procurement channels.

Financial implications:

The Council were successful in obtaining funding from Arts Council England (ACE) of £750K, with financial input from NBBC and WCC to deliver the programme. Further sponsorship funds to be secured through the key external partners towards a festival of events that will help deliver culture in its widest sense within the Borough.

Health Inequalities Implications:

The delivery of a range of arts / cultural events / festivals to bring communities together which will help provide health and well-being outcomes.

Section 17 Crime & Disorder Implications:

Improved focus on Culture across the Borough will provide opportunities and access to cultural services or activities which could reduce anti-social behaviour in individuals.

Risk management implications:

The appointment of the Freelance Officer has now enabled specific elements of the programme to be delivered with project reporting and timetabling to partners being key.

The additional sponsorship funds required from external partners and detailed as part of the overall project funding have been successful to date. However further funding is required, and this will be monitored by the Freelance Officer as part of their role and reported against. If funds are not secured the programme will be adjusted accordingly and agreed with ACE.

Environmental implications:

A number of the events will be delivered with a sustainable focus, such as the Bamboo events where all-natural material from bamboo will be used to deliver a bamboo circus style event and the use of bamboo for other activities.

Legal implications:

None identified

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AGENDA ITEM NO:8

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to: 10th April 2024

From: Assistant Director – Recreation and Culture

Subject: Creative Explorers Update

Portfolios: Public Services (Councillor S Markham)

Building A Better Borough

Aim 3 – Visit

Priority 3: Celebrate and promote our heritage

1. Purpose of Report

To provide Cabinet with an update on the delivery of the Creative Explorers programme supported by Arts Council England (ACE) , following a successful grant application by NBBC in partnership with arts organisations and Warwickshire County Council.

2. Recommendation

2.1 The Creative Explorers update be noted.

3. Background

3.1 Creative Explorers is a 21-month journey with the Council, arts organisations, artists, and residents working together to create a unique cultural identity for Nuneaton & Bedworth which builds skills, generates civic pride and confidence, develops the visitor economy, and leads to a creative borough.

3.2 In October 2022 the Council submitted to the ACE – Place Based Partnership grant awards. This application was submitted working with consultants from Imagineer Productions and Artichoke, project leads from the event held in the Miners’ Welfare Park (MWP) who delivered the “Sanctuary” event.

3.3 The application submitted named “Creative Explorers” identified opportunities based on work and feedback from groups who supported the recent combustion event and consultation undertaken for the development of Councils new Cultural Strategy. - The Council where successfully awarded £750k from ACE for this programme.

3.4 Nuneaton and Bedworth were the only council from the West Midlands to be awarded a grant which will help to build on the success of projects like Sanctuary and more recently Sharing the light by Dundu. These projects

supported the local visitor economy through producing audiences of 26,700 and 3,500 respectively. In addition to providing valuable skills to local participants and fantastic experiences to local residents. The desire for more arts and cultural activity was a feature of both the Towns Fund consultation as well as that for the Cultural Strategy. The programme will support progress across the strategic aims of the council.

3.4 The project outcomes from the successful application were to deliver a range of arts / cultural activities, linking with the heritage of the Borough, culminating in festivals and activities in the town centres with a final event similar to the previous combustion Sanctuary Event for regional, national, and international exposure based on an industrial culture and arts theme. This application also detailed how delivery of arts and culture can support the local economy and regeneration.

3.5 The programme commenced from March 2023 until early 2025.

4.0 Programme Update

4.1 Very good progress is underway across the four key strands of the project- 'Combustion', 'Imagine Bamboo', 'Art in the Streets' and 'Teach Make'- with focus falling as much on opportunities to build skills, capacity and networks across Nuneaton and Bedworth, as on the final events or specific artistic outputs.

4.2 Activity has been focused across the borough in areas of multiple deprivation, targeting neighbourhoods and communities disadvantaged in terms of low educational attainment levels, health inequality, poverty, poor housing, high crime levels and anti-social behaviours. This will build on existing work and provision, particularly in Hilltop, Camp Hill, Stockingford, Attleborough, Galley Common, Poplar and Coalpit Field.

4.3 Delivery partners, Artichoke and Imagineer, have been researching and developing 'Combustion' a planned event featuring large-scale commissions from local and international artists and celebrating the region's industrial heritage. Plans and relationships are being established to see if this entity could grow into a regular addition to the UK summer festival calendar, appealing both to domestic and international audiences.

4.4 Project manager Lou Lomas and independent Artistic Director Orit Azaz were appointed to run Imagine Bamboo, which is now underway in neighbourhood communities in Bedworth. A launch event was delivered at Bedworth Miners' Welfare Park [July 2023], with more than 300 people joining in the bamboo making workshops, bamboo community circus and musical instrument making. Four local artists have also been commissioned to create large-scale bamboo installations. Creative training labs on bamboo construction have taken place across our communities and a mass participation event is now being planned for Summer 2024.

4.5 GRIT have been leading 'Art in the Streets', a programme of creative activity over the two years culminating in a public-facing event that will express the

voice and vision of creative change in Nuneaton, and its people. Since the artist-led organisation secured and opened its central Nuneaton town location, engagement with the public on culture in the town is accelerating and the 'Portrait of a Town' project, will feature portraits of local people and documenting their stories and scoping sites for mural painting activity in the Summer. A programme of workshops, called Dauntless Evolution, in schools and communities (Etone School, Higham Lane, King Edwards College, Aspire in Arts) is being planned for April 2024. A verbatim outdoor theatre project, by Sudden Impulse, was also delivered in target areas-Hilltop, Caldwell, WI groups, LGBTQ, Community Friendship Group Bulkington and Whitestone.

- 4.6 Teach Make is working with local teachers to develop their skills and confidence in using the arts as a teaching tool and we are keen that creativity becomes a recognised competency within education in all NBBC schools. Four schools have been recruited so far, below our target of six, due to time commitment challenges. To date we have delivered artist training, two full induction days for schools and artists, three half-day workshops with artists and teacher ensemble and two twilight sessions.
- 4.7 The evaluation consultant, Dr Roz Hall, has been appointed to assess the impact of the work across the overall project. Meetings and mapping are underway and evaluation frameworks with each partner are in the process of being signed off.
 - 4.7.1 For public events we will use online and live audience feedback systems and methods which Roz has developed which will help us collect specific participant and audience data including age, demographics culture, qualitative and quantitative information, which will be fed into a central database held by NBBC.
- 4.8 The budget for the project covers the investment into the four project strands plus capacity building and resource costs including an additional member of staff at N&BBC [Project officer, now appointed as a freelance consultant]. The two local authorities have agreed to make the contributions specified and further fundraising has secured £60,000 from the Paul Hamlyn Foundation and £37,500 for 2 years from The 29th of May 1961. We have a target of obtaining a further £182,500. Applications to the Garfield Weston Foundation, Higgs Trust and The National Lottery Community Fund are all planned.
- 4.9 Both Imagineer and Artichoke have long established track records of raising significant amounts for projects. If the full amount of is not raised, budgets will be reworked within available resources. The core grants will ensure that the bulk of the activities can still take place.
- 4.10 The legacy of the project includes an already-developing partnership between NBBC, WCC, Artichoke, Imagineer and Grit Art Central (GAC), and through them strategic partnerships & collaborations with local national and international artists, communities, schools, businesses and higher

education gives NBBC a platform to consult with a diverse and wide range of people about our work and ambitions.

5.0 Financial Implications

5.1 The total application amounted to just over £1.1M with a total request coming from the Arts Council of £750K.

5.2 NBBC and Warwickshire County Council (WCC) also committed leverage funding of £75K each over the two delivery financial years.

ENDS

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Background papers

Report Summary Sheet

Date: Cabinet – 10th April 2024

Subject: Borough Plan Review – Examination in Public

Portfolio: Cabinet Member for Planning and Regulation (Councillor R. Smith)

From: Assistant Director – Planning

Summary:

The purpose of this report is to update Members on the Borough Plan Review and to recommend to Council that the Inspectors be requested to recommend to the Council modifications to the submitted Borough Plan Review Documents, this is in the event that the Inspectors consider that such modifications would be necessary to make the submitted plan sound and legally compliant. Also, that Delegated Authority be given to the Assistant Director for Planning in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulation to suggest and agree any necessary modifications to the Borough Plan Review Documents, deemed necessary by the Planning Inspectors during the examination process. Finally, that the same Delegated Powers be given to enable Officers to consult on these modifications once these have been agreed with the Inspectors.

Recommendations:

IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT:

- That the examining Planning Inspectors be requested to recommend to the Council modifications to the submitted Borough Plan Review Documents in the event that the Inspectors consider that such modifications would be necessary to make the submitted plan sound and legally compliant, pursuant to S20(7C) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and
- That Delegated Authority be given to the Assistant Director for Planning in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulation to suggest and agree any necessary modifications to the Borough Plan Review Documents deemed necessary by the Planning Inspectors during the examination process, to ensure the Plan is sound and legally compliant, pursuant to S20(7C) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and
- That Delegated Authority be given to the Assistant Director for Planning in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulation to enable Officers to consult on any modifications, deemed necessary by the Inspectors.

Options:

- For Council, to approve that the examining Planning Inspectors be requested to recommend to the Council modifications to the submitted Borough Plan Review Documents, in the event that the Inspectors consider that such modifications would be necessary to make the submitted plan sound and legally compliant and:
- For Council to give Delegated Authority to the Assistant Director for Planning in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulation to make any necessary suggestions and amendments to the Borough Plan Review Documents, when requested to do so, by the Planning Inspectors during Examination to ensure the Plan is sound and legally compliant and
- For Council to give Delegated Authority to the Assistant Director for Planning in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulation to enable Officers to consult on any modifications deemed necessary by the Inspectors.
- Not to endorse the above recommendations but recommend an alternative.

Reasons:

To enable the Council to comply with the requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended).

Consultation undertaken with Members/Officers/Stakeholders

Consultation with the Portfolio Holder – Planning and Regulation.

Borough Plan Review work taken to and approved by Borough Plan Committee at all stages (excluding this agenda).

Consultation with key stakeholders and public consultation for Issues and Options, Preferred Options and Publication of the Borough Plan Review and further consultation with the Infrastructure Providers.

Subject to call-in: Yes

Ward relevance: All

Forward plan: No

Building a Better Borough Aim: All

Building a Better Borough Priority: All

Relevant statutes or policy:

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and the associated Town And Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Planning Practice Guidance (PPG).

Equalities Implications:

None

Human resources implications:

The timetable accounts for existing known staffing and resource levels.

Financial implications:

The costs associated with progressing the Borough Plan Review would be met within existing budgets. If any additional evidence base is required/necessary, this has not been accounted for and may result in budget pressure for 2024/25.

Health Inequalities Implications:

N/A

Section 17 Crime & Disorder Implications:

N/A

Risk management implications:

Risks primarily relate to potential changes to national policy, possible issues arising under the Duty to Co-operate and during the Examination process and potential staff shortages.

Environmental implications:

The Borough Plan Review draft documents need to align with the latest Government guidance on preserving and enhancing the natural environment.

Legal implications:

The Borough Plan Review Regulation 22 Submission is a statutory requirement under the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the associated Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

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AGENDA ITEM NO.9

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to: Cabinet - 10th April 2024

From: Assistant Director - Planning

Subject: Borough Plan Review – Examination in Public

Portfolio: Planning and Regulation (Councillor R. Smith)

Building a Better Borough Aim: All

Building a Better Borough Priority: All

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members on the Borough Plan Review and to recommend to Council that the examining Planning Inspectors be requested to recommend to the Council modifications to the submitted Borough Plan Review Documents in the event that the Inspectors consider that such modifications would be necessary to make the submitted plan sound and legally compliant, pursuant to S20(7C) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended).
- 1.2 The report also recommends to Council that Delegated Authority be given to the Assistant Director for Planning in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulation to suggest and agree any necessary modifications to the Borough Plan Review Documents deemed necessary by the Planning Inspectors during the examination process, to ensure the Plan is sound and legally compliant, pursuant to S20 (7C) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended).
- 1.3 It is also requested that the same Delegated Powers be given to enable Officers to consult on any modifications once these have been agreed with the Inspectors.

2. Recommendations

2.1 IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT:

- 2.1.1 That the examining Planning Inspectors be requested to recommend to the Council modifications to the submitted Borough Plan Review

Documents in the event that the Inspectors consider that such modifications would be necessary to make the submitted plan sound and legally compliant, pursuant to S20(7C) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and

- 2.1.2 That Delegated Authority be given to the Assistant Director for Planning in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulation to suggest and agree any necessary modifications to the Borough Plan Review Documents deemed necessary by the Planning Inspectors during the examination process, to ensure the Plan is sound and legally compliant, pursuant to S20(7C) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and
- 2.1.3 That Delegated Authority be given to the Assistant Director for Planning in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulation to enable Officers to consult on any modifications, deemed necessary by the Inspectors.

3. Background to the Borough Plan Review

- 3.1 The Council consulted on the Borough Plan Review Publication document from 4th September to 16th October 2023. The Publication consultation followed on from the 'Preferred Options' consultation which ran from 13th June to 22nd July 2022, the 'Issues and Options' consultation held in May 2021 and the Council's 'call for sites' in October 2021.
- 3.2 The Regulation 19 consultation was a statutory consultation as part of the Publication stage of the Borough Plan Review process. Since the Publication consultation, Officers reviewed the representations received and finalised the Borough Plan Review for submission to the Secretary of State.
- 3.3 The Borough Plan Review was submitted to the Secretary of State on the 12th February 2024.

4. Current Position

- 4.1 Two Planning Inspectors have been appointed to examine the Borough Plan. Any modifications to the Plan will need to be agreed with the Planning Inspectors, during the examination process to ensure the Plan is sound and legally compliant. In the case of the latter, Inspectors can only do this if expressly requested to do so by the Council. In addition, to ensure that the examination can proceed without unnecessary delay, the Assistant Director - Planning requires Delegated Authority to agree any modifications to the Plan as it progresses through the examination. Once any modifications have been agreed with the Inspectors it is requested that the same Delegated Authority be given for any such

modifications to be consulted upon. Once the consultation period has expired any responses to these will need to be forwarded to the Inspectors before they can deem the Plan sound. Subject to that, the plan can then be adopted by the Council.

4.2 Documents associated to this Item:

- Publication version of the Borough Plan Review (2021-2039) and other related Documents - Submitted to the Secretary of State for Examination. These can be viewed at:
[Submission of the Borough Plan Review \(2021-2039\) | Borough Plan | Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council](#)

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 It is requested that the recommendations, as set out in Section 2 of this report be agreed.

6 Background Papers

The Submission documents can be viewed on the Council's website, at: [Submission of the Borough Plan Review \(2021-2039\) | Borough Plan | Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council](#)

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