

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY AUDIT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE

8th August 2022

An extraordinary meeting of the Audit & Standards Committee was held on Monday, 8th August 2022 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Nuneaton. The meeting was recorded and live streamed.

Present

Councillor R Baxter Payne – Chair

Councillors: B. Beetham, T. Cooper, L. Cvetkovik, M. Green, J. Kennaugh, N. Phillips, Cllr K. Evans (substitution for Councillor J. Hartshorn) and C. Watkins (substitution for Councillor J. Sheppard).

Apologies: Councillors J. Hartshorn, J. Sheppard, L. Downs and R. Tromans.

PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS

ACS9 **Declarations of Interest**

As substitute Councillors for this meeting, the Declarations of Interest for Councillor K. Evans and C. Watkins were not detailed in the Schedule attached to the agenda.

RESOLVED that the declarations of interest are as set out in the Schedule attached to these minutes, with the addition of the Declarations of Interest for Councillor K. Evans and C. Watkins.

ACS10 **Statement of Accounts 2020-21 and Audit Findings for Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council**

A report of the Director for Finance and Enterprise and External Auditors was submitted to the committee for consideration.

The report provided the Panel with the final amended version of the 2020-21 Statement of Accounts and supporting documents for approval.

RESOLVED that

- a) the Audit Findings Report and Draft Opinion on the Statement of Accounts be noted;
- b) authority be given to the Director of Finance and Enterprise and the Chair of Audit and Standards Committee to sign the Accounts once final checks have been completed by the External Auditors;
- c) the Letter of Representation be approved as accurate and signed once final checks on the Accounts have been completed; and
- d) the Annual Governance Statement be approved.

Chair _____

Audit and Standards Committee - Schedule of Declarations of Interests – 2022/2023

	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 (Chair)	Manager Brinklow Quarry Ltd, Brinklow; 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	Employed at The George Eliot Hospital; 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 	
	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 	

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			Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground	
	L. Cvetkovic	Head of Geography (Teacher), Sidney Stringer Academy, Coventry	<p>The Bulkington Volunteers (Founder); Bulkington Sports and Social Club (Trustee)</p> <p>Member on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Control Partnership Steering Group 	
	L. Downs	River Bars Limited; Coventry Plus Beyond the Plane	<p>Member on the following Outside Body:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hammersley, Smith and Orton Charity 	
	M. Green	Employed by Horiba Mira – Calibration Technician	<p>Chair of Education Standards Committee – St Thomas More School Executive Member – Nuneaton Conservatives. Secretary – St Vincent De Paul Society at Our Lady of the Angels Church. Our Lady of the Angels Church.</p> <p>Member on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friendship Project for Children. 	
	J. Hartshorn	Employed by Nuneaton Library – Digital Inclusion – WCC (Senior Customer Service Assistant) COVID Community Testing – WCC – Team Leader (Casual)	Member of Nuneaton Conservatives	
	J. Kennaugh	County Councillor W.C.C. Employed by FedEx Express UK Limited.	<p>Member of the W.C.C. Regulatory Committee Member of the Conservative Party Member of UNITE the Union</p> <p>Member on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EQulP 	
	N. Phillips	Employee of DWP	<p>Member of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton Labour CLP • The Fabian Society • The George Eliot Society • The PCS Union 	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Credit Union • Stockingford Sports and Allotment Club • Haunchwood Sports and Social Club 	
	J. Sheppard (Vice-Chair)		<p>Partnership member of the Hill Top and Caldwell Big Local.</p> <p>Director of Wembrook Community Centre.</p> <p>Member of the Management Committee at the Mental Health Drop-in.</p>	Dispensation to speak and vote on any matters of Borough Plan that relate to the Directorship of Wembrook Community Centre
	R. Tromans	RTC, Nuneaton AFL, Wellingborough	<p>Director of Wembrook Community Centre.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of the Management Committee at the Mental Health Drop in. <p>Partnership member of the Hill Top and Caldwell Big Local.</p> <p>Director of Wembrook Community Centre.</p> <p>Member of the Management Committee at the Mental Health Drop in.</p>	
	C.M. Watkins	Employee of Nutri Pack	<p>Representative on the following outside bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd. (NABCEL) 	
	K. Evans	Employed by UK Parliament	<p>Sponsorship: Election Expenses – North Warwickshire Conservative Association</p> <p>Membership of Other Bodies: West Midlands Combined Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee (substitute)</p> <hr/> <p>Executive Officer – North Warwickshire Conservative Association; Member of the Conservative and Unionist Party.</p>	