

## **NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **CABINET**

**11<sup>th</sup> March, 2020**

A meeting of Cabinet was held at the Town Hall, Nuneaton on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.

#### **Present**

Councillor J.A Jackson	(Finance and Civic Affairs (Leader))
Councillor J. Sheppard	(Central Services and Refuse)
Councillor C.M. Watkins	(Housing and Communities)

Apologies were received from Councillors N.J.P. Phillips (Planning, Development and Health (Deputy Leader)) and I.K. Lloyd (Arts and Leisure)

### **PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS**

#### **CB77 Declarations of Interest**

**RESOLVED** that the Declarations of Interest for this meeting are as set out in the Schedule attached to these minutes. In addition to this the following was declared:

Councillor Jackson declared an Other Interest by way of being an appointed Board Member of the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership.

#### **CB78 Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020, be approved and signed by the Chair.

#### **CB79 Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) Adoption**

The Director – Planning and Public Protection, submitted a report to Cabinet to seek approval for the following Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) to be recommended for adoption at Full Council:

- Affordable Housing SPD
- Air Quality SPD
- Concept Plan SPDs (for the Strategic Housing and Employment Sites)
- Planning for a Healthier Area – Hot Food Takeaways SPD
- Sustainable Design and Construction SPD

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the Affordable Housing, Air Quality, Concept Plans, Hot Food Takeaway and Sustainable Design and Construction SPDs be recommended for Adoption at Full Council; and

- b) Delegated Authority be given to the Head of Planning in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning, Development and Health to make any minor changes to the SPDs prior to consideration by Full Council;

**Speakers:**

Lonnie Downes (Longford Community Action for our Neighbourhood)  
Mike Fell (Longford Community Action for our Neighbourhood)  
Councillor K. Kondakor  
Lubs Cvetkovic  
Councillor D. Brown

**Options**

1. To accept the recommendation
2. To not proceed and recommend adoption at Full Council.

**Reasons**

To provide supplementary planning guidance in accordance with the commitments set out in the adopted Borough Plan and latest Local Development Scheme

**CB80 Town Centres Area Action Plan (AAP) – Issues and Options**

The Director – Planning and Public Protection submitted a report to Cabinet seeking approval to consult on the Town Centres Area Action Plan (AAP) – Issues and Options Document.

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the Town Centres APP issues and Options document (as set out in Appendix A to the report) together with the supporting Sustainability Appraisal (as set out in Appendix B to the report) be approved for public consultation under Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) England) Regulations 2012 (as amended);
- b) the period of statutory public consultation will begin in mid May for 8 weeks, or such later dates (but for the same duration) as agreed between the Head of Planning and the Cabinet Member for Planning, Development and Health;
- c) delegated authority be given to the Head of Planning in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning, Development and Health to make any minor amendments to the documentation prior to consultation; and
- d) thanks be expressed to staff for all their hard work.

**Speakers:**

Councillor K. Kondakor

Options

1. To accept the recommendations and proceed to public consultation
2. To not proceed to consultation on the document

Reasons

To begin the process of producing a Town Centres Area Action Plan for Nuneaton and Bedworth Town Centres. Once adopted the AAP will provide a planning policy framework for development proposals within the Town Centres thereby complementing the Transforming Nuneaton, Bedworth Town Centre Vision and Leisure proposals.

**CB81 Rough Sleeper Initiative – Year 2**

The Director – Housing, Communities & Economic Development submitted a report to Cabinet seeking approval for the procurement of a support provider, to secure the extension of the Rough Sleeper Initiative, following the receipt of additional MHCLG funding, for 2020/21.

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the procurement of a support provider for a period of 12 months following the expiry of the existing contract on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020 be approved;
- b) the additional funding of £24,000 from the Homelessness Grant reserves be used to deliver the proposal in full; and
- c) virements up to the value of £197,000 (being the total of the grant and earmarked reserve contribution) be approved for 2020/21.

**Speakers:** None

Options

1. To approve the recommendation
2. To reject the recommendation and return the funding to MHCLG

Reasons

To enable ongoing provision of the Rough Sleeper Initiative in the Borough, to support more individuals finding themselves at risk of sleeping rough.

To reject the recommendation would mean the closure of an initiative that is preventing rough sleeping in the Borough, and supporting people at risk of rough sleeping to access secure accommodation.

**CB82 National Non-Domestic Rates Discretionary Retail Discount Policy**

The Executive Director – Resources presented the National Non-Domestic Rate Retail Discount Policy for Cabinet approval. The contents of the report reflected the announcement in the December 2019 Queen Speech.

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the NNDR Retail Discount Scheme as attached at Appendix A of the report be approved with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020; and
- b) in light of the Chancellor budget announcement today, delegated authority be given to Executive Director – Resources in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Civic Affairs to make further changes to the Policy as necessary

**Speakers:** None

**Options**

To accept the recommendation above or request further information.

**Reasons**

To comply with information published by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government in the National Business Rates Information Letter (BRIL) 1/2020.

**CB83 Results of Consultation on Future Leisure Facilities Proposals**

The Director – Arts, Leisure and Democracy provided Cabinet with a summary update on the proposed Leisure Facilities and Parks Concept Plans Public Consultation which took place during February 2020.

The report also provided an update on the financial aspects of the Bedworth Physical Activity Hub site (Bedworth Leisure Centre). This site has been identified as the priority site for development due to its age and future operational shelf life.

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the leisure facilities consultation feedback be noted and agree that officers consider how the current proposals should be amended in light of the feedback received, including assessing the financial implications of such amendments;
- b) the parks concept plans feedback be noted and agree that officers consider how the current proposals should be amended in light of the feedback received, including assessing the financial implications of such amendments;
- c) the Be-Nu website be maintained, subject to annual review, and be used as the main tool for providing on-going updates and feedback to the public in terms of the leisure facilities; destination parks and town centres projects;
- d) the financial update be noted and agreed that further financial modelling is undertaken to allow a report to be presented to a future Cabinet meeting to provide a robust business model for developing the Bedworth Physical Activity Hub facility;

- e) a project management team be established through procurement/frameworks that the Council is linked with, to deliver the outcomes for Stage 2 and 3 of RIBA required for the construction of the Bedworth Physical Activity Hub;
- f) should the Council forward fund the construction of any future Leisure and Park Facilities, contributions be sought from Developers via S.106/CIL payments towards the facilities, as agreed in its Local Plan and Infrastructure Delivery Plan and subsequent plans and strategies; and
- g) thanks be expressed to all staff for their hard work.

**Speakers:**

Councillor K. Kondakor

**Options**

Approve the recommendations

Do not approve the recommendations

**Reasons**

The work undertaken to date provides evidence from the Council's adopted Local Plan and now feedback from Public Consultation as to developing the leisure facilities to meet future needs and capacity levels. The development and improvements in facilities support increasing physical activity levels for the improvement of health and well-being of local residents.

**CB84 Submission of Draft Business Case to Future High Streets Fund**

The Director – Housing, Communities and Economic Development submitted a report that outlines the work undertaken to date to comply with the requirements of seeking funding from the Government's Future High Streets Fund and sought Cabinet approval to submit a draft business case as summaries in Section 4 of this report in line with the deadline of 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the content of the Draft Business Case as summarised in section 4 of the report be approved;
- b) the submission of the draft business case be approved;
- c) delegated authority be given to the Executive Directors, Resources and Operations, to make any minor amendments that may be necessary to the Draft Business Case before submission; and
- d) the report be marked not for call in due to the Government's timescales involved for submission of the draft business case.

**Speakers:**

Councillor K. Kondakor

Options

1. To accept the recommendations
2. To reject the recommendations with no submission made, due to the timescales

Reasons

To enable the Council to comply with the requirements of the Future High Streets Fund Programme and complete for funding to support the regeneration of Nuneaton Town Centre.

**CB85 CCTV Tender**

The Head of Town Centres submitted a report seeking Cabinet approval for a procurement exercise to be undertaken in respect of the Borough Council's CCTV system in order to replace obsolete CCTV camera; convert a number of CCTV cameras to a wireless based solution and enter into a contract for the ongoing annual maintenance, support and reactive repairs to the CCTV system.

**RESOLVED** that a procurement exercise be approved to be undertaken in respect of the Borough Council's CCTV system in order to:

- Replace obsolete CCTV cameras
- Convert a number of CCTV cameras to a wireless based solution; and
- Enter into a contract for the ongoing annual maintenance, support and reactive repairs to the CCTV system.

Speakers

Councillor K. Kondakor

Options

1. To accept the recommendations
2. To reject the recommendations reducing cost saving opportunities

Reasons

The existing CCTV maintenance contract for ongoing annual maintenance, support and reactive repairs has expired and hence new contractual arrangements need to be put into place as soon as possible. Additionally a significant number of existing CCTV cameras are outdated making them difficult to repair and maintain.

The Council is seeking alternative transmission mediums to replace as many of the existing leased fibre connections throughout our CCTV network as possible. It is envisaged that the switch from leased fibre connection to wireless will provide a significant saving to the authority.

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Chair

**PUBLICATION DATE: 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2020**

**DECISIONS COME INTO FORCE: 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2020**

## Cabinet – Schedule of Declarations of Interests 2019/20

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.A Jackson	Any matter relating to the employment policies and procedures of Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council or any matter relating to the contractual arrangements with Sport & Leisure Management Ltd.	Unite the Union	Dispensation to speak and vote on matters that do not relate specifically to her husband's contract of employment.
		Non Executive Director with Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Limited	Dispensation to speak and vote
		Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coventry, Warwickshire &amp; Hinckley and Bosworth Joint Committee</li> <li>• District Leaders</li> <li>• Local Government Association</li> <li>• Local Enterprise Partnership</li> <li>• West Midlands Combined Authority</li> </ul>	
I. Lloyd		Non Executive Director with Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Limited.	Dispensation to speak and vote
		Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nuneaton &amp; Bedworth Sports Forum</li> </ul>	

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camp Hill Urban Village and Pride in Camp Hill</li> <li>• Poor's Piece Charity</li> <li>• Committee of Management of Hartshill &amp; Nuneaton Recreation Group</li> </ul>	
	N. Phillips	Employee of DWP	<p>Member of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A5 Sterling Group (Council Representative)</li> <li>• Nuneaton Labour CLP</li> <li>• The Fabian Society</li> <li>• The George Eliot Society</li> <li>• The PCS Union</li> <li>• Nuneaton Credit Union</li> </ul> <p>Non-Executive Director with Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Limited.</p>	NABCEL – to speak and vote on any matter where the Council or Cabinet is asked to approve any funding arrangement; grant; or other legal instrument with the company but this dispensation shall not apply where any Non-Executive Director benefits from the arrangements in a personal capacity.
	J. Sheppard		<p>Partnership member of the Hill Top and Caldwell Big Local.</p> <p>Director of Wembrook Community Centre.</p> <p>Member of the Management Committee at the Mental Health Drop in.</p> <p>Champion for Safeguarding (Children &amp; Adults)</p> <p>Representative on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Government Superannuation Scheme Consultative Board</li> <li>• Warwickshire Direct Partnership</li> </ul>	Dispensation to speak and vote on any matters of Borough Plan that relate to the Directorship of Wembrook Community Centre

	<b>Name of Councillor</b>	<b>Disclosable Pecuniary Interest</b>	<b>Other Personal Interest</b>	<b>Dispensation</b>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warwickshire Waste Partnership</li> <li>• West Midland Employers</li> <li>• Nuneaton Neighbour Watch Committee</li> </ul>	
	C.M Watkins	Landlord of a privately rented property	<p>Representative on the following outside bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nuneaton and Bedworth Home Improvement Agency.</li> <li>• Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership.</li> <li>• Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board.</li> <li>• Warwickshire Housing Support Partnership.</li> <li>• Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel.</li> </ul>	