



**AGENDA
for
MEETING OF
THE COUNCIL**

to be held on

Wednesday, 17th April, 2024

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Date: 9th April 2024

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To: All Members of the Borough Council

A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL will be held on **Wednesday, 17th April, 2024**
at 6.00 p.m.

All members of the Council are summoned to attend to determine the business as set out below.

Public and press can follow the decision making online at
www.nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk/virtual-meeting.

Please note that meetings will be recorded for future broadcast.

AGENDA

1. **EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

A fire drill is not expected, so if the alarm sounds, please evacuate the building quickly and calmly. Please use the stairs and do not use the lifts. Once out of the building, please gather outside the Lloyds Bank on the opposite side of the road.

Please exit by the door by which you entered the room or by the fire exits which are clearly indicated by the standard green fire exit signs.

If you need any assistance in evacuating the building, please make yourself known to a member of staff.

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

2. **APOLOGIES** - to receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

3. MINUTES - to confirm the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 21st February 2024 (**Page 6**) and to confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Council – held on 21st February 2024 (**Page 15**).
4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in matters under consideration pursuant to Council procedure Rule 4A.2(iii).

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 47**). 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.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS - to receive announcements from the Mayor, Leader, Members of the Cabinet or the Chief Executive.
6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - (maximum 20 minutes).
to hear and answer questions by any resident of the Borough concerning the work of the Council where notice has been given (maximum 20 minutes). A copy of the Procedure Rule 9 is attached (**Page 54**) and this is not subject to debate. A question or statement can be submitted using the link below which will send your submission to the Chief Executive and Member Services: [Ask a question at meetings of Full Council | Public participation at meetings | Nuneaton & Bedworth \(nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk\)](#)
7. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS - (Council Procedure Rule 10). A copy of Procedure Rule 10 is attached. (**Page 56**) and this is not subject to debate.
8. SPECIAL URGENCY DECISIONS - (Access to Information Procedure Rule 4B.16)
 - Delegated Authority by Officer - DO/114/2024 (BD) - Housing Complaints Policy
9. CABINET – report by Leader of the Council (**to follow**)
Members may ask questions on the report and receive answers from the Leader or other Cabinet members, and this is not subject to debate.
10. TIMETABLE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS – report of the Assistant Director – Governance and Democracy attached (**Page 58**)
11. ANNUAL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REPORTS – The Chairs of the three Overview and Scrutiny Panels submitted their Annual Reports to Council for noting.
 - a) Business, Regeneration and Planning OSP – attached (**Page 69**)
 - b) Housing, Environment and Health OSP – attached (**Page 71**)
 - c) Finance and Public Services OSP – attached (**Page 74**)
12. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CABINET OR OTHER COMMITTEE
 - a) Cabinet – 21st February 2024
 - a) REGENERATION UPDATE

At its meeting held on 21st February 2024 a report (**copy attached page 77**) by the Strategic Director – Economy & Transformation was considered and the following recommendation put forward for Council approval:

It be recommended to Council that the revision of the NABCEL Shareholder Committee, to Shareholder Committee with amended terms of reference to include Grayson Place (NBBC) Ltd and any future company(ies) that the Council may establish/ jointly establish.

Cabinet – 10th April 2024

b) BOROUGH PLAN REVIEW – EXAMINATION IN PUBLIC

The Council will be asked to consider recommendations agreed at Cabinet to be held on Wednesday, 10th April 2024 on the above item. (**Copy of Cabinet report attached page 92**)

NOTE: Points of Order and Personal Explanation can only be raised in accordance with Council Procedure Rules which are set out below:-

Point of order

A Member may raise a point of order at any time. The Mayor will hear them at the end of the speech of the Member speaking at the time the point is raised. A point of order may only relate to an alleged breach of these Council Rules of Procedure or the law. The Member must indicate the rule of law and the way in which he/she considers it has been broken. The Mayor shall consider the Point of Order and, if necessary, take advice on the matter from the Monitoring Officer and, shall then rule on the Point of Order raised. There shall be no discussion or challenge to the advice given or the Mayors decision in the meeting. If a Member persistently seeks to raise a Point of Order but is unable to identify the procedure rule or legal principle infringed then, after having being warned by the Mayor, any further abuse of this procedure rule shall not be tolerated and the Mayor shall move that the Member not be heard further pursuant to Procedure Rule 4.19.13. The ruling of the Mayor on the matter will be final.

Personal explanation

A Member may make a point of personal explanation at any time. The Mayor will hear them at the end of the speech of the Member speaking at the time the point is raised. A personal explanation may only relate to some material part of an earlier speech by the Member which may appear to have been misunderstood in the present debate. The ruling of the Mayor on the admissibility of a personal explanation will be final.

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL

21st February, 2024

An Extraordinary Council meeting of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council was held on Wednesday, 21st February 2024 which was recorded and uploaded to Youtube.

Present

The Mayor (Councillor M. Walsh)

Councillors R. Baxter-Payne, B. Beetham, D. Brown, J. Clarke, T. Cooper, J. Coventry-Moreton, S. Croft, L. Cvetkovic, K. Evans, M. Green, C. Golby, J. Gutteridge, J. Kennaugh, K. Kondakor, S. Markham, G. Moreton, B. Pandher, N. Phillips, J. Sheppard, T. Sheppard, E. Shiers, J. Singh, R. Smith, M. Tromans, R. Tromans M. Wright and K. Wilson

Apologies were received for Councillors C. Cape, L. Downs, The Deputy Mayor (Councillor B. Hammersley), S. Harbison, and C. Watkins

CL61 **Declarations of Interests**

RESOLVED that the Declarations of Interests for this meeting are as set out in the schedule attached to these minutes.

CL62 **Announcements**

There were no announcements.

CL63 **Public Participation**

None

CL64 **Exclusion of Public and Press**

RESOLVED 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 (i) and (iv) of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act.

CL65 **Appointment of a Chief Executive/ Head of Paid Service**

A report was submitted to Council advising on the outcome of the recent recruitment exercise for the post of Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service.

RESOLVED that

- a) the appointment of Tom Shardlow to the post of Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service be confirmed;
- b) the appointment of Tom Shardlow as Returning Officer and Electoral Registration be confirmed; and
- c) the Borough Council's current Chief Executive, Brent Davis, be given delegated authority to make a formal offer of employment and agree the start date for Tom Shardlow to commence their role as Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service.

CL66 **Vote of Thanks**

It was moved by Councillor R. Tromans and seconded by Councillor D. Brown that a vote of thanks be given to the outgoing Chief Executive Brent Davis for his many years of service to Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council and wished him all the best in his retirement.

Mayor

Council - Schedule of Declarations of Interests – 2023/2024

	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"> - Housing matters - Statutory sick pay under Part XI of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 - An allowance, payment given to members - An indemnity given to members - Any ceremonial honour given to members - Setting council tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 - Planning and Licensing matters - Allotments - Local Enterprise Partnership
	R. Baxter-Payne	Employed by Vinci Construction Major Projects UK Ltd (VCMP UK Ltd); County Councillor - WCC	Spouse: Self-employed childminder Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Midlands Combined Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee • Warwickshire Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (substitute) 	
	B. Beetham	Senior PowerBi Lead at Wye Valley Hospital Trust; Warwickshire County Council – Camp Hill	Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camp Hill Urban Village: Pride in Camp Hill Board • Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground 	
	D. Brown	Employed by H.M Land Registry	Regional Coordinator, Ragdoll Rescue Charity. Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhall Education Foundation (Council appointment). 	
	C. Cape	Director of Capability Coaching and Consultancy Ltd.	Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armed Forces Covenant Meeting 	

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
	J. Clarke	Employed by Marcus Jones MP	County Councillor W.C.C. Nuneaton Conservative Association; Deputy Chairman Officer of the Abbey Preceptory No.541 - Nuneaton	
	T. Cooper	None	Member on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camp Hill Urban Village: Pride in Camp Hill Board • Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground 	
	J. Coventry-Moreton	School Receptionist – St Nicholas Chamberlain School, Bedworth	Share in rental dwelling at Sealand Drive, Bedworth and Tresilian Road, Bedworth.	
	S. Croft	Employed at Holland & Barrett Retail Ltd	Treasurer of the Conservative Association Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Champion for Safeguarding (Children and Adults) • Local Government Superannuation Scheme Consultative Board • West Midlands Employers 	
	L. Cvetkovic	Head of Geography (Teacher), Sidney Stringer Academy, Coventry	The Bulkington Volunteers (Founder); Bulkington Sports and Social Club (Trustee) Member on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Control Partnership Steering Group 	
	L. Downs	River Bars Limited; Coventry Plus Beyond the Plane Little Caesars Donuts Limited NBBC Council Contract for market pitch	Member on the following Outside Body: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hammersley, Smith and Orton Charity 	
	K. Evans	Employed by the Local Government Association	Sponsorship: Election Expenses – North Warwickshire Conservative Association	

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			Membership of Other Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substitute Member of the West Midlands Combined Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee 	
	C. Golby		Member of the Bedworth Conservative Club Member of the Conservative Party.	
	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 • George Eliot Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Governors • District Leaders (substitute) • Local Enterprise Partnership (substitute) • Coventry, Warwickshire and Hinckley and Bosworth Joint Committee (substitute) 	
	M. Green	Employed by Horiba Mira – Engineering Technician	Chair of Education Standards Committee – St Thomas More School. School Appeals Panel Member Our Lady of the Angels Church. President – St Vincent De Paul Society Nuneaton. Director – Holy Spirit Catholic Multi Academy Company. Member of the George Eliot Fellowship Member of Other Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friendship Project for Children. 	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton Education Strategy Group • Trustee of Abbey Theatre 	
	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>	
	B. Hammersley	County Councillor – W.C.C.	<p>Member on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hammersley, Smith and Orton Charity 	
	S. Harbison	Self Employed	<p>Member of Conservative and Unionist Party.</p> <p>Member on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Astley Charity 	
	J. Hartshorn	Employed by Asda Nuneaton	Member of Nuneaton Conservatives	
	J. Kennaugh	<p>County Councillor W.C.C.</p> <p>Employed by FedEx Express UK Ltd</p>	<p>Member of the W.C.C. Regulatory Committee</p> <p>Member of the Conservative Party</p> <p>Member of UNITE the Union</p> <p>Member on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EQUiP 	
	K.A. Kondakor	Electronic and Embedded Software Design Engineer (self-employed)	<p>Unpaid Director of 100% Renewables UK Ltd</p> <p>Green Party (E&W)</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 	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trustee of Abbey Theatre 	
	G. Moreton	Member of School Appeals Panels at Warwickshire County Council	Share in rental dwellings at Sealand Drive, Bedworth and Tresillian Road, Exhall. Member on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bedworth Neighbourhood Watch Committee 	
	B. Pandher		Member of Warwickshire County Council President & Trustee of Nanaksar Gurdwara Gursikh Temple Coventry; Coordinator of Council of Sikh Temples in Coventry; Secretary of Coventry Indian Community; Trustee of Sikh Monument Trust Vice Chair Exhall Multicultural Group Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foleshill Charity Trustee – Proffitt’s Charity Conservative Party 	
	N. Phillips	Employee of DWP	Member of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nuneaton Labour CLP The Fabian Society The George Eliot Society The PCS Union Central Credit Union Stockingford Sports and Allotment Club Haunchwood Sports and Social Club 	
	J. Sheppard		Partnership member of the Hill Top and Caldwell Big Local. Director of Wembrook Community Centre. Member of Labour Party	Dispensation to speak and vote on any matters of Borough Plan that relate to the Directorship of Wembrook Community Centre
	T. Sheppard		Member of Unite Union Member of Labour Party	
	E. Shiers	Employed by and Director of Cannon Enterprise Ltd. Director of The Fresh	The Labour Party Coventry East Credit Union Member of the Pride in Camp	

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		Dessert Company	<p>Hill Board.</p> <p>Member of the governing board for Camp Hill Primary School.</p> <p>Member of the Board of Trustees of Camp Hill Community Association.</p> <p>Volunteer for the Coventry and Warwickshire district RSPCA</p> <p>Director Community Interest Company Chill (alternative education provision for young people)</p>	
	J. Singh	Owner of business named Gardening under Rural Services based at Sedgies, Bedworth.		
	R. Smith		<p>Chairman of Volunteer Friends, Bulkington;</p> <p>Trustee of Bulkington Sports and Social Club;</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 Board 	
	M. Tromans	<p>Warwickshire County Councillor (Galley Common)</p> <p>Share in a rental property in Hydes Pastures, Nuneaton</p>	<p>Member of WI</p> <p>Member of the Conservative Party</p>	
	R. Tromans	<p>Compliance, GIM, Coventry</p> <p>Warwickshire County Councillor (Weddington)</p> <p>Share in a rental property in Hydes Pastures, Nuneaton</p>	<p>Member of the Conservative Party</p> <p>Member of the Chartered Institute of Credit Management</p> <p>Representative and the West Midlands Combined Transport Overview and Scrutiny Panel</p>	

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	M. Walsh	Employed by MacInnes Tooling Ltd. – UK Sales Manager		
	C.M. Watkins	Employee of Nutri Pack	Representative on the following outside bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd. (NABCEL) 	
	K.D. Wilson	Delivery Manager, Nuneaton and Warwick County Courts, HMCTS, Warwickshire Justice Centre, Nuneaton	Deputy Chairman – Nuneaton Conservative Association	
Corporate Tenancies: properties are leased by NBBC to Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd, of which I am a Council appointed Director.				
Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <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 				
	M. Wright			

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

21st February, 2024

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Present

The Mayor (Councillor M. Walsh)

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Apologies were received for Councillors The Deputy Mayor (Councillor B. Hammersley) C. Cape, L. Downs, S. Harbison, J. Kennaugh and C. Watkins

CL67 **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council held on 13th December 2023 be confirmed and signed with the following amendments:

Min no CL37 Q1 Councillor K. Kondakor question the word 'business' be changed to 'busiest' and Q6 Councillor R. Baxter-Payne the year '2021' instead of '2022'

The minutes of the Extraordinary Council held on 17th January 2024 and 29th January 2024 were confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

CL68 **Declarations of Interests**

RESOLVED that the Declarations of Interests for this meeting are as set out in the schedule attached to these minutes.

CL69 **Announcements**

No announcements were made.

CL70 **Public Participation**

Question 1 – Mr Stephen Hey asked the following question to the Leader of the Council.

Tackling intimidation is a cross-party issue; abuse knows no political boundaries. "Robust debate and scrutiny are essential aspects of public life; abuse and intimidation shouldn't be" is a quote from the introduction to the Jo Cox Foundation Civility Pledge and Labour members are all signed up to this. Can the Council Leader confirm that his colleagues are also all signed up to this and, if not, why not?

Councillor K. Wilson, Leader of the Council, responded as follows:

I thank Mr Hey for his question. The aims of the Jo Cox Foundation of laudable and valuable to civic society. Anyone who wishes to sign up to their pledge is, of course, welcome to do so. But I don't think you need to sign a pledge to uphold these principles. They are something we should be doing anyway.

Robust challenge and debate is essential for a healthy democracy. You can hold someone to account for their words and deeds, but too often nowadays people seem to think it is acceptable to go for the personal.

Mr. Mayor, I think it is safe to say that at no other time since I have been involved in politics has the situation been so bad.

We have keyboard warriors hiding behind the veil of anonymity of social media, saying and threatening awful things that they would not have the courage or conviction to do if they were to see us face to face. This cowardly behaviour should have no place in politics at any level.

Yet, here in Nuneaton and Bedworth both myself and others on this side of the chamber have received death threats. We have seen women, female Councillors receive threats of rape. We have experienced our places of work contacted in efforts to harass us in our day to day lives.

Indeed, I saw a quote from a member opposite on social media saying that I, and I quote "am not even worthy of being called a human being". Will Mr Hey distance himself and his Party from that comment and remove the Councillor responsible from his position? I don't think he will.

And I don't think we have to go far for the root cause, Mr. Mayor. When we have the Deputy Leader of the Labour Party calling Tories scum, I would not call that civility in politics. When a Party Conference is held and Tories are welcomed by left-wing activists with a mannequin being lynched from a bridge, I would hardly call that civility in politics. Not one of these things has been done to Labour Party Members at their conferences. Most of the abuse of

politicians I have seen online and in person has been committed by left-wing activists.

I agree with the principle of Mr Hey's question that there should be civility in politics.

But I think he should get his own house in order first before criticising others.

Question 2 – Mr Brian Walmsley asked the following question to the Leader of the Council:

Would the Conservative Leader please confirm he was horrified and disgusted by the diabolically offensive, ableist comments and draconian views of Conservative Councillors, about children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities plus their parents. Deputy Leader Golby and Deputy Mayor Hammersley have harmed their mental health and wellbeing, due to their parental blame rhetoric and something in the water comments, all raised during children's mental health week. Will he take action and reprimand them for being disrespectful, failing to uphold the Nolan Principles, breaching The Equality Act 2010 and for surely breaching the Conservative Party Code of Conduct?

Councillor K. Wilson, Leader of the Council, responded as follows:

Mr Walmsley is, of course, referring to the events at a Scrutiny Committee at Warwickshire County Council and not this Council.

Of course, I acknowledge the depth of feeling on this highly emotive issue and there are a number of families who have been upset by the edited video on TikTok. The Councillors concerned have already issued an apology to those families that have been affected by what they saw in the video.

I think it is also important to remember that there is an ongoing investigation at Warwickshire County Council following the complaints received. That is a quasi-judicial function and effectively means that the case is currently sub judice. It wouldn't be appropriate for me to intervene in an ongoing investigation, and I believe it is only right that the investigation is allowed to proceed and come to a conclusion.

Mr Brian Walmsley then asked the following supplementary question:

If those Conservative Councillors involved had a shred of decency they would resign. However a previous precedent was set back in 2018 when Conservative Councillor Tromans had the party whip removed pending the results of an investigation. Tromans was under investigation for alleged assault, he later had the whip returned after Police suggested there was insufficient evidence to support a prosecution.

As such a Conservative Leader of this Council defending these actions...*(Speech halted by the Mayor)*

The Mayor declared that this was a statement rather than a supplementary question, but as the statement had been heard in the public domain, the Leader of the Council was allowed to make a point of personal explanation.

Question 3 – Mr Mark Garrett’s was not present at the meeting to ask his question, therefore no response was given.

Question 4 - Mrs Michele Kondakor asked the following question to the Leader of the Council

Since the Lily Pad fountain was removed from Market Place in Nuneaton town centre, I have experienced an increase in cars being driven through the town centre at speed in the evenings. There is now nothing to act as a traffic calming measure and more drivers are ignoring the one-way signs. I am fully aware that Warwickshire County Council are the Highways authority, but Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council are partners in the town centre. Will the Council monitor the situation with the CCTV, pass on all incidents of unsafe driving to the Police and look at adding street furniture or flower beds to calm speeds?

Councillor K. Wilson, the Leader of the Council, responded as follows:

As Mrs Kondakor has already identified, Highways is the primary responsibility of Warwickshire County Council.

Should we be requested to we will provide assistance to the Police in any investigation they have ongoing, as we have always done.

I would remind Mrs Kondakor that 24-hour CCTV provision was removed in the last Labour budget of February 2021, and it is only thanks to this Conservative administration that we have been able to find the funding to restore the 24-hour coverage in our towns.

Mrs Michele Kondakor asked a supplementary question as follows:

You haven’t actually answered the question. Will you report things to the Police, because as a member of the public, the car was going so fast that I couldn’t even get the registration number. So I rely on the CCTV people, it’s irrelevant what the Labour group did, I know we have 24-hour CCTV, so I want that to be used to make things safer. Will you do that please.

Councillor K. Wilson, the Leader of the Council, responded as follows:

It is relevant the Labour Party Administration cutting the CCTV 24-hour coverage, because we wouldn’t be able to provide assistance to the Police if we had allowed that to continue in the scenario that Mrs Kondakor outlines.

Now we can’t have everyone looking specifically at the Lily-pad fountain, where it was, looking at it all day, every day. So if members of the public can come forward if they have issues, and identify the times and dates, I’m sure that with Officers we can look at the video footage that is there, and where necessary

liaise with that member of the public and the Police to raise any issues that might contravene the law, but I can't have someone sat there watching that video all day, every day, non-stop 24-hours a day, seven days a week. That's ludicrous Mr Mayor.

Councillor K. Kondakor moved that the issue be referred to the relevant OSP for further discussion.

Councillor M. Wright seconded the motion.

A vote was taken

The motion was lost.

Question 5 – Mr Alan Baxter asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities

The question relates to the blocks of garages at the end of The Poplars driveway in Stockingford.

The brick-built block, numbers 9 to 15, is falling progressively into dilapidation. Part of the roof blew off in the winter storms and the roof on number 15 has caved in. Number 15 is also home to a family of rats. The brickwork is spalling all over and damp is rising.

Noting that a block of similar Council garages was demolished due to dilapidation this month, I would like to ask the Council to consider the same for this block.

You could transform it into allocated parking spaces, like you did with the Toilet Block behind the Council house. This would alleviate the parking problems OAP residents in The Poplars currently have. There is not enough spaces for the OAP residents in the flats and bungalows for them to park their cars down there.

It should also alleviate some of the anti-social behaviour that takes place in that end of the Poplars, as the whole area would become more open plan and illuminated by the lamps that currently exist adjacent to the OAP flats. Ambulance and Fire Engine access in emergencies would also be eased down there.

You may be able to move the 2 or 3 garage tenants from 9-15 into the other block, which is 1 to 8, as some of these are empty. This block recently had a brand new roof. There should be a long term saving to the Council in maintenance costs as the flat sheets of tarmac are easier and cheaper to repair than brick buildings.

Hopefully you can turn this into a win-win for the Council and local residents down there. Thank you

Councillor K. Wilson responded on behalf of Councillor C. Golby, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities:

There is a Capital Review ongoing across the whole of the HRA estate, that be housing, garages and indeed some shops which fall into the HRA account too. That then forms into part of the wider 30-year business plan that we have to have by law with the housing revenue account. So we need to complete the results of that asset review, before we can decide what we do with long term pieces of infrastructure and real estate across the HRA account. So what I'm saying is, it's not a no, it's not a never and it may be that what you are suggesting is the right course of action, but to make sure that it all stacks up according to what we are required to do by law and everything else fits together like a jigsaw. Because it's not as easy as saying we do this and move it over here, there may be some other things as part of the Housing Revenue Account we have to consider as part of it. But that work is under way because it is out of date and needs to be done ASAP and that piece of work is impacting not just on garage sites, but it is impacting on a number of other key decisions that we have to make with the HRA for the medium and long term.

CL71 Questions by Members

Question 1 – Councillor Kyle Evans asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate:

Can the Cabinet Member for Finance outline to Council how the Council Tax Support Scheme will benefit the Borough in the next financial year?

Councillor S. Croft, Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate responded as follows:

I hope I don't disappoint Councillor Evans too much when I say that as he will have noticed the Local Council Tax Support Scheme is not actually in the papers tonight. We would normally bring it to budget Council, but unfortunately there have been a large number of legislative changes this year which we need to work through. As I keep saying we will take the time we need to get things right, so we'll be bringing it to the March Cabinet, and if it needs to go to Council it will go to the April Council, but I can confirm that we will be bringing such a scheme to Cabinet. It will be the usual scheme where people can apply for up to 85% relief on their Council Tax and I've had some figures today which confirm that we anticipate that will affect 8,242 people at a cost of 10.1 million.

Question 2 – Councillor Emma Shiers submitted the following question to the Leader of the Council:

The comments made by Cllr Golby and Cllr Hammersley has had an impact on Nuneaton and Bedworth SEND children and families. I would therefore like to ask Cllr Wilson for his and his group's opinion with regards to the SEND crisis that is currently impacting on our residents.

Councillor K. Wilson, the Leader of the Council, responded as follows:

Mr. Mayor, I believe that I have already answered this question with my response to Mr Walmsley's public question.

Question 3 – Councillor Keith Kondakor asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Public Services:

The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) produces English fly-tipping statistics using its Flycatcher database. Councils upload data on the number of fly-tipping cases and details of actions such as various fixed penalty notices (FPNs) into the data base. This data base is strictly for fly-tipping cases and briefings clearly tell Councils not to include FPNs for littering into the database. Last year a tiny number of Councils including Nuneaton and Bedworth ignored the instructions and filled grossly excessive numbers by including FPNs related to littering. This mistake resulted in DEFRA tables showing our Borough for 2022/23 to have the highest number of fly-tipping related FPNS in the region with 1712 FPNS issues for 1870 incidents. That is clearly rubbish.

In the calendar year 2023, which has just finished, how many FPNs for Fly-tipping explicitly has the Borough Council issued, and when is the Council going to fully investigate and clear the mass of fly-tipping along Jubilee way?

Councillor S. Markham, Portfolio Holder for Public Services responded as follows:

As per my previous answer to you on this subject, I've asked that each fixed penalty notice that's been issued for the relevant reported period to be individually reviewed, to confirm whether it met the necessary criteria as set out in the guidelines issued by DEFRA. Unfortunately, this hasn't been completed yet. When it is, the updated figures will be provided to DEFRA as necessary. There's been 46 notices issued specifically for fight tipping in 2023, but having said that, as a Borough we have made a conscious decision to deal with smaller fly tipped rubbish with littering fixed penalty notices, and not a Section 33 EPA as it's dealt with in a more timely manner. It doesn't mean it's not fly tipping. We are working hard to improve the environment throughout the Borough and our Enforcement team are doing an exceptional job, and with regards to Jubilee Way, whilst I believe the query relates to littering and not fly tipping, I can confirm the Council is working with partners to ensure the litter is cleared as a priority. Thank you.

Councillor K. Kondakor asked the following supplementary question:

Out of the 48 that were issued, were they issued as £400 fines or were some of them issued as the £100 FPN's, because you sort of drifted between the different types, we issue different types. So can you just clarify are all 48, £400 fines. Thank you

Councillor S. Markham, Portfolio Holder for Public Services responded as follows:

They were issued specifically for fly tipping, thank you.

Question 4 - Councillor Lubs Cvetkovic submitted the following question to the Leader of the Council:

A few weeks ago I was delighted to see a number of men and women from across the Borough granted the status of Alderman/Alderwoman and Freeman/Freewoman of the Borough. This really highlights what an amazing community we are part of, it is truly humbling to hear the stories and achievements and about the active role which all these residents are involved in to make the Borough a better place.

There is another person that the Civic Honours Sub-Committee is seeking to honour. I would like to ask for a progress report on renaming a road after Fusilier Lewis Carter, who was sadly killed in action in Afghanistan on the 16th August 2009 aged just 18. I have spoken to Fusilier Carter's mother and to members of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, who are all keen for this to happen by Normandy Day in June of this year. I know there is a very strong will on this side of the Chamber and I also hope on the opposition side, to get this done as soon as possible.

Councillor K. Wilson, the Leader of the Council, responded as follows:

As members will be aware, both the Civic Honours Sub-Committee and Cabinet have agreed in principle to renaming part of Clinic Drive after Fusilier Louis Carter who lost his life in the line of duty in Afghanistan. I believe it is absolutely right that we should ensure that this sacrifice is honoured by our community, which is why we are taking this through as quickly as we can.

There have been some legislative changes following the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 that do impact on the process for renaming streets, and we have to ensure that we meet all of the requirements of the Act.

We have consulted on the proposal as required and we aim to bring a follow-up report to Cabinet as soon as we can, we are hoping March time if we possibly can, subject to paperwork being finalised. Subject to meeting all of the legal tests I hope we will be in a position to formally re-name the road after Fusilier Louis Carter in time for June.

CL72 Special Urgency Decisions

The special urgency decision Nuneaton Business Improvement District (BID) exempt item be noted

CL73 Cabinet

The Leader of the Council submitted the Leaders report on behalf of Cabinet. The report highlighted matters considered at the Cabinet meetings held on 10th January 2024 and 31st January 2024 and details of reports from the West Midlands Combined Authority Board (WMCAB), which has a direct impact on NBBC, namely the WMCA Board meetings held on 12th January 2024, and 9th February 2024.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

CL74 **Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor**

The Council gave consideration to the selection of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2024/25:

(a) Mayor

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor J. Gutteridge be invited to accept the office of Mayor.

It was further proposed and seconded that Councillor E. Shiers be invited to accept the office of Mayor.

A vote was taken

RESOLVED that Councillor J. Gutteridge be invited to accept the office of Mayor for Municipal Year 2024/25

(b) Deputy Mayor

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor M. Green be invited to accept the office of Deputy Mayor.

It was further proposed and seconded that Councillor K. Kondakor be invited to accept the office of Deputy Mayor.

It was further proposed and seconded that Councillor T. Sheppard be invited to accept the office of Deputy Mayor.

A vote was taken.

RESOLVED that Councillor M. Green be invited to accept the office of Deputy Mayor for Municipal Year 2024/25

CL75 **Recommendations from Cabinet and Other Committees**

i) Publicity Protocol – Change to the Constitution

At the Audit and Standards meeting held on the 9th January 2024 a report by the Chief Executive was submitted and a recommendation put forward for Council approval.

Councillor K. Wilson moved the recommendation for council approval.

Councillor S. Croft seconded the recommendation.

A vote was taken.

RESOLVED that the constitution be amended accordingly.

ii) Contract Procedure Rules - Update

At the Audit and Standards meeting held on 9th January 2024 a report by the Assistant Director – Democracy and Governance was submitted, and a recommendation put forward for Council approval.

Councillor K. Wilson moved the recommendation for council approval.

Councillor R. Tromans seconded the recommendation.

A vote was taken.

RESOLVED that the constitution be amended accordingly.

iii) Article 4 Directions

At the Cabinet meeting held on 10th January 2024 a report by the Assistant Director – Planning was submitted, and recommendations put forward for Council approval.

Councillor R. Smith moved the recommendation for council approval.

Councillor D. Brown seconded the recommendation.

A vote was taken.

RESOLVED that

- a) the outcome of the public consultation be noted;
- b) the Article 4 Directions in Abbey and Bulkington Conservation area be confirmed and made permanent; and
- c) Delegated Authority be given to the Assistant Director – Planning in consultation with the Portfolio Holder of Planning to make, if any, amendments prior to the Council meeting.

Councillor K. Wilson moved that section 4.13.4 procedural rule of the constitution be suspended to enable the proposer, seconder including the Opposition Budget proposer and seconder of budget agenda items d) to h) no time limit for speeches. This was seconded by Councillor S. Croft.

A vote was taken.

The procedural motion was carried.

iv) General Fund Revenue Budget 2024/25

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate, Councillor S. Croft, presented the recommendations made at Cabinet earlier on the 21st February 2024, in respect of the above, and moved a motion for their approval.

Councillor K. Wilson seconded the motion.

Councillor E. Shiers put forward an amendment to present the General Fund budget 2024/25 proposal on behalf of the Labour Group which was seconded by Councillor J. Sheppard as follows:

LABOUR GENERAL FUND BUDGET RECOMMENDATION 21st
February 2024

- (a) That the General Fund draft revenue budget 2024/25, attached as Appendix A, be recommended to the Council for approval.
- (b) That the Council Tax requirement for 2024/25 is determined as £10,460,006.65 and the District Council Tax for 2024/25 be increased by £5 for a Band D property.
- (c) To include the following budget changes as detailed below:

	£'000
Initial Deficit / (Surplus)	493
<u>Growth:</u>	
Additional Customer Services Officer – 1FTE	32
<u>Savings / Additional Funding:</u>	
2% Savings across service areas (Excluding Environment)	(412)
Planning Performance Agreements	(60)
Increase on Council Tax Base	(21)
Fees and Charges Increases	(19)
River Cleaning Income	(7)
	(8)
Mobile Phone Savings	
Car Parks Season Tickets Increases	(3)
(Surplus) / Deficit	(5)

- (d) The additional customer services officer is to accommodate the town hall opening from 9-5 Monday to Friday.
- (e) The 2% savings target has been set for service managers to find efficiencies across the board excluding any services which facilitate environmental activity.
- (f) The revised budget position is a surplus of £5,095.
- (g) Additional income targets have been set for planning to achieve in relation to planning performance agreements. There is a current risk around this being difficult to achieve with the resourcing of the team.
- (h) Fees and Charges increases are proposed at 3% increase across all areas except licensing, car parks and green waste. Other increases have been included for gambling licences and mobile home sites at 5%.
- (i) Car park season tickets increases are based on a £5 increase to season tickets only.
- (j) River cleaning income is expected to be generated from offering the service to other organisations or places where a river flows through. There is a risk around this piece of work based on the scope of delivery and what the authority can charge.
- (k) Mobile phone savings would need to be identified from cutting specific service usage. There is a tender exercise underway at the moment and the submissions for the contract will impact on the achievability of the saving.
- (l) Where any potential staffing implications of the savings above, the Council's Management of Change policy will be followed.
- (m) That the Labour General Fund Revenue Budget for 2024/25 of £19,022,108 be recommended to Council for approval.
- (n) That the budget surplus of £5,095 be added to the General Fund Balances to support the savings programme in future years.

APPENDIX A – LABOUR - Opposition General Fund Budget Summary

General Fund	2023/24 Approved Budget	2023/24 Budget (Recharge Changes)	2024/25 Final Budget
	£	£	£
Business & Regeneration	1,920,660	1,024,334	1,096,131
Finance & Corporate	4,527,564	10,922,797	12,093,985
Health & Environment	3,206,894	2,253,122	2,676,217
Housing & Communities	1,555,978	(367,080)	(348,945)
Planning & Regulation	(224,929)	(1,596,336)	(1,873,707)
Public Services	7,594,458	6,343,788	6,638,308
Portfolio Total	18,580,625	18,580,625	20,281,989
Central Provisions	1,235,500	1,235,500	1,151,755
Depreciation & Impairment	(3,096,530)	(3,096,530)	(3,096,530)
Contributions To/From Reserves	(936,251)	(936,251)	(1,435,806)
Financing of Capital Expenditure	470,000	470,000	1,125,000
PWLB Premiums	21,120	21,120	21,120
Investment Income	(460,000)	(460,000)	(582,508)
Minimum Revenue Provision	654,000	654,000	580,290
External Interest	438,000	438,000	976,798
Total Council Net Expenditure	16,906,464	16,906,464	19,022,108
Council Tax	(10,039,237)	(10,039,237)	(10,460,006)
New Homes Bonus	(1,361,266)	(1,361,266)	(1,180,874)
General Government Grants	(143,405)	(143,405)	(552,494)
Business Rates Retention	(5,124,733)	(5,124,733)	(5,529,042)
NDR Collection Fund (surplus)/ deficit	(159,299)	(159,299)	(1,351,683)
Council Tax Collection Fund (surplus)/ deficit	(81,868)	(81,868)	46,896
Total Funding	(16,909,808)	(16,909,808)	(19,027,203)
(Surplus) / Deficit	(3,344)	(3,344)	(5,095)

Councillor K. Wilson moved an adjournment to consider the alternative budget put forward by the Labour Group at 8.00PM.

The meeting reconvened at 8.15PM.

A recorded vote on the alternative budget amendment put forward by the Labour Group was taken.

FOR: Councillors K. Kondakor, N. Phillips, J. Sheppard, T. Sheppard, E. Shiers and M Wright

AGAINST: Councillors R. Baxter-Payne, B. Beetham, D. Brown, J. Clarke, T. Cooper, J. Coventry-Moreton, S. Croft, L. Cvetkovic, K. Evans, C. Golby, M. Green, J.

Gutteridge, J. Hartshorn, S. Markham, G. Moreton, B. Pandher, J. Singh, R. Smith, M. Tromans, R. Tromans, M. Walsh, and K. Wilson

ABSTENTIONS: None

The Labour Group budget amendment was lost

The Conservative budget was then the substantive motion

Councillor K. Wilson moved in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4A.21 to suspend standing orders to allow the business of the meeting to be concluded. Councillor C. Golby seconded the procedural motion.

A vote was taken.

The procedural motion was carried.

A recorded vote was taken on the Conservative Budget as the substantive motion as follows:

FOR: Councillors R. Baxter-Payne, B. Beetham, D. Brown, J. Clarke, T. Cooper, J. Coventry-Moreton, S. Croft, L. Cvetkovic, C. Golby, M. Green, J. Gutteridge, J. Hartshorn, S. Markham, G. Moreton, B. Pandher, J. Singh, R. Smith, M. Tromans, R. Tromans, M. Walsh, and K. Wilson

AGAINST: Councillors K. Kondakor, N. Phillips, J. Sheppard, T. Sheppard, E. Shiers and M Wright

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLVED that

- a) the forecast outturn position for the General Fund for 2023/24 be noted;
- b) the Council Tax requirement for 2024/25 of £10,556,339, an increase of 2.99% on a Band D, in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 be approved;
- c) the NNDR1 has been completed and submitted to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) and included within the Budget for 2024/25 with a precept for Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council;
- d) any increases in Fees and Charges for 2024/25 as shown at Appendix 3 of the report be approved;

- e) the net General Fund Revenue expenditure budget of £19,133,536 be approved (Appendix 1 of the report);
- f) the enhanced recruitment control measures implemented during September 2023 remains in place with approval to recruit being requested from Management Team and Cabinet; and
- g) Delegated Authority be given to the Strategic Director – Housing and Communities and the Communities and Community Safety Manager in consultation with the Portfolio holder for Business and Regeneration to undertake procurement activities to deliver against the 2024/25 priorities set out as part of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF).

v) Housing Revenue Account Budget 2024/25

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities, Councillor C. Golby, presented the recommendations made at Cabinet held earlier on 21st February 2024, in respect of the above and moved the recommendations for council approval.

Councillor S. Croft seconded the motion

Councillor E Shiers moved the Labour Housing Revenue Account 2024/25 budget as shown below as an amendment. Councillor J. Sheppard seconded the amendment.

- a) That the HRA Revenue budget 2024/25, attached as Appendix B, be recommended to the Council for approval.
- b) That a rent increase on dwellings of 7.7% is agreed and recommended to council for approval.
- c) That an increase on service charges of 3% is agreed and recommended to council for approval.

Appendix B

Labour HRA Revenue Budget Summary

HRA	Service	2024/25 Final Budget
	Supervision & Management - General Total	£7,349,679
	Supervision & Management - Special Total	£3,899,323
	Repairs & Maintenance Total	£6,118,725
LX00	Cost of Capital Charge	£0
LX01	Depreciation	£8,724,000
LZ01	Interest Payable	£2,004,396
	Capital Financing Costs Total	£10,728,396

	Income Total	-£31,293,564
LZ04	Appropriations to / (from) MRR	£290,600
LZ06	Capital Expenditure funded by HRA (CERA)	£2,492,620
LZ07	Appropriations to/ (from) Revenue Reserves	-£5,444
	Appropriations Total	£2,777,776
	Support Services (Pay Award Provision)	£419,664
	Total HRA	£0

A vote was taken on the amendment

The amendment was lost

The Conservative HRA Budget became the substantive motion.

A recorded vote was taken on the substantive motion

FOR: Councillors R. Baxter-Payne, B. Beetham, D. Brown, J. Clarke, T. Cooper, J. Coventry-Moreton, S. Croft, L. Cvetkovic, C. Golby, M. Green, J. Gutteridge, J. Hartshorn, S. Markham, G. Moreton, B. Pandher, J. Singh, R. Smith, M. Tromans, R. Tromans, M. Walsh, and K. Wilson

AGAINST: Councillors K. Kondakor, J. Sheppard, T. Sheppard, E. Shiers and M Wright

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLVED that

- a) the forecast outturn position for the HRA for 2023/24 be noted;
- b) the amended budget for 2023/24 across service areas to take account of recharges be approved;
- c) the net budget position of £0 for 2024/25 be approved;
- d) a rent increase on dwellings of 7.7% be approval; and
- e) Fees and Charges for the HRA (Appendix 2 of the report) be approved.

vi) Capital Budget 2024/25

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate, Councillor S. Croft, presented the recommendations made at Cabinet held earlier on the 21st February 2024, in respect of the above and moved them for Council approval.

Councillor K. Wilson seconded the motion.

Councillor E Shiers moved the Labour Capital Budget 2024/25 budget as shown below as an amendment. Councillor T. Sheppard seconded the amendment.

General Fund Capital

- The proposed General Fund Capital Budget for 2024/25 of £54.38m, as shown at Appendix C below, be recommended to the Council for approval.
- Additional £100k for Environmental projects to be funded from General Fund Capital Contribution.

Housing Revenue Account Capital

- The proposed Housing Revenue Account Capital Budget for 2024/25 of £22m, as shown at Appendix D below, be recommended to the Council for approval.
- The Contingency budget be reduced to £174k.
- The PIR Electrical works be reduced to £367k.
- The Slabs to Tarmac be reduced to £278k.
- The above reductions be recommended to Council for approval to ensure the revenue contribution to capital is reduced to balance the HRA Revenue budget.

Opposition General Fund Proposed Budget 2024/25

	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Forecasted Spend to Mar 2024	2024/25 Proposed Budget	2025/26 Forecasted Budget	2026/27 Forecasted Budget
	£	£		£	£	£
Transforming Bedworth	18,612	18,612	6,928	0	0	0
Grayson Place	70,870,000	50,819,134	27,373,457	16,395,904	7,049,773	0
Bridge to Living	15,598,180	8,116,756	3,978,709	1,654,819	2,483,228	0
Weddington Cycle Lane	1,703,000	0	0	0	0	0
Museum	4,631,608	0	0	0	0	0
Parks Revival	1,062,492	1,750,000	144,193	1,605,807	0	0
Wheat Street Junction	3,703,000	390,000	0	0	390,000	0
George Eliot Visitor Centre	222,500	222,500	0	222,500	0	0
The Saints	1,870,090	1,870,090	1,870,090	0	0	0
Corporation Street/Queens Road Junction	7,083,000	390,000	0	390,000	0	0
Visiting Nuneaton Changing Perspectives	87,400	87,400	87,400	0	0	0
E-mobility Hub	302,800	302,800	0	302,800	0	0
CCTV Wireless Technology	52,957	52,957	138,957	0	0	0
Car Parking Machine Upgrades	300,000	300,000	0	300,000	0	0
Business & Regeneration	107,505,639	64,320,249	33,599,734	20,871,829	9,923,002	0
ICT Capital Programme	140,000	140,000	360,480	100,000	100,000	100,000
Changing Places	183,000	183,000	183,000	0	0	0
Camp Hill	25,000	25,000	250,000	25,000	0	0
Finance & Corporate	348,000	348,000	793,480	125,000	100,000	100,000
HEART	5,125,000	5,125,000	5,125,000	5,125,000	5,125,000	5,125,000

Empty Homes - Works in Default	40,000	40,000	0	40,000	40,000	40,000
Empty Property Loans	100,000	100,000	0	100,000	100,000	100,000
Green Homes LAD 3 and HUG 1	905,359	905,359	905,359	0	0	0
Homeless Hostel Conversion	200,000	200,000	75,000	125,000	0	0
Home Upgrade Grant 2	733,000	733,000	33,000	1,702,000	0	0
Safer Streets - Stubbs Pool/The Dingle	41,917	41,917	69,774	0	0	0
Lily Pad Fountain	35,000	35,000	39,660	0	0	0
New Road Park Improvements	50,000	50,000	75,000	0	0	0
Sherbourne Open Space Improvements	150,000	150,000	150,000	0	0	0
Stockingford Rec	45,000	45,000	45,000	0	0	0
Multi-storey Car Park Improvements	56,000	56,000	56,000	0	0	0
Museum Lift	150,000	150,000	150,000	0	0	0
Community Safety & Engagement Grant	75,000	75,000	75,000	0	0	0
Community Safety - Nomad Cameras	40,000	40,000	40,000	0	0	0
Attleborough - Community Park	100,000	100,000	0	100,000	0	0
Marlborough - Community Park	150,000	150,000	0	150,000	0	0
Sorrell Road - Community Park	125,000	125,000	0	225,000	0	0
Bedworth Market	716,184	716,184	0	716,184	0	0
Boundary Paddock Toilet Block Improvements	100,000	100,000	0	100,000	0	0
Housing & Communities	8,937,460	8,937,460	6,838,793	8,383,184	5,265,000	5,265,000
Major Repairs	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Vehicle & Plant Replacement	308,000	308,000	308,000	683,000	674,000	553,000
Environment Bill Food Waste Grant	0	0	0	981,000	0	0
Sub-Regional Materials Recycling Facility	4,874,894	4,874,894	4,874,894	0	0	0
Leisure Strategy	230,904	230,904	3,295	227,609	0	0
Play & Teenage Provision	4,710	4,710	0	0	0	0
Fly Tipping Cameras	5,000	5,000	0	5,000	0	0
Bedworth Physical Activity Hub	27,500,000	30,600,000	1,719,355	20,216,451	8,664,193	0
Pauls Land Pavilion	10,500	10,500	0	10,500	0	0

Sandon Park/Jack Whetstone Pavilion	26,859	26,859	0	26,859	0	0
Cemetery Extension	100,000	100,000	0	100,000	0	0
Environmental Projects	0	0	0	100,000	100,000	100,000
Stockingford Community Centre Grant	25,000	25,000	25,000	0	0	0
Community Centre Grants	55,000	55,000	55,000	0	0	0
Buttermere Recreation Ground Redevelopment	447,500	447,500	499,906	0	0	0
Ambleside Sports Club - Table Tennis Provision	75,000	75,000	75,000	0	0	0
Pingles LC Decarbonisation Scheme	3,914,614	3,914,614	0	1,957,307	1,957,307	0
Public Services	37,827,981	40,927,981	7,885,450	24,557,726	11,645,500	903,000
Miscellaneous Projects	92,000	92,000	0	100,000	100,000	100,000
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE	154,711,080	114,625,690	49,117,457	54,037,739	27,033,502	6,368,000

Opposition Housing Revenue Account Proposed Capital Budget

	Approved Budget 2023/24 £	Forecast Outturn 2023/24 £	Proposed Budget 2024/25 £
DECENT HOMES	1,900,000	1,680,932	1,200,000
ROOF COVERINGS/MODIFICATIONS	750,000	964,036	900,000
WINDOWS AND DOORS	700,000	833,347	800,000
SHELTERED ALARM CALL SYSTEM	18,000	0	40,000
DOOR ENTRY SCHEME	160,000	158,467	0
CCTV RENEWAL - GP FLATS	10,000	10,879	0
SHOP IMPROVEMENTS	0	0	15,000
NEW PROPERTIES - NEW BUILDS	4,539,000	1,376,730	6,032,768
NEW STREET	0	0	1,365,000
BYFORD COURT	3,011,000	2,312,644	458,720
CONVERSION OF HOMELESS HOSTEL	50,000	50,000	176,000
DECENT HOMES WORKS - HOMELESS HOSTELS	0	0	167,000
FIRE SAFETY WORKS	2,600,000	1,871,349	2,400,000
KINGSWAY HOUSE	0	8,000	0
196/198 CHURCH ROAD	0	167,000	0
ILU REMODELLING	150,000	0	150,000
NEW PROPERTIES ACQUISITION	512,500	513,000	0
VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS	1,750,000	1,750,000	0
LEVEL ACCESS SHOWERS	600,000	180,782	700,000
AIDS AND ADAPTATIONS	1,175,000	832,884	1,000,000
CENTRAL HEATING	1,000,000	927,200	720,000
GARAGES	30,000	15,000	15,000
SLABS TO TARMAC	124,000	212,760	278,410
LIFT RENEWAL WORKS	30,000	30,000	50,000
DISTRICT HEATING WORKS	310,000	310,000	150,000
PIR ELECTRICAL WORKS	400,000	67,800	369,910
VOIDS	760,000	938,593	800,000
STOCK CONDITION SURVEY	200,000	437,932	0
25 CHEVERAL PLACE	0	0	120,000
EWI	0	300,000	2,400,000
CONCRETE/STRUCTURAL REPAIRS	4,196,000	0	190,000

ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS	190,000	170,200	0
HOUSING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM	10,000	0	0
CAPITAL SALARIES/CONSULTANCY	472,000	472,000	470,000
CONTINGENCY	200,000	174,000	173,910
CLEAVER GARDENS	0	0	360,000
WARM AIR UNITS	0	0	200,000
ELECTRIC STORAGE HEATING	0	0	300,000
	25,847,500	16,765,534	22,001,718

A vote was taken on the amendment

The amendment was lost

The Conservative Capital Budget 2024/25 became the substantive motion.

A recorded vote was taken on the substantive motion

FOR: Councillors R. Baxter-Payne, B. Beetham, D. Brown, J. Clarke, T. Cooper, J. Coventry-Moreton, S. Croft, L. Cvetkovic, C. Golby, M. Green, J. Gutteridge, S. Markham, G. Moreton, B. Pandher, J. Singh, R. Smith, M. Tromans, R. Tromans, M. Walsh, and K. Wilson

AGAINST: Councillors K. Kondakor, J. Sheppard, T. Sheppard, E. Shiers and M Wright

ABSTENTIONS: None

vii) Council Tax 2024/25

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate, Councillor S. Croft, presented the resolution setting the Council Tax for the Council's area for council approval

Councillor K. Wilson seconded the motion.

A recorded vote was taken as follows:

FOR: Councillors R. Baxter-Payne, B. Beetham, D. Brown, J. Clarke, T. Cooper, J. Coventry-Moreton, S. Croft, L. Cvetkovic, C. Golby, M. Green, J. Gutteridge, S. Markham, G. Moreton, B. Pandher, J. Singh, R. Smith, J. Sheppard, T. Sheppard, E. Shiers, M. Tromans, R. Tromans, M. Walsh, and K. Wilson

AGAINST: Councillors K. Kondakor, and M Wright

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLVED that

- a) it be noted that on 31st January 2023 the amount of 40,085.8 has been calculated and determined as the Council Tax base for the year 2024/25 for the whole council area [item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the 'Act')].
- b) the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2024/25 is **£10,566,216.02**
- c) the following amounts be calculated by the Council for the year 2024/25 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:-
 - (a) **£ 112,811,108.62**
being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act;
 - (b) **£102,244,769.60**
being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act;
 - (c) **£ 10,566,216.02**
being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
 - (d) **£263.59**
being the amount at 3(c) above (item R), divided by item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.
- d) it be noted that for the year 2024/25 **Warwickshire County Council** has indicated a precept requirement to the Council of **£69,596,565.10** and has indicated the amounts set out in Column 3 of the table in 6 below in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings.
- e) it be noted that for the year 2024/25 the **Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner** has indicated a precept requirement to the Council of **£11,613,247.90** and has indicated the amounts set out in

Column 4 of the Table in 6 below in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of the dwellings.

f) the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the Council's amount of Council tax as shown in column 2 below for each category of dwelling.

1	2	3	4	5
Valuation Bands	Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council	Warwickshire County Council	Warwickshire Police & Crime Commissioner	Council Tax 2024/25
	£	£	£	£
AR	146.44	964.55	160.95	1,271.94
A	175.73	1,157.46	193.14	1,526.33
B	205.01	1,350.37	225.33	1,780.71
C	234.30	1,543.28	257.52	2,035.10
D	263.59	1,736.19	289.71	2,289.49
E	322.17	2,122.01	354.09	2,798.27
F	380.74	2,507.83	418.47	3,307.04
G	439.32	2,893.65	482.85	3,815.82
H	527.18	3,472.38	579.42	4,578.98

g) the Referendums Relating to Council Tax Increases (Principles) (England) Report 2024/25 sets out the principles which the Secretary of State has determined will apply to local authorities in England in 2024/25. The Council is required to determine whether its basic amount of Council Tax is excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

h) the following officers be authorised to institute or defend on behalf of the Council, proceedings before a County or Magistrates' Court, in relation to the recovery of all non-domestic rates, council tax, business improvement district and other debts and to appear in such proceedings:

Tina Jardim
Katie Hines

Jade Fuller

Sharon Payne

viii) Treasury Strategy 2024/25

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate, Councillor S. Croft, presented the recommendations made at Cabinet, in respect of the above, held earlier on 21st February 2024 and moved them for Council approval.

Councillor K. Wilson seconded the motion.

A recorded vote was taken as follows:

FOR: Councillors R. Baxter-Payne, B. Beetham, D. Brown, J. Clarke, T. Cooper, J. Coventry-Moreton, S. Croft, L. Cvetkovic, C. Golby, M. Green, J. Gutteridge, S. Markham, G. Moreton, B. Pandher, J. Sheppard, T. Sheppard, E. Shiers, J. Singh, R. Smith, M. Tromans, R. Tromans, M. Walsh, and K. Wilson

AGAINST: Councillors K. Kondakor and M Wright

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLVED that the Treasury Management Strategy Statement including all Prudential Indicators, the MRP policy and Annual Investment Strategy be approved.

CL76 Vote of Thanks

Councillor S. Croft, Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate, proposed a vote of thanks, which was seconded by Councillor K. Wilson, to the Strategic Director – Finance and Governance, Assistant Director – Finance and the Finance Officers who have all worked tirelessly to enable this quality budget to be brought forward.

Mayor

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	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"> - Housing matters - Statutory sick pay under Part XI of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 - An allowance, payment given to members - An indemnity given to members - Any ceremonial honour given to members - Setting council tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 - Planning and Licensing matters - Allotments - Local Enterprise Partnership
	R. Baxter-Payne	Employed by Vinci Construction Major Projects UK Ltd (VCMP UK Ltd); County Councillor - WCC	Spouse: Self-employed childminder Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Midlands Combined Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee • Warwickshire Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (substitute) 	
	B. Beetham	Senior PowerBi Lead at Wye Valley Hospital Trust; Warwickshire County Council – Camp Hill	Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camp Hill Urban Village: Pride in Camp Hill Board • Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground 	
	D. Brown	Employed by H.M Land Registry	Regional Coordinator, Ragdoll Rescue Charity. Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhall Education Foundation (Council appointment). 	
	C. Cape	Director of Capability Coaching and Consultancy Ltd.	Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armed Forces Covenant Meeting 	

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
	J. Clarke	Employed by Marcus Jones MP	County Councillor W.C.C. Nuneaton Conservative Association; Deputy Chairman Officer of the Abbey Preceptory No.541 - Nuneaton	
	T. Cooper	None	Member on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camp Hill Urban Village: Pride in Camp Hill Board • Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground 	
	J. Coventry-Moreton	School Receptionist – St Nicholas Chamberlain School, Bedworth	Share in rental dwelling at Sealand Drive, Bedworth and Tresilian Road, Bedworth.	
	S. Croft	Employed at Holland & Barrett Retail Ltd	Treasurer of the Conservative Association Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Champion for Safeguarding (Children and Adults) • Local Government Superannuation Scheme Consultative Board • West Midlands Employers 	
	L. Cvetkovic	Head of Geography (Teacher), Sidney Stringer Academy, Coventry	The Bulkington Volunteers (Founder); Bulkington Sports and Social Club (Trustee) Member on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Control Partnership Steering Group 	
	L. Downs	River Bars Limited; Coventry Plus Beyond the Plane Little Caesars Donuts Limited NBBC Council Contract for market pitch	Member on the following Outside Body: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hammersley, Smith and Orton Charity 	
	K. Evans	Employed by the Local Government Association	Sponsorship: Election Expenses – North Warwickshire Conservative Association	

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			Membership of Other Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substitute Member of the West Midlands Combined Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee 	
	C. Golby		Member of the Bedworth Conservative Club Member of the Conservative Party.	
	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 • George Eliot Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Governors • District Leaders (substitute) • Local Enterprise Partnership (substitute) • Coventry, Warwickshire and Hinckley and Bosworth Joint Committee (substitute) 	
	M. Green	Employed by Horiba Mira – Engineering Technician	Chair of Education Standards Committee – St Thomas More School. School Appeals Panel Member Our Lady of the Angels Church. President – St Vincent De Paul Society Nuneaton. Director – Holy Spirit Catholic Multi Academy Company. Member of the George Eliot Fellowship Member of Other Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friendship Project for Children. 	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton Education Strategy Group • Trustee of Abbey Theatre 	
	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>	
	B. Hammersley	County Councillor – W.C.C.	<p>Member on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hammersley, Smith and Orton Charity 	
	S. Harbison	Self Employed	<p>Member of Conservative and Unionist Party.</p> <p>Member on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Astley Charity 	
	J. Hartshorn	Employed by Asda Nuneaton	Member of Nuneaton Conservatives	
	J. Kennaugh	<p>County Councillor W.C.C.</p> <p>Employed by FedEx Express UK Ltd</p>	<p>Member of the W.C.C. Regulatory Committee</p> <p>Member of the Conservative Party</p> <p>Member of UNITE the Union</p> <p>Member on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EQUiP 	
	K.A. Kondakor	Electronic and Embedded Software Design Engineer (self-employed)	<p>Unpaid Director of 100% Renewables UK Ltd</p> <p>Green Party (E&W)</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 	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trustee of Abbey Theatre 	
	G. Moreton	Member of School Appeals Panels at Warwickshire County Council	Share in rental dwellings at Sealand Drive, Bedworth and Tresillian Road, Exhall. Member on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bedworth Neighbourhood Watch Committee 	
	B. Pandher		Member of Warwickshire County Council President & Trustee of Nanaksar Gurdwara Gursikh Temple Coventry; Coordinator of Council of Sikh Temples in Coventry; Secretary of Coventry Indian Community; Trustee of Sikh Monument Trust Vice Chair Exhall Multicultural Group Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foleshill Charity Trustee – Proffitt’s Charity Conservative Party 	
	N. Phillips	Employee of DWP	Member of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nuneaton Labour CLP The Fabian Society The George Eliot Society The PCS Union Central Credit Union Stockingford Sports and Allotment Club Haunchwood Sports and Social Club 	
	J. Sheppard		Partnership member of the Hill Top and Caldwell Big Local. Director of Wembrook Community Centre. Member of Labour Party	Dispensation to speak and vote on any matters of Borough Plan that relate to the Directorship of Wembrook Community Centre
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	E. Shiers	Employed by and Director of Cannon Enterprise Ltd. Director of The Fresh	The Labour Party Coventry East Credit Union Member of the Pride in Camp	

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		Dessert Company	<p>Hill Board.</p> <p>Member of the governing board for Camp Hill Primary School.</p> <p>Member of the Board of Trustees of Camp Hill Community Association.</p> <p>Volunteer for the Coventry and Warwickshire district RSPCA</p> <p>Director Community Interest Company Chill (alternative education provision for young people)</p>	
	J. Singh	Owner of business named Gardening under Rural Services based at Sedgies, Bedworth.		
	R. Smith		<p>Chairman of Volunteer Friends, Bulkington;</p> <p>Trustee of Bulkington Sports and Social Club;</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 Board 	
	M. Tromans	<p>Warwickshire County Councillor (Galley Common)</p> <p>Share in a rental property in Hydes Pastures, Nuneaton</p>	<p>Member of WI</p> <p>Member of the Conservative Party</p>	
	R. Tromans	<p>Compliance, GIM, Coventry</p> <p>Warwickshire County Councillor (Weddington)</p> <p>Share in a rental property in Hydes Pastures, Nuneaton</p>	<p>Member of the Conservative Party</p> <p>Member of the Chartered Institute of Credit Management</p> <p>Representative and the West Midlands Combined Transport Overview and Scrutiny Panel</p>	

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	M. Walsh	Employed by MacInnes Tooling Ltd. – UK Sales Manager		
	C.M. Watkins	Employee of Nutri Pack	Representative on the following outside bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd. (NABCEL) 	
	K.D. Wilson	Delivery Manager, Nuneaton and Warwick County Courts, HMCTS, Warwickshire Justice Centre, Nuneaton	Deputy Chairman – Nuneaton Conservative Association	
Corporate Tenancies: properties are leased by NBBC to Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd, of which I am a Council appointed Director.				
Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <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 				
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	C.M. Watkins	Employee of Nutri Pack	Representative on the following outside bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd. (NABCEL) 	
	K.D. Wilson	Delivery Manager, Nuneaton and Warwick County Courts, HMCTS, Warwickshire Justice Centre, Nuneaton	Deputy Chairman – Nuneaton Conservative Association Board Member of the Conservative Association.	
Corporate Tenancies: properties are leased by NBBC to Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd, of which I am a Council appointed Director.				
Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <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 				
	M. Wright			

4A.9 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4.9.1 General

At each Ordinary Meeting or Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council, 20 minutes (which can be extended at the discretion of the Mayor) shall be set aside for questions or statements from the public gallery by any resident of the Borough in relation to matters in respect of which the Council has powers or duties, or which affect the Borough. In the case of an Extra Ordinary Meeting the question or statement must relate to the business of that meeting.

4.9.2 Notice of Questions and Statements

No such question shall be asked, or statement made, unless it shall have been delivered in writing to the Head of Paid Service no later than 12 noon on the day before the meeting of the Council.

4.9.3 Scope of Questions and Statements

The Head of Paid Service may reject a question or statement if it:

- a) is not about a matter for which the Council has a responsibility or which doesn't affect the Borough;
- b) is defamatory, frivolous or offensive;
- c) is substantially the same as a question or statement which has been put at a meeting of the Council in the past six months;
- d) requires or involves the disclosure of confidential or exempt information; or
- e) It is not a question nor a statement, as provided for in these Procedure Rules.

4.9.4 The Mayor will invite the relevant Cabinet Member or Committee Chair to give a reply. Such reply shall not exceed five minutes. In the case of a question, on the discretion of the Mayor, a supplementary question may be asked if arising directly from the reply, provided that the original allocation of five minutes is not exceeded. The Mayor may reject a supplementary question on any of the grounds detailed in paragraph 4.9.3 above

4.9.5 Time Limit and Number of Questions

No question or statement shall exceed three minutes. In the event of there being more than one question or statement, the Head of Paid Service will ensure that questions and statements are dealt with in the order received. At the expiry of the 20 minute period, or such period as may be agreed by the Mayor, or after the reply to the final question or statement, whichever shall first occur, the Council will proceed to the next business.

4.9.6 Record of Questions and Statements

The question or statement and the reply given shall be minuted.

4.9.7 Reference of Question to the Cabinet or a Committee

Unless the Mayor decides otherwise, no discussion will take place on any question, but any Member may move that a matter raised by a question be referred to the Cabinet or the appropriate Committee. Once seconded, such a motion will be voted on without discussion.

4.9.8 Any question or statement which cannot be dealt with during Public Participation because of lack of time will be dealt with in writing, and recorded in accordance with paragraph 4.9.6.

4A.10 QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS

4.10.1 A Member of the Council may ask the Leader of the Council or the Chair of a Committee any question without notice upon an item of the report of the Cabinet or a Committee (respectively) when that item is being received or under consideration by the Council.

4.10.2 Questions on Notice at Full Council

At each meeting a Member of the Council may ask no more than one question (but see 10.3(b) below) on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties, or which affects the Borough. For questions from Members, Paragraph 4.9.4 shall apply. A Member may choose to ask their permitted question of either:

- a Member of the Cabinet; or
- the Chair of any Committee, Panel or Sub-Committee

4.10.3 No such question under paragraphs 10.2 or 10.3 shall be asked unless: (a) the question has been delivered in writing to the Head of Paid Service and Leader before 12 noon on the day before the meeting of the Council; or (b) where the question relates to urgent matters, they have the consent of the Mayor or the Leader of the Council or the Portfolio Holder to whom the question is to be put or in the case of a Committee, Panel or Sub-Committee, the Chair, and the content of the question is given to the Head of Paid Service at least three hours before the time that the meeting is due to start.

4.10.4 Response

An answer may take the form of:

- (a) a direct oral answer;
- (b) where the desired information is in a publication of the Council or other published work, a reference to that publication; or
- (c) where the reply cannot conveniently be given orally, a written answer circulated later to the questioner.

4.10.5 Time Limit

The maximum time for Members' questions shall not normally exceed 24 minutes, and the Mayor shall have discretion to limit the questions as he or she shall see fit.

4.10.6 Reference of Question to the Cabinet or a Committee

Any Member may move that a matter raised by a question be referred to the Cabinet or the appropriate Committee. Once seconded, such a motion will be voted on without discussion.

4.10.7 Any question or statement which cannot be dealt with because of lack of time will be dealt with in writing in accordance with paragraph 10.5 (c).

4.10.8 Questions on Notice at Committees, Panels or Sub- Committees

A Member of a Committee, Panel or Sub-Committee may, upon giving notice, ask the Chair of it one question on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties, or which affect the Borough and which falls within the Terms of Reference of that Committee, Panel or Sub-Committee

Council

Report Summary Sheet

Date:

17th April 2024

Subject:

Timetable of Committee Meetings 2024/25 & 2025/26

Portfolio:

Finance & Corporate

From:

Assistant Director – Democracy and Governance

Summary:

1. In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 and Part 4 - Rules of Procedure 4A – Council Procedure Rules of the Constitution, the programme of meetings will be approved and decided at the Council's Annual Meeting. Therefore, this report provides Council with the provisional timetables for the next two municipal years with a view of seeking full approval at Council's Annual Meeting.
2. Appendix A includes a provisional timetable of meetings for the 2024/25 Municipal Year and Appendix B includes a provisional timetable of meetings for the 2025/2026 Municipal Year.
3. The report seeks approval from Council to begin implementing the provisional timetable of committee meetings for the 2024/25 and 2025/26 Municipal Year.

Recommendations:

1. The provisional timetable of committee meetings set out in Appendix A and Appendix B be approved to permit officers to begin planning and implementing the provisional timetable; and
2. Council notes the requirement to seek formal approval of the timetable at the forthcoming Annual Council.

Options:

1. Approve; or
2. Not approve.

Reasons:

It is recommended to approve the recommendations to ensure compliance with the Local Government Act 1972 and to ensure meetings are provisionally scheduled prior to the 2024/2025 Municipal Year to ensure efficient decision-making arrangements are in place with regards to Council business and associated activities.

Consultation undertaken with Members/Officers/Stakeholders

Management Team
Cabinet
Leaders of each Group

Subject to call-in:

No

To ensure the meetings are arranged and setup without delay to ensure Council business takes place.

Ward relevance:

All

Forward plan:

No

Building a Better Borough Aim:

All – to ensure efficient decision-making arrangements are in place with regards to Council business and associated activities.

Building a Better Borough Priority:

All – to ensure efficient decision-making arrangements are in place with regards to Council business and associated activities.

Relevant statutes or policy:

Local Government Act 1972
Council Constitution: Part 4 - Rules of Procedure - 4A – Council Procedure Rules of the Constitution.

Equalities Implications:

Not applicable

Human resources implications:

No direct financial implications but should Council not approve the provisional timetable, it risks sufficient and efficient decision-making arrangements in place regarding Council business and associated activities, and poses a risk to internal officer capacity to reschedule meetings at a later date. It may also pose a risk to elected member availability in order to ensure meetings meet the quorate required.

Financial implications:

No direct financial implications.

Health Inequalities Implications:

No direct financial implications.

Section 17 Crime & Disorder Implications:

No direct financial implications.

Risk management implications:

Failing to approve the provisional timetable poses a risk that sufficient and efficient decision-making arrangements are not in place which could therefore result in a delay to key decisions and implementing arrangements to conduct Council business. This could lead to risk management implications for service delivery.

Environmental implications:

No direct financial implications.

Legal implications:

There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report.

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NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to: Council

From: 17th April 2024

Subject: Timetable of Committee Meetings 2024/25 & 2025/26

Portfolio: Finance & Corporate

Building a Better Borough Aim: All

Building a Better Borough Priority: All

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. To seek approval from Council to begin planning and implementing the provisional timetable of committee meetings for the 2024/25 and 2025/26 Municipal Year.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The provisional timetable of committee meetings set out in Appendix A and Appendix B be approved to permit officers to begin planning and implementing the provisional timetable; and
- 2.2. Council notes the requirement to seek formal approval of the timetable at the forthcoming Annual Council.

3. Background

- 3.1. In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, Appendix A and Appendix B sets out the meetings required to undertake Council business, associated activities and efficient decision-making arrangements.
- 3.2. Part 4 - Rules of Procedure and 4A – Council Procedure Rules of the Constitution states the programme will be approved and decided at the Council's Annual Meeting. Therefore, this report provides Council with the provisional timetable with a view of seeking full approval at Council's Annual Meeting.

4. Body of Report

- 4.1. Appendix A includes a provisional timetable of meetings for the 2024/25 Municipal Year and Appendix B includes a provisional timetable of

meetings for the 2025/2026 Municipal Year. It includes the core Council meetings such as:

- Annual Council;
 - Full Council;
 - Cabinet;
 - Statutory and Non-Statutory Committees; and
 - Overview and Scrutiny Panels.
- 4.2. Meetings are scheduled to commence at 6:00pm at the Town Hall unless otherwise stated in the timetable. Every effort has been made to avoid holding meetings during school holiday periods, with particular reference to August. However, where necessary this may not be possible for a small number of meetings where time limits apply for the determination of applications and/or key decisions (Budget & Council Tax Setting).
- 4.3. If approved, and subject to approval at the forthcoming Annual Council, minor changes to the proposed timetable contained in Appendix A and B (such as a meeting cancellation or date change) shall be undertaken via a formal public notice.
- 4.4. Any significant or major changes to the timetable of committee meetings (such as a change in meeting remit, terms of reference, responsibilities) resulting in a change to the Constitution would require consideration and approval by the Constitution Review Working Party, the Audit and Standards Committee then by Full Council. In this event, it would be treated as an in-year amendment following consideration and relevant approvals.

5. Appendices

- 5.1. Appendix A - Provisional Timetable 2024 – 2025
- 5.2. Appendix B - Provisional Timetable 2025 – 2026

6. Background Papers

None.

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL**PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS****2024/2025**

Day	Date	Location	Time	Title
Wednesday	15 th May	Town Hall	6.00pm	Annual Council
Tuesday	21 st May	Town Hall	*5.30pm	Planning Applications
Wednesday	22 nd May	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Monday	27 th May			Bank Holiday
Thursday	6 th June	Town Hall	6.00pm	Finance and Public Service OSP (Perf Q4 & end of year)
Wednesday	12 th June	Town Hall	6.00pm	Employment
Thursday	13 th June	Town Hall	6.00pm	Housing, Environment and Health OSP (Perf Q4 & end of year)
Tuesday	18 th June	Town Hall	6.00pm	Planning Applications
Wednesday	19 th June	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Thursday	20 th June	Town Hall	6.00pm	Business and Regeneration OSP (Perf Q4 & end of year)
Wednesday	26 th June	Town Hall	6.00pm	Licencing
Tuesday	2 nd July	Town Hall	6.00pm	Audit & Standards
Wednesday	3 rd July	Town Hall	6.00pm	Council
Thursday	9 th July	Town Hall	6.00pm	Shareholder Committee
Tuesday	16 th July	Town Hall	6.00pm	Planning Applications
Wednesday	17 th July	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Monday	26 th August			Bank Holiday
Tuesday	3 rd September	Town Hall	*5.30pm	Planning Applications
Tuesday	10 th September	Town Hall	6.00pm	Audit & Standards
Wednesday	11 th September	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Wednesday	18 th September	Town Hall	6.00pm	Council
Tuesday	24 th September	Town Hall	5.30pm*	Planning Applications
Wednesday	25 th September	Town Hall	6.00pm	Licencing

*Planning Applications Committee start times are 5.30p.m. to consider confidential items and 6.00p.m. if there are no confidential items.

Day	Date	Location	Time	Title
Thursday	26 th September	Town Hall	6.00pm	Finance and Public Service OSP
Tuesday	1 st October	Town Hall	6.00pm	Civic Honours Sub Committee
Thursday	3 rd October	Town Hall	6,00pm	Housing, Environment and Health OSP
Wednesday	9 th October	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Tuesday	15 th October	Town Hall	6.00pm	Shareholder Committee
Thursday	17 th October	Town Hall	6.00pm	Business, Regeneration and Planning OSP
Tuesday	22 nd October	Town Hall	*5.30pm	Planning Applications
Wednesday	6 th November	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Tuesday	12 th November	Town Hall	6.00pm	Audit & Standards
Tuesday	19 th November	Town Hall	*5.30pm	Planning Applications
Wednesday	4 th December	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Tuesday	10 th December	Town Hall	6.00pm	Borough Plan
Wednesday	11 th December	Town Hall	6.00pm	Council
Thursday	12 th December	Town Hall	6.00pm	Employment
Tuesday	17 th December	Town Hall	*5.30pm	Planning Applications
Wednesday	18 th December	Town Hall	6.00pm	Licencing
Wednesday	25 th December			Bank Holiday
Thursday	26 th December			Bank Holiday
Friday	27 th December			Offices Closed
Monday	30 th December			Offices Closed
Tuesday	31 st December			Offices Closed
		2025		
Wednesday	1 st January			Bank Holiday
Tuesday	14 th January	Town Hall	*5.30pm	Planning Applications
Wednesday	15 th January	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Tuesday	21 st January	Town Hall	6.00pm	Audit & Standards
Wednesday	22 nd January	Town Hall	6.00pm	Extraordinary Council (Civic)
Thursday	23 rd January	Town Hall	6.00pm	Finance and Public Service

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Day	Date	Location	Time	Title
				OSP
Tuesday	28 th January	Town Hall	6.00pm	Shareholder Committee
Wednesday	29 th January	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Thursday	30 th January	Town Hall	6.00pm	Housing, Environment and Health OSP
Thursday	6 th February	Town Hall	6.00pm	Business, Regeneration and Planning OSP
Tuesday	11 th February	Town Hall	*5.30pm	Planning Applications
Wednesday	12 th February	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet (Budget & Council Tax Setting)
Wednesday	19 th February	Town Hall	6.00pm	Council (Budget & Council Tax Setting)
Wednesday	5 th March	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Tuesday	11 th March	Town Hall	*5.30pm	Planning Applications
Wednesday	19 th March	Town Hall	6.00pm	Licensing
Tuesday	1 st April	Town Hall	6.00pm	Audit & Standards
Wednesday	2 nd April	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Thursday	3 rd April	Town Hall	6.00pm	Shareholder Committee
Tuesday	8 th April	Town Hall	6.00pm	Planning Applications
Wednesday	9 th April	Town Hall	6.00pm	Council
Friday	18 th April			Offices closed – Good Friday
Monday	21 st April			Offices closed – Easter Monday
Thursday	1 st May *			Election (WCC)
Monday	5 th May			Bank Holiday
Tuesday	13 th May	Town Hall	6.00pm	Planning Applications
Wednesday	14 th May	Town Hall	6.00pm	Annual Council

*Elections to Warwickshire County Council take place 1st May 2025.

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NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS
2025/2026

Day	Date	Location	Time	Title
Wednesday	14 th May	Town Hall	6.00pm	Annual Council
Tuesday	20 th May	Town Hall	*5.30pm	Planning Applications
Wednesday	21 st May	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Monday	26 th May			Bank Holiday
Thursday	5 th June	Town Hall	6.00pm	Finance and Public Service OSP (Perf Q4 & end of year)
Wednesday	11 th June	Town Hall	6.00pm	Employment
Thursday	12 th June	Town Hall	6.00pm	Housing, Environment and Health OSP (Perf Q4 & end of year)
Tuesday	17 th June	Town Hall	6.00pm	Planning Applications
Wednesday	18 th June	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Wednesday	25 th June	Town Hall	6.00pm	Licencing
Thursday	26 th June	Town Hall	6.00pm	Business and Regeneration OSP (Perf Q4 & end of year)
Tuesday	1 st July	Town Hall	6.00pm	Audit & Standards
Wednesday	2 nd July	Town Hall	6.00pm	Council
Thursday	10 th July	Town Hall	6.00pm	Shareholder Committee
Tuesday	15 th July	Town Hall	6.00pm	Planning Applications
Wednesday	16 th July	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Monday	25 th August			Bank Holiday
Tuesday	2 nd September	Town Hall	*5.30pm	Planning Applications
Tuesday	9 th September	Town Hall	6.00pm	Audit & Standards
Wednesday	10 th September	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Wednesday	17 th September	Town Hall	6.00pm	Council
Tuesday	23 rd September	Town Hall	5.30pm*	Planning Applications
Wednesday	24 th September	Town Hall	6.00pm	Licencing

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Day	Date	Location	Time	Title
Thursday	25 th September	Town Hall	6.00pm	Finance and Public Service OSP
Wednesday	1 st October	Town Hall	6.00pm	Civic Honours Sub Committee
Thursday	2 nd October	Town Hall	6,00pm	Housing, Environment and Health OSP
Wednesday	8 th October	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Tuesday	14 th October	Town Hall	6.00pm	Shareholder Committee
Thursday	16 th October	Town Hall	6.00pm	Business, Regeneration and Planning OSP
Tuesday	21 st October	Town Hall	*5.30pm	Planning Applications
Wednesday	5 th November	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Tuesday	11 th November	Town Hall	6.00pm	Audit & Standards
Tuesday	18 th November	Town Hall	*5.30pm	Planning Applications
Wednesday	3 rd December	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Wednesday	10 th December	Town Hall	6.00pm	Council
Thursday	11 th December	Town Hall	6.00pm	Employment
Tuesday	16 th December	Town Hall	*5.30pm	Planning Applications
Wednesday	17 th December	Town Hall	6.00pm	Licencing
Thursday	25 th December			Bank Holiday
Friday	26 th December			Bank Holiday
Monday	29 th December			Offices Closed
Tuesday	30 th December			Offices Closed
Wednesday	31 st December			Offices Closed
		2026		
Thursday	1 st January			Bank Holiday
Tuesday	13 th January	Town Hall	*5.30pm	Planning Applications
Wednesday	14 th January	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Tuesday	20 th January	Town Hall	6.00pm	Audit & Standards
Wednesday	21 st January	Town Hall	6.00pm	Extraordinary Council (Civic)
Thursday	22 nd January	Town Hall	6.00pm	Finance and Public Service OSP

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Day	Date	Location	Time	Title
Tuesday	27 th January	Town Hall	6.00pm	Shareholder Committee
Wednesday	28 th January	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Thursday	29 th January	Town Hall	6.00pm	Housing, Environment and Health OSP
Thursday	5 th February	Town Hall	6.00pm	Business, Regeneration and Planning OSP
Tuesday	10 th February	Town Hall	*5.30pm	Planning Applications
Wednesday	11 th February	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet (Budget & Council Tax Setting)
Wednesday	18 th February	Town Hall	6.00pm	Council (Budget & Council Tax Setting)
Wednesday	4 th March	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Tuesday	10 th March	Town Hall	*5.30pm	Planning Applications
Wednesday	11 th March	Town Hall	6.00pm	Licensing
Tuesday	17 th March	Town Hall	6.00pm	Audit & Standards
Thursday	19 th March	Town Hall	6.00pm	Shareholder Committee
Friday	3rd April			Offices closed – Good Friday
Monday	6 th April			Offices closed – Easter Monday
Tuesday	21 st April	Town Hall	6.00pm	Planning Applications
Wednesday	22 nd April	Town Hall	6.00pm	Cabinet
Wednesday	29 th April	Town Hall	6.00pm	Council
				Election (WCC)
Monday	4 th May			Bank Holiday
Tuesday	12 th May	Town Hall	6.00pm	Planning Applications
Wednesday	13 th May	Town Hall	6.00pm	Annual Council

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Report to: Business, Regeneration and Planning Overview & Scrutiny Panel - 8th February 2024 (updated following the meeting)									
Title: Business, Regeneration and Planning Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report 2023/24 (for Full Council on 17th April 2024)									
Date Made	OSP	Item	Added Value - Social, Policy or Financial	Outcome	Date Implemented	Date of next Review	Recommendations	Response	
a) 06/07/2023 b) 19/10/2023 c) 08/02/2024 d) 25/04/2024	BRP OSP	Integrated Performance Report A report of the Risk Management and Performance Officer.		a)The contents of the report be noted. b)The contents of the report be noted. c)The contents of the report be noted d) tbc	N/A	Jul-24	None	N/A	
06/07/2023	BRP OSP	Town Centres Update A report of the Assistant Director – Economy to provide the Panel with an update on the Q1 2023/24 Town Centre KPI's.		The Contents of the report be noted	N/A	Jul-24	None	N/A	
06/07/2023	BRP OSP	CWLEP Update An update was provided to the Panel		The contents of the report be noted.	N/A	N/A	None	N/A	
19/10/2023	BRP OSP	Councillor Call for Action – The Kingsholme Site, Nuneaton The Head of Regeneration and Estates submitted a briefing note to provide the Panel with background information in respect of the Kingsholme Public House, and an update on the situation in the light of the Councillor Call for Action that had been received. The completed Call for Action Request form was available to Panel members at the meeting, along with the previous Councillor Call for Action form that had been submitted in 2010.		a) he contents of the report be noted; and b) this item be deferred to the next Business, Regeneration and Planning Overview and Scrutiny Panel, to allow for a representative from Planning to attend alongside the Head of Regeneration and Estates.	07/12/2023	Dec-23	More information on S. 79 required	at Dec 2023 meeting	
19/10/2023	BRP OSP	Removal of Lily Pad Water Feature A report of the Principal Building Surveyor (Corporate Assets) provided an opportunity for the Panel to review the process of the removal of the Lily Pad water feature and additional seating.		The contents of the report be noted	N/A	N/A	None	N/A	
19/10/2023	BRP OSP	Public Space Protection Orders Review The Head of Economic Development and Communities provided a report which gave the Panel an opportunity to give their views on the effectiveness and monitoring arrangements of the orders.		The contents of the report be noted.	N/A	Oct-24	None	N/A	
07/12/2023	BRP OSP	Review of Planning Practices and Procedures A report of the Assistant Director – Planning provided the Panel with an opportunity to scrutinise the effectiveness of the measures being put in place in the Planning Service, in relation to the approval of extensions to properties to ensure they meet legislative and Policy requirements.		a) the report be noted; b) it be noted that the Council is committed to improving the planning service through an ongoing restructure and investment in the planning service; and c) the specific measures being put in place to avoid similar costs against the Council in the future be noted.	N/A	N/A	Members to get an opportunity to preview the new software.	N/A	

07/12/2023	BRP OSP	Councillor Call for Action – The Kingsholme Site, Nuneaton The Assistant Director - Planning submitted a briefing note to provide the Panel with background information in respect of the Kingsholme Public House, and an update on the situation in the light of the Councillor Call for Action that had been received. Councillors were advised that a demolition notice had been received by the site owner to the Planning Department. The completed Call for Action Request form was available to Panel members at the meeting, along with the previous Councillor Call for Action form that had been submitted in 2010.		a) the contents of the report be noted; and b) the Panel and the Members who submitted the Call for Action be kept up to date, particularly in relation to demolition information and dates.	N/A	N/A	Panel Members to be kept up-to-date	N/A
07/12/2023	BRP OSP	Nuneaton Town Centre Development Update The Head of Regeneration and Estates updated Members on the continued work to promote and bring forward development opportunities in Nuneaton Town Centre.		The contents of the report be noted.	N/A	Dec-24	None	N/A
07/12/2023	BRP OSP	Town Centres Update The Assistant Director – Economy provided a report which advised Members on the Q2 2023-24 town centre KPI's, including information relation to footfall, car parking revenues and market stalls.		The contents of the report be noted.	N/A	Dec-24	None	N/A
08/02/2024	BRP OSP	Biodiversity offsetting monies within S106 legal agreements The objective of the report is therefore to scrutinise the effectiveness of the Council's use of monies for environmental offsetting and mitigation included in planning application S.106 contributions.		The contents of the report be noted.	N/A	Feb-25		
08/02/2024	BRP OSP	Nuneaton BID (Business Improvement District) A report present the Business Plan for the proposed Nuneaton BID (Business Improvement District) that will be going to ballot on the 20th February		That the development of Nuneaton Business Improvement District and BID Business Plan be supported.	N/A	Feb-25		
08/02/2024	BRP OSP	BRP OSP Annual Report An Overview of the items looked at by the OSP		That the report be noted.	N/A	Feb-25	For consideration by Full Council	
25/04/2024	BRP OSP	Council Owned Land and Leases		tbc		Apr-25		

Report to: Housing, Environment and Health Overview & Scrutiny Panel - 1st February 2024 (updated following the meeting)

Title: Housing, Environment and Health Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report 2023/24 (For Full Council on 17th April 2024)

Date Made	OSP	Item	Added Value - Social, Policy or Financial	Outcome	Date Implemented	Date of next Review	Recommendations	Response
29/06/2023	HEH OSP	Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy Annual Review (including JSNA). A presentation of the Director of Public Health provided the Panel with an update on strategy priorities, progress and plans for 2023/24.		a) the contents of the presentation be noted; and b) the HWBB Chair at WCC be contacted in relation to concerns raised about loneliness.	N/A	Jun-24	Contact with the NWBB Chair at WCC	Email update to panel from WCC sent to Panel
29/06/2023	HEH OSP	Autism Waits Progress Report A progress report from the Medical Director (CWPT), Senior Joint Commissioner for Learning Disabilities and Autism, Director of Joint Commissioning and General Manager of Community Learning Disabilities and Neurodevelopment (CWPT), provided the Panel with an update on the Neurodevelopmental Services waiting list for Autism assessments.		The contents of the report be noted.	N/A	-	None	
29/06/2023	HEH OSP	The Impact of Anti-Social Behaviour on the Housing Revenue Account A report of the Assistant Director – Social Housing and Community Safety provided an update on the impact of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA), in particular the monetary impact.		The contents of the report be noted.	N/A	Jun-24	None	
a) 29/06/2023 b) 05/10/2023 c) 01/12/2024 d) 18/04/2024	HEH OSP	Integrated Performance Report A report of the Audit and Governance Manager and Governance, Risk Management and Performance Officer.		a) The contents of the report be noted b) The contents of the report be noted c) The contents of the report be noted d) tbc	N/A	Jun-24	None	
June 2023	HEH OSP	Improving Stroke Services in Coventry and Warwickshire Briefing Note Update (via Email)		Briefing note received via email for information	N/A		None	
October 2024	HEH OSP	Arboriculture Update To receive an update on the arboriculture/tree strategy (Via Email)		Update received via email.	N/A		None	
05/10/2023	HEH OSP	Monitoring of the Grounds Maintenance Contract A report of the Parks and Greenspace Manager and Glendale Grounds Management Ltd provided the Panel with information on the performance of the Ground's Maintenance Contract.		The contents of the report be noted	N/A	Oct-24	Thanks were passed onto staff and Glendale operatives for substantial improvements over the last year.	
05/10/2023	HEH OSP	NABSCOP Community Safety Report – Quarter One (2023/24) A report of the Head of Economic Development and Communities provided an opportunity for the Panel to scrutinise the Community Safety information provided for Quarter one (2023/24). Police Inspector K. Shore was also in attendance.		The contents of the report were noted	N/A	Oct-24	None	

05/10/2023	HEH OSP	Empty Property Update – Private Sector A report of the Head of Home Environment Services presented by the Assistant Director for Strategic Housing, provided an update following the June 2022 report, allowing Panel Members an opportunity to scrutinise the information provided.		The contents of the report were noted	N/A		None	
23/11/2023	HEH OSP	Emotional Well-Being and Mental Health Support for Children and Young People in Warwickshire A report of the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Mental Health and Emotional Well-Being to provide the Panel with an update on the Warwickshire Children and Young People's Emotional Well-being and Mental Health Services including the Rise Service.		The contents of the report were noted	N/A		None	
23/11/2023	HEH OSP	Petition – Closure of Pool Bank Street Carpark A petition was received in relation to the closure of Pool Bank Street carpark.		The petition was noted	N/A		None	
23/11/2023	HEH OSP	Community and Voluntary Sector (WVACA and CAB) Performance Report The Director for Housing and Community Safety provided a report which gave the Panel an opportunity to scrutinise information pertaining to Warwickshire Community and Voluntary Action (WCAVA) and the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) during the first two quarters of 2023/23.		The contents of the report were noted	N/A	Nov-25	None	
23/11/2023	HEH OSP	Damp and Mould Inspection Performance The Assistant Director – Social Housing and Community Safety and the Responsive Repairs Manager presented a report which updated the Panel on the Social Housing (Regulation) Act 2023 and the Council's management of damp and mould in their properties.		The contents of the report were reviewed and noted.	N/A	Nov-25	None	
23/11/2023	HEH OSP	Tenant Satisfaction Measures A report of The Assistant Director – Social Housing and Community Safety provided the Panel with information relating to the outcome of the new Tenant Satisfaction Measures, required as part of the Social Housing (Regulation) Act 2023.		The contents of the report be considered and noted	N/A		None	
31/01/2024	HEH OSP	Primary Care/General Practice An email update to inform the Panel of the future plans for Primary Care.		Email update briefing report sent to Panel Members on 31/01/2024	N/A			
01/02/2024	HEH OSP	Air Quality Management – Monitoring of the 2 current Air Quality Management Areas and What is Being Done to Mitigate These A report of the Safety and Environmental Health Manager gave Panel Members the opportunity to scrutinise the Air Quality Management at NBBC including monitoring and mitigation as set out in the most recent Annual Status Report (2023).		a)the report be noted; b)any recommendations or suggestions given at this meeting be considered at the next meeting of the Air Quality Steering Group; c)In light of the evidence provided to the Committee that Nitrogen Dioxide concentrations have not passed the objective threshold in the last ten years, the revocation of Air Quality Management Area 1 be endorsed by the Panel. Further, the continuation of Air Quality Monitoring in the areas of new and proposed housing be supported by the Panel.	Reported to next meeting of Steering Group	Feb-24	Recommendations to steering group. Revocation of Air Quality Management Area 1	

01/02/2024	HEH OSP	WFRS - Resourcing to Risk Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service are currently consulting on a proposed new delivery model which aligns resources to risk. The consultation started in December and closes on the 10th March. This is an opportunity to learn more about the proposals and ask any questions Members may have.		The presentation and report be noted.	N/A		Panel Members and residents respond to consultation	
01/02/2024	HEH OSP	HEH OSP Annual Report An Overview of the items looked at by the OSP		The report be noted		Feb-25	For consideration by Full Council	
08/02/2024	BRP OSP	A yearly monitoring report including details of spend of Section 106 monies and biodiversity net gain within and external to the sites/ Oversight of the allocation of monies for environmental offsetting and mitigation included in planning applications S.106 contributions. A joint item between the HEH OSP and BRP OSP, on the agenda of the BRP OSP on 8th February 2024		The report be noted	N/A			
18/04/2024	HEH OSP	Healthwatch The concerns and priorities for Healthwatch		tbc				
18/04/2024	HEH OSP	George Eliot Hospital Update presentation from the GEH on the current services and funding situation, including the provision of additional hospice beds		tbc				
18/04/2024	HEH OSP	Armed Forces Covenant An update including highlights about what NBBC are doing in relation to the Armed Forces Covenant.		tbc				
18/04/2024	HEH OSP	Addressing Teen Conception in Nuneaton and Bedworth Update in the current rates of teenage conception in the Borough together with the Address Teenage Conception Task and Finish Group Action Plan update.		tbc				
18/04/2024	HEH OSP	Warwickshire Police and Crime Plan To bring an update on the Police and Crime Plan.		tbc				
		Deferred Reports NABSCOP Strategic Assessment (due Nov 24 - report every two years)						

Report to: Finance and Public Service Overview & Scrutiny Panel

Title: Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report 2023-24

Date Made	OSP	Item	Added Value - Social, Policy or Financial	Outcome	Date Implemented	Date of next Review	Recommendations	Response
a) 08/06/2023, b) 21/09/2023, c) 25/01/2024, d) 14/03/24	FPS OSP	Integrated Performance Report - 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 a) Fourth Quarter (End of Year) 2022/23 b) First Quarter 2023/24, c) Second Quarter 2023/24, d) Third Quarter 2023/24		a) The contents of the report be noted. b)The contents of the report be noted; and information on the new website (and risks) be brought to a future scrutiny panel meeting. c) The contents of the report be noted; and a breakdown of the Member Enquiry requests into different types would be detailed in future performance reports d) The contents of the report be noted; and the data on the Member Enquiry requests be split into grounds maintenance, fly tipping, and waste management and brought to the next panel.	n/a	TBD	None	N/A
08/06/2023	FPS OSP	Cultural Strategy - The Museum and Art Gallery submitted a report providing the panel with a report to share the Cultural Strategy for the Borough		a) the proposed strategy for Culture be noted; b) the draft strategy be approved as written;and c) It be recommended to Cabinet that the cultural stragy be formally approved and adopted, with the proviso that i) this strategy document be reviewed and updated once the future Civic Hall is known; and ii) that Cabinet be given details of the demographics relating to those who completed the survey (including information about the Wards)	n/a	TBD	None	Cabinet - 23rd September 2023 CB42 (Min reference) a) the Cultural Strategy as at Appendix A of the report be adopted; and b) Delegated Authority be given to the Assistant Director – Recreation & Culture in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Public Services to implement the Strategy.
08/06/2023	FPS OSP	Active for Life Reports Annual Report April 2022 - March 2023 - the Leisure and Health Manager submitted a report to provide the Panel with an Overview of projects, initiatives and ongoing activities that were delivered by the Sports Development Team during the year		The contents of the report be noted.	n/a	TBD	None	N/A

28/06/2023	FPS OSP	Bedworth Civic Hall Call In - At the Cabinet meeting held on Wednesday 24th May, the Strategic Director - Public Services submitted a report detailing an update on the progression of the venue with regards to the lease and procurement process. Cabinet approved the report and on the 8th June 2023 the opposition called in the decision for it to be considered by the Finance and Public Services OSP. The call in as detailed in the agenda was accepted but only in part in its reference to 'Third Sector Model'	a) the debate be noted; b) the recommendations approved by Cabinet on 24th May remain as follows i) the proposed selection criteria at Appendix 1 of the report be approved; and ii) Delegated Authority be given to the Strategic Director – Finance & Governance and Strategic Director – Economy & Transformation in consultation with the Leisure & Health Manager and Portfolio Holder for Public Services to undertake the selection exercise in accordance with the timetable as set out at Appendix 2 of the report; and c) the outcome of the OSP be referred to Cabinet as appropriate	n/a	TBD	None	Cabinet - 26th July 2023 a) the Council Minute of CL40 be not amended at this time; b) Delegated Authority be given to the Strategic Directors – Finance & Governance and Economy & Transformation in consultation with the Assistant Director Recreation & Culture and Portfolio Holder for Public Services to undertake the selection exercise to award a lease agreement in accordance with the timetable as set out at Appendix 2 from 27th July 2023; and c) Delegated Authority be given to the Strategic Directors – Finance & Governance and Economy & Transformation in consultation with the Assistant Director Recreation & Culture
21/09/2023	FPS OSP	Managing Attendance of the Council's Workforce - The Head of People and Culture submitted a report to provide the 2022/23 end of year performance for Sickness Absence, and to ask the Panel to scrutinise the work activity and trends relating to the Attendance Management of the Council's Workforce. Additionally, the Panel were asked to consider the additional initiatives that have been used in an effort to improve attendance.	a) the information contained within the Appendices be noted; and b) that feedback and comments for consideration be given to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate.	n/a	TBD	None	N/A
25/01/2024	FPS OSP	Everyone Active Leisure Contract Report 2022 to 2023 - Representatives from Everyone Active presented the Panel with the Everyone Active Annual Report updating on the years challenges and progressions. (EXEMPT ITEM)	The contents of the report and presentation be noted	n/a	TBD	None	N/A
14/03/2024	FPS OSP	Waste Management Performance Report - The Assistant Director - Environment and Enforcement presented the Panel with a report which provided the Panel with an update regarding waste management and environmental enforcements.	The contents of the update be noted.	n/a	TBD	None	N/A

14/03/2024	FPS OSP	Sub-Regional Materials Recycling Facility - The Assistant Director - Environment and Enforcement provided an update regarding Sub-Regional Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) located at Whitley in Coventry.		The contents of the report be noted.	n/a	TBD	None	N/A
14/03/2024	FPS OSP	Museum Performance Report - The Museum and Arts Manager submitted a report to the panel with information on the performance of the museum service during the calendar years 2022-3.		The contents of the report be noted.	n/a	TBD	None	N/A

Outstanding reports/briefing notes for FPS OSP : -
Capital Strategy and Asset Management Plan (deferred until June 2024), Allotment Action Plan (Member Briefing deferred until New Allotment Strategy in place), Budget and update of cost for the refurbishment of 196-198 Church Road to Temporary Accommodation (deferred until June 2024), Independent Living Unit (remodelling) (deferred until December 2024 after HRA Business Plan Review), Homeless Hostel Conversion (deferred until December 2024 after HRA Business Plan Review), Environmental Sustainability Strategy (to be confirmed), Gambling (to be confirmed), Impact of Welfare Reform on Housing (to be confirmed)



Report Summary Sheet

Date: 20 February 2024

Subject: Regeneration Update – Capital Programme and Hotel Local Authority Trading Company

Portfolio: Business & Regeneration

From:

Strategic Director – Economy and Transformation

Strategic Director – Finance and Governance

Summary:

To seek authority from Cabinet to establish a Local Authority Trading Company to support the management of the Hotel at Grayson Place, and to provide an update to Cabinet, on the proposed revised Regeneration programme.

Recommendations:

1. Cabinet approves the proposed revised Capital Regeneration Programme for the purpose of budget setting, and that delegated authority be granted to the Strategic Director – Economy and Transformation to enter associated contracts to support the delivery of the programme.
2. Delegated authority granted to the Strategic Director – Economy and Transformation and the Strategic Director – Finance and Governance to adjust the Regeneration Capital Programme, within and up to the total level of capital borrowing detailed, to allow for any new funding sources secured, or variance within the programme.

3. Cabinet approves the establishment of a company which would be limited by shares and owned wholly by the council for the purpose of the Hampton by Hilton hotel operation.
4. Cabinet approves that the company trading name will be registered as “Grayson Place (NBBC) Ltd”.
5. Delegated authority granted to the Strategic Director – Economy and Transformation and the Strategic Director – Finance and Governance to implement governance and board membership arrangements, to establish the local authority trading company and any other activities required in association with the set-up of the trading company.
6. Cabinet recommends to the Council the revision of the NABCEL Shareholder Committee, to Shareholder Committee with amended terms of reference to include Grayson Place (NBBC) Ltd and any future company(ies) that the Council may establish/ jointly establish.
7. 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.

Options:

Continue without either setting up a Local Authority Trading Company or revising the Capital Programme.

Recommend an alternative action.

Reasons:

The Council requires a Local Authority Trading Company to support the management relationship of the hotel operations.

The Regeneration Programme has required revision following changing economic conditions.

Consultation undertaken with Members/Officers/Stakeholders

Cabinet

Strategic Management Team

Project Partners

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Subject to call-in: No The report is 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.
Ward relevance: All
Forward plan: Yes

Building a Better Borough Aim: Building a Better Borough Aim: 3 (Visit)
Building a Better Borough Priority: Building a Better Borough Priority: All
Relevant statutes or policy: Local Government Act 2003 Localism Act 2011

Equalities Implications:

N/A

Human resources implications:

As detailed in the report.

Financial implications:

As detailed in the report.

Health Inequalities Implications:

N/A

Section 17 Crime & Disorder Implications:

The regeneration of the Borough is likely to have a positive impact on social factors such as crime and disorder.

Risk management implications:

As detailed in the report.

Environmental implications:

N/A

Legal implications:

As detailed in the report.

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AGENDA ITEM NO.12a

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to: Cabinet

From: Strategic Director – Economy and Transformation

Subject: Regeneration Update – Capital Programme and Hotel Local Authority Trading Company

Portfolio: Business & Regeneration

Building a Better Borough Aim: 3 (Visit)

Building a Better Borough Priority: All

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. To seek Cabinet approval on the proposed revised Regeneration Capital Programme.
- 1.2. To seek Cabinet's agreement in principle to the creation of a local authority trading company to allow the Council to explore trading in a way that optimises the potential of its resources, reduces liability against the Council as well as contributing to the medium-term financial planning and sustainability of the Council's financial affairs.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Cabinet approves the proposed revised Capital Regeneration Programme for the purpose of budget setting, and that delegated authority be granted to the Strategic Director – Economy and Transformation to enter associated contracts to support the delivery of the programme.
- 2.2. Delegated authority be granted to the Strategic Director – Economy and Transformation and the Strategic Director – Finance and Governance to adjust the Regeneration Capital Programme, within and up to the total level of capital borrowing detailed, to allow for any new funding sources secured, or variance within the programme.
- 2.3. Cabinet approves the establishment of a company which would be limited by shares and owned wholly by the council for the purpose of the Hampton by Hilton hotel operation.

- 2.4. Cabinet approves that the company trading name will be registered as “Grayson Place (NBBC) Ltd”.
- 2.5. Delegated authority be granted to the Strategic Director – Economy and Transformation and the Strategic Director – Finance and Governance to implement governance and board membership arrangements, to establish the local authority trading company and any other activities required in association with the set-up of the trading company.
- 2.6. Cabinet recommends to the Council the revision of the NABCEL Shareholder Committee, to Shareholder Committee with amended terms of reference to include Grayson Place (NBBC) Ltd and any future company(ies) that the Council may establish/ jointly establish.
- 2.7. 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.

3. Background

Capital Regeneration Programme

- 3.1. The Council has been successful in securing Government funding from Future High Streets Funding, Towns Fund and Levelling Up Fund.
- 3.2. The business cases for the projects were completed and based on conditions in 2018/19. Since these were approved in 2020, national and international forces have negatively impacted the economic context. This is particularly evident in the substantial increase in inflation and interest rates. A number of local authorities have experienced challenges in regard to the delivery of capital projects, particularly relating to Future High Streets, Towns Fund and Levelling Up funding.
- 3.3. The original capital commitments totalled approximately £134.63m, with £51.48m available from the three Levelling Up Funds, £10.35m available from other public sector sources, and a balance of £72.8m which is expected to come from the Council through borrowing.
- 3.4. This level of borrowing would be far in excess of NBBC’s current borrowing level against the General Fund of £8.7m (excluding housing) and would almost double the Council’s overall level of borrowing from c.£85m to c.£144m (including housing). The cost of servicing this debt would also be very significant given interest rates at the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) loans.

- 3.5. Across the country, many local authorities are suffering from significant budgetary pressures, with a number in the Midlands issuing Section 114 Notices
- 3.6. Due to these pressures, the Cabinet directed Officers, in Summer 2023, to engage the services of a strategic finance advisor to review the affordability of Capital Regeneration Programme, and to identify financially viable options to enable the delivery of a Capital Regeneration Programme.

Hotel Provision

- 3.7. A key part of the Regeneration Programme is the Hampton by Hilton Hotel. It is an anchor for future business and regeneration in the borough of Nuneaton and Bedworth and will allow the Transforming Nuneaton Master Plan to continue throughout its life.
- 3.8. The Council entered into a 'Branding and Management Agreement', following receipt of specialist advice. This advice confirmed that the Council was not required to establish a separate company, however, it may do so if it wished.
- 3.9. The hotel construction is now approaching completion, with expected practical completion June 2025. As part of its ongoing review processes, the Council has identified that a strategy is required for it to support its management obligations.
- 3.10. The Local Government Act 2003 allows local authorities to do anything for a commercial purpose that they are authorised to do for the purpose of any of their ordinary functions. The Localism Act 2011 includes a general power which allows local authorities to do anything that individuals generally do.
- 3.11. Under the Localism Act 2011, specifically regulation 4, a local authority is permitted to do things for a commercial purpose only if they are things which the authority may, in exercise of the general power, do otherwise than for a commercial purpose. Where, in exercise of the general power, a local authority does things for a commercial purpose, the authority must do them through a company. Furthermore, the act provides General Power of Competence allowing the local authority to expand their trading activities into areas not related to existing functions.

4. Options Considered

Capital Regeneration Programme

- 4.1. The results of the strategic financial advisor review indicates that the scale of the current programme, would place an unbearable pressure on the Council's General Fund, through Minimum

Revenue Provision (MRP) and interest payment contributions. To support this level of borrowing the Council would need to cut services.

- 4.2. The Council is now engaging with key stakeholders, Department of Levelling Up & Communities (DLUHC) and construction partners to reprofile the programme to reach a level of financial sustainability, whilst still providing the regenerative benefit to the Borough.
- 4.3. With respect to the Capital Programme the Council has three principle choices:
- i. To continue the Regeneration Programme as currently planned, borrowing as required and bear the revenue pressures of MRP and interest repayment. This would likely require service cuts to balance the Revenue Budget.
 - ii. To seek a revised the Regeneration Programme, to bring it in line with affordability calculations, whilst concentrating development to key projects and outcomes. This is the recommended option.
 - iii. To seek alternative funding sources. This scope of this is limited but will be explored in conjunction with option 2, to either deliver further outputs, or further reducing borrowing levels.
- 4.4. Based upon Option 2, the proposed Regeneration Capital Programme is detailed in the table below. Though the table is subject to DLUHC approval, it does present the maximum level of capital borrowing by the Council for 2024/25 and into the medium term and will form the basis of capital budget setting.

	FUNDING			
	Project Cost £'000	Grant Funding £'000	Borrowing £'000	Total Funding £'000
Grayson Place	50,819	22,520	28,300	50,820
Bridge to Living	8,117	8,117	0	8,117
Parks Revival	1,750	1,750	0	1,750
Wheat Street Junction	390	390	0	390
George Eliot Visitor Centre	223	223	0	223
The Saints	1,870	1,870	0	1,870
Corporation Street/Queens Road Junction	390	390	0	390
Visiting Nuneaton Changing Perspectives	87	87	0	87
E-mobility Hub	303	303	0	303
Bedworth Physical Activity Hub	30,600	22,120	8,480	30,600
	94,549	57,770	36,780	94,549

NB Table shows proposed positions post reallocation of grant funding to priority projects, accounting for any spend to date.

- 4.5. The proposed revisions to the Regeneration Capital Programme will concentrate grant funding onto a number of priority projects. This will produce a rephrasing and change to the programme outputs.
- 4.6. Grayson Place will be reprofiled to deliver:
 - Phase 1 – Hotel
 - Phase 2 – College, Cinema, Food Hall, former India Red refurbishment, surface carparking and public realm.
 - Phase 3 preparation – Explore residential opportunity on the remaining land once car parking has been identified.
- 4.7. The Bridge to Living project will be replanned to deliver residential outputs in line with market conditions.
- 4.8. The Parks and Museum project will be reprofiled to deliver the parks elements only, with Museum refurbishment plans paused.

The BPAH, E-Mobility Hub, George Elliot Visitor Centre and The Saints will continue as planned.

- 4.9. NBBC held grant funding will be withdrawn from Wheat Street Junction, Corporation Street/Queens Road Junction and the Weddington Road Cycle Link. These are Warwickshire County Council Led schemes, who will determine the impact of the withdrawn funding.

Hotel Provision

- 4.10. Following ongoing review, a number of issues were identified, which, without a Local Authority Trading Company (LATC) in place, would incur liabilities for the Council.
- 4.11. In order to mitigate these liabilities, the following options were considered:
 - i Continue without the use of a LATC – however this option, though technically viable would, create a direct employment relationship between the Hotel operation and NBBC, generating extended employment and tax liabilities:
 - ii Creation of a LATC – to provide separation between the NBBC and the operation of the Hotel, limiting direct employment and tax liabilities:
 - iii The sale of the hotel, or transfer to alternative organisation as would not be commercially viable for NBBC:
 - iv Terminate the Branding and Management Agreement and enter an alternative contractual arrangement to operate the Hotel –

though technically feasible, this would expose the organisation to the liabilities associated with the premature termination of the contact. Equally NBBC would then need to find an alternative operating arrangement, potentially delaying income generation from the asset.

4.12. It is therefore proposed that the Council establishes a LATC, acting as the operating arm of the hotel, should be established for the following reasons:

- i. To ensure trading activities, which are of a commercial nature, are undertaken in accordance with regulation 4 of the Localism Act 2011;
- ii. To remove employee liability and cost against the Council;
- iii. To ensure no claims of equal pay and/or employment conditions;
- iv. To remove the liability of corporation tax against the Council;
- v. To mitigate procurement risk and contractual liability against the Council;
- vi. As the LATC would be a trading company outside the Teckal rules as it wouldn't be in scope (as the LATC wouldn't be providing a service to the Council but instead the general public), it wouldn't be required to procure contracts in accordance with the public procurement regulations allowing more flexibility when/if appointing suppliers to support the operation (including those appointed by Hilton on behalf of the LATC);
- vii. As a separate legal entity from the Council, any debts accrued by the company will stay with the company and creditors would not have recourse to the council or any of the company directors, save in certain defined cases, for example, fraudulent or wrongful trading.

4.13. To exercise the power to establish a company and trade, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council must approve a business case. This report fulfils this requirement and includes a comprehensive statement covering:

- The objectives of the business;
- The investment and other resources required to achieve those objectives;
- Any risks the business might face and how significant these risks are;
- The expected financial results of the business; and
- Any other relevant outcomes that the business is expected to achieve.

5. Local Authority Trading Company

- 5.1. It is proposed that Grayson Place (NBBC) Ltd be established as the LATC to undertake all trading activities for the hotel. The objective of the LATC is to work together with the Owner (The Council) and the Operator (Hilton) to run the hotel in the open market for members of the public to utilise. It is not intended to be run as a Council service or function of the Council but would fall within the Council's enterprise and commercial portfolio.
- 5.2. The LATC should at the very least operate on a cost neutral basis and over its term, generate revenue for the Council to support its financial position in the medium to long term.
- 5.3. To ensure a level playing field with the private sector and to avoid breaching Subsidy Control rules, any company established by the Council must not be subsidised by it. This means that the local authority is expected to recover the full costs of such things as accommodation, supplies and support services that the company may use.
- 5.4. In order to establish the LATC, a business case is required. This report fulfils that requirement. In addition, a business plan will be established and updated and submitted for approval each year to a meeting of the Local Authority Trading Company (LATC) shareholder board, to guide the company in carrying out its continuing activities.

Risks

- 5.5. The LATC will face many risks over its life, predicted to be at least 20 years, which will include both internal and external risks. The key risks include:
 - i. Financial sustainability
 - a. The LATC would effectively operate subject to the revenue generated through the hotel trading activities.
 - b. The operation of the hotel would be dependent on customer demand which is influenced by external factors.
 - ii. Tax
 - a. Further detailed discussions and advice will be sought in the lead up to the commencement of trading but at this stage guidance on VAT and Corporation Tax has been made available and is outlined below:
 - iii. VAT
 1. If the income of the company exceeds £85,000 in any 12 month rolling period, it will have to register for VAT, which would mean:-
 - a. The company would have to charge VAT to its customers where appropriate.

- b. The company would have to know when, and when not, to charge VAT.
- c. VAT invoices would have to be issued by the company where appropriate.
- d. The company would be able to reclaim VAT on expenditure relating to its publicity and printing services, assuming it has VAT invoices from its suppliers for those services.
- e. The company would have to account for VAT to HMRC and send it a quarterly VAT return.

iv. Corporation Tax

- 1. This is a tax on the taxable profits of limited companies and some organisations including clubs, societies, associations, co-operatives, charities and other unincorporated bodies.
- 2. There are currently two rates of Corporation Tax, depending on the company organisation's taxable profits:-

- a. The "small profits" rate.
- b. The main rate.

- 3. The "small profits" rate is for profits not exceeding £50,000. Tax would be charged at 19 per cent.
- 4. The "main rate" of Corporation Tax is 25% for profits exceeding £250,000. If profits fall between £50,000 and £250,000 a "marginal relief" rate is calculated somewhere between the "small profits" rate and "main rate".

v. Reputational risk

- a. The establishment of a company in itself does not generate additional reputational risk to NBBC. However the organisation will need to ensure that all company law and returns are complied with. This will be managed through governance arrangements.

vi. The operational risks

- a. The establishment of a company in itself does not generate additional operational risk to NBBC. The risk has been acquired by the organisation at the point that the BAMA contract was entered into. The establishment of the company is a management strategy in this respect to ensure that liabilities, as far as possible, are limited to that of the company and not NBBC as a whole.

vii. Controls

- a. Organisational control will be managed through a combination of organisational policies, shareholder committees and board governance and audit.

6. Financial and Resource Implications

- 6.1 During the review of the feasibility of a hotel operation to be funded by the Council, a financial model was developed by external consultants to verify the assumptions and forecasts being presented by Hilton.
- 6.2 The forecasts were drawn up in 2018 and looked very positive with the initial assessment concluding that the hotel would generate approximately £845k per annum in profit prior to any corporation tax.
- 6.3 Interest rates at this time were extremely low with the Bank of England base rate sitting at 0.75% in August 2018. This is in stark contrast to today where the base rate is 5.25%.
- 6.4 The impact of such changes in interest has resulted in the overall financial viability of borrowing for regeneration far more risky and less affordable.
- 6.5 At this stage, Hilton are unable to provide an update to their original forecasted profit for the site but will provide monthly reporting on performance and will issue their anticipated budget for the hotel in October each year for challenge and inclusion in the Council's main budget for approval by Cabinet.
- 6.6 For the purposes of the budget setting process, income has been built in for 2024/25 but at a limited level and only to cover the interest costs expected in year for borrowing and the MRP of the hotel build. The hotel performance has also been included as a financial risk.
- 6.7 Setting up a company on Companies House incurs minimal costs but the set-up of the governance arrangements, Articles of Association, bank accounts, VAT registration number etc will be time consuming for existing staff. Although additional resource is not expected to be required at this stage, once the company and process around performance management of the contract with Hilton is understood, further support may be necessary. This will be reported separately if required.

7. Governance Arrangements

- 7.1. It is noted that subject to Cabinet approval, the following documents and governance arrangements would be required and implemented as per recommendation 2.2:
 - I. Business Case (Fulfilled through this report)
 - II. Shareholder's agreement or Articles of Association
 - III. Terms of Reference for boards.
 - IV. Members' agreement
 - V. Business Plan
 - VI. Any financial agreements (covering any support or services provided by either party to the other)

- VII. Governance and structure charts including key roles and responsibilities
 - VIII. Risk Register
 - IX. The policies and processes to manage conflicts of interest for the council and the entity
- 7.2 In regard to the oversight from the Council as the shareholder, it is recommended that the NABCEL Shareholder Committee is revised to "Shareholder Committee". This then allows for other companies the Council is a wholly owned and/or jointly owned shareholder of to have oversight of performance and financial data.
- 7.3 In addition, there would also be a requirement to have a Board made up of key personnel for operation and strategic matters. It is worth noting that the LATC would employ staff, under Hilton Terms and Conditions, but they would not be employees of the Council. The Board members would be made up of Council officers acting as Board Members and/or Company Directors and representatives from Hilton.
- 7.4 Furthermore, there would need to be appropriate exit arrangements and strategy in place showing how the trading activities could cease and the impact that would have upon the future.
- 8.0 Equality Impact Assessment
- 8.1 The review of the Capital Programme and establishment of a LATC, is not considered to have any disproportionate impact or disadvantage on the seven protected characteristics detailed in the Equalities Act (2010).
- 8.2 The operation of the company will have due regard for how its associated activities or externality may impact on individuals with any of the seven protected characteristics detailed in the Equalities Act (2010). This will be managed through the associated company boards.
- 9.0 Background Papers (if none, state none)
- 9.1 None.

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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.12b

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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