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Dear Sir/Madam,

Addendum Council – 13th December 2023

I refer to **Item 3 – Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 13th September 2023 and the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 15th November 2023** and **Item 9 – Cabinet report to Council**, on the agenda for the meeting of Council on Wednesday, 13th December 2023 and attach the minutes and report that was marked to follow.

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Item 9 – Cabinet report to Council (Page 31)

In addition, after the Cabinet meeting held on Wednesday 6th December, 2023 I can confirm the following recommendations for the items below were put forward for Council approval:

Item 11a: Borough Plan Review

It be recommended to Council that:

- a. To proceed to Regulation 22 stage (Submission) for the Borough Plan Review be approved.
- b. The amendments to the Local Development Scheme be adopted.
- c. The minor amendments required to the Infrastructure Delivery Schedule for the Borough Plan Review be noted.
- d. The Assistant Director for Planning in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulation be given delegated authority to make any amendments necessary up to the submission stage for the draft documents forming the submission be approved.

e. the report be marked not for call in as provided for in paragraph 15(f) of the Overview
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and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Constitution.

Item 11b: Treasury Management Report

It be recommended to Council that the Mid-Year Treasury Management Report for 2023/24 be noted.

Yours faithfully,



BRENT DAVIS

Chief Executive

To: Members of the Council

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

13th September, 2023

A Council meeting of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council was held on Wednesday, 13th September which was live streamed and recorded.

Present

The Mayor (Councillor M. Walsh)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor B. Hammersley)

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

Apologies were received for Councillors J. Kennaugh, J. Hartshorn and N. Phillips

CL19 **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council held on 5th July 2023 were confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

CL20 **Declarations of Interests**

RESOLVED that the Declarations of Interests for this meeting are as set out in the schedule attached to these minutes. In addition, the following were declared:

Councillor R. Baxter-Payne declared a pecuniary interest in relation to his change in employment.

Councillor M. Green declared an other interest in relation to being a Director of the Holy Spirit Academy of Schools.

CL21 **Announcements**

The Mayor wished to congratulate Councillor D. Brown on his completion of a 50mile cycle in aid of the Mayor's Appeal raising in excess £1400. In addition, the Mayor announced he is bringing together a team to take part in the 5k inflatable challenge being held on the 14th October at Stratford Racecourse to raise funds for his appeal.

CL22 **Public Participation**

Question 1 – Mr S. Margrave submitted the following question to the Leader of the Council.

Many local people will rightly be concerned at new reports about Reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) in school buildings making them unsafe.

Can the leader of the Council please tell residents and Council if the Council has looked at and discovered if there are any schools or others buildings in Council or others ownership in Nuneaton, Bedworth or Bulkington that contains RAAC, if he will provide a list of those buildings or planned works to resolve this issue, and set out what is this Council doing to keep residents safe (in respect of the use of any Reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete buildings in the borough) in the mean time?

Councillor K. Wilson, Leader of the Council, provided the following written response:

Schools are not the responsibility of the Borough Council and it is for Warwickshire County Council as the education lead who will be responsible for them.

In relation to buildings owned by the Borough Council, we are in the process of commissioning surveys to buildings which have been identified with the potential to contain RAAC. The surveys will be undertaken in the coming weeks. The outcomes of those surveys will identify any remedial works that may be required, and the Council will undertake those works as necessary.

The safety of our tenants, be they residential or commercial, is of paramount importance.

Question 2 – Mrs Michele Kondakor asked the following question to the Leader of the Council:

Many towns have permanent Covid memorials in areas such as parks. The Council is planning extensive works to the destination parks in both the towns in the Borough. Is the Council still considering plans to have a suitable memorial in the Borough to those who lost their lives from the pandemic?

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

The plans are still developing for Riversley Park and Miners Park as we work to refurbish and upgrade them as we go along, which is ably being led by Councillor Gutteridge in charge of the Parks Department. He will review the situation as and when, because obviously we do have a budget to stick to, and to see whether it is possible to get it within budget.

I'm sure Mrs Kondakor and other Councillors are aware that the economic situation is challenging for everyone at present, and there are cost pressures on every single project across the Country. So, we have to be as responsible as we possibly can, but where it is possible we will endeavour to do so Mr Mayor.

Question 3 – Ms Nicola Ross asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities:

Thank you, good evening. As a concerned business in Nuneaton Town I have great concerns on the anti-social behaviour in the Town Centre. This is a daily occurrence and I would like to know what the action plan is to solve the issues. Since the new drink shop has opened by the bus station the situation is unbearable. The behaviour does not encourage footfall into our Town Centre and with the darker nights approaching this is very worrying leaving the workplace for our safety at night.

Councillor C. Golby, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities responded as follows:

Thanks for the question. You didn't clarify it was by the bus station so my response is based on the question that I actually received. It's unclear from the question which Town Centre and where within that Town Centre the question refers to. However on a general note the Council has 24-hour CCTV in place and a Public Space Protection Order which allow enforcement action to be taken when alcohol or other substances are consumed, that results in ASB. We work in close partnership with the Police who issue their own measures to address issues of ASB and will continue to do so. We have and we will remove alcohol licenses off establishments should that be necessary. Finally, I'd like to point out that the largest retailers of alcohol in our Town Centres are most likely to be the long-established supermarkets. It would be helpful if you can contact the Community Safety Team and raise the issues with the Community Safety Team. Also if you've got any references from contact with the Police, pass them over and we can work on it for you.

Ms Nicola Ross asked the following supplementary question:

Have we got recordings of any arrests on the Anti-Social Behaviour within the Ring Road this year and has that progressively got worse as the year's gone on?

Councillor C. Golby responded as follows:

This is a Police issue. You'd have to actually ask them on their arrest record for that.

CL23 Questions by Members

Question 1 – Councillor Kyle Evans asked the following question to the Leader of the Council:

Can I ask the Leader of the Council if he will confirm that this Council will continue to be a pro-motorist Council for as long as the Conservatives remain in control?

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

The short answer is yes. Whether people like it or not it is a fact of life that many people, not only within our Borough but across the Country, rely on the car to do their daily activities. Whether it be going to work, going to the shop, going into the town centres etc. We cannot ignore the fact that actually our town centres rely heavily for their business and trade, and indeed the Market Traders Mr Mayor, for people coming in who have come in by car. It is an inconvenient truth to some Mr Mayor, but it is the truth, nevertheless. So wherever possible Mr Mayor, we will endeavour to be as pro-business, which actually means being pro-motors as we can be in this Council.

Where do people think that the shops and traders and businesses within our town centres, and indeed other commercial estates within Nuneaton and Bedworth get their goods? They arrive by car, by van, by lorry etc. Without those things we have no business, without a business we have no economy Mr Mayor, and without an economy more importantly our residents have no jobs. So yes Mr Mayor, we will continue to protect and incentivise people coming into our town centres so that we can breathe life into our economies moving into the future.

Councillor K. Evans asked the following supplementary question:

Thank you for the comprehensive response. We know that there's an ongoing war against the motorist, and we also know that several Labour City Councils have been instructed by the Labor leadership to start introducing ultra-low emission zones. We've seen this in Birmingham, Glasgow and now London. So, my supplementary question to the Leader of the Council is this: Should Labour-controlled Coventry City Council decide to introduce an ultra-low emission Zone in Coventry, which would see Bedworth residents having to pay money to enter the boundary of the City, will the Leader of the Council use every single weapon in his arsenal to put a fight against that?

Councillor K. Wilson responded:

I don't think the Labour Leader of Coventry City Council will pay me much attention, in fact I don't think he likes me very much to be honest, but he would be the latest in a long queue Mr Mayor. But Councillor Evans is absolutely right, an ultra-low emission zone is a tax on homeowners, it is an attack on businesses, it is a tax on shoppers, it is it is a tax on jobs - and that is why ultimately residents up and down the Country are up in arms about it, and we will not support it whether it be in Coventry or in Warwickshire Mr Mayor. And whatever representations we can make to Labour Coventry then we will do so. But of course, my ultimate message to the residents of

Coventry would be if you don't want an ultra-low emission Zone in Coventry, and also to the residents of Bedworth actually, vote Conservative because we will protect those jobs, businesses and homeowners.

Councillor K. Kondakor moved that the above question and answer be referred to the relevant OSP for further consideration.

Councillor M. Wright seconded the motion.

A vote was taken.

The motion was lost.

Question 2 – Councillor Keith Kondakor asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate:

I have been very concerned by the current administration's reckless capital programme since you took control. It seems Bedworth Physical Activity Centre is still millions of pounds underfunded even if we get full Section 106 payments from develops such as Bedworth Woodlands.

Can the Cabinet Member explain how the council is going to pay all the required interest costs of the £20 million pound hotel, interest costs for unfunded cost part of the Bedworth Physical Activity Centre and interest on all the rest of the planned developments like the Cinema until each project could realistically cover its own costs? Thank you, Mr Mayor.

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

Councillor Kondakor has indeed long put on record his opposition to the regeneration program that we're pursuing across our Borough, although I'm still amused to this day that his qualms did not extend to trying to spend one million pounds on windows in this building. Mr Mayor first let me address the Bedworth Leisure Centre, and I can't bring myself to call it a Physical Activity Hub, I'm too old-fashioned I'm afraid. Councillor Kondakor is correct to identify that the Bedworth Leisure Centre was unfunded when we took control, as the previous administration had not even budgeted the full amount for the planning and architectural stages of that project. A throwaway reference in a Cabinet Report to further 'funding needing to be identified' is not the same thing as a plan. Had we not been able to secure, through Councillor Evans - a fantastic intervention, the necessary half a million pounds as part of our levelling up fund bid, one of the earliest decisions we made, that project would have died then.

He must also remember that the status quo with the current Bedworth Leisure Centre, within a very few short years, will also be untenable with millions of

pounds of dilapidations and repair work being needed to keep it simply operational. To halt the project would not improve our financial outlook. Now Mr Mayor, to his comment that the project is currently unfunded, this is untrue. There has always been an element of prudential borrowing to the physical activity hub, the Leisure Centre project, whatever you want to call it. The challenge we faced in 2022-23 is the inflationary pressures which have afflicted the global economy, which increased the original borrowing forecast from the six plus five model, to the six plus five plus six problem that I identified at budget some months ago. Given the changing circumstances we face, we've taken the decision to pause the project and reassess, and we have now rephased our timetables and rescoped the designs to bring it closer in line with our original budget. The results of which we'll come to Planning in the New Year. Under the new project spec, the forecast split remains as it was most recently reported - which is 15 million pounds of funding, two million pounds of Sport England funding, which leaves approximately 12 million pounds of currently projected prudential borrowing. Five million pounds of which will be against the future 106 monies. We do not forecast that the Leisure Centre project will require borrowing until late next year, so will not take place in the current interest rate environment. We will also capitalise the interest rate in the first year, in the interest payments in the first year, on this and all of our projects, to further reduce the impact on the general fund. The project once completed will go out to a contractor to manage along with the Pingles, and this is expected to bring in an income to offset the borrowing costs in future years once the project is live. In terms of the Grayson Place project the funding profile is not altered at Abbey Street, we are still at phase one and that is all we are expecting to do in 2023-24, with phase two still yet to be tendered. Grant funding from the Towns fund the Future High Street fund, Warwickshire County Council, the West Midlands Combined Authority totalling 16.1 million pounds has already been secured, and will be used first before we go out to borrow.

Capital of approximately £224,000 and internal borrowing, which is where we borrow from our own reserves and cash balances rather than going to an external lender where we'd have to pay interest, have been used to fund the project up to the end of this financial year. The remaining balance is currently due to be funded by external borrowing, but it will not all be borrowed at once, and that is subject to the tender process that we are ongoing for the next phase of the project.

Now Mr Mayor, because of the inflationary and the supply situation I referred to a moment ago, several of our regeneration and capital projects are not now scheduled to start or complete in this financial year, which has reduced our capital cost of regeneration for 2023-24. Given that slippage in capital projects due to the economic situation, we are taking the opportunity to conduct a thorough review on the affordability and viability of our capital projects and regeneration schemes, and as part of this review we are examining the potential of the Government's new Pathfinder project which will allow us to move funds between projects, because it was quite a restrictive set of grants that we'd had before, and we are having continual conversations with the West Midlands Combined Authority, Deluxe, Sport England etc. in

the aim of getting more funding for projects. I know that conversations have been had with Ministers and with Government Departments at the very highest level.

I want to reaffirm Mr Mayor that we will not proceed with unviable or unaffordable projects. Neither the Section 151 Officer nor myself, as Finance Portfolio Holder will approve them, and we will not shrink from any decisions however unpopular, to make sure that we are financially viable. Regeneration of our Borough and the financial viability of our Council are the two principles which we will constantly keep in mind, and we will do whatever it takes to achieve those objectives. Thank you very much.

Councillor K. Kondakor asked the following supplementary question:

Thank you very much Mr Mayor. Councillor Croft obviously misheard me and missed that I said the unfunded part of the cost for the physical activity centre, which I think is a £12M part. Interest on that would be about £600k a year. Can he explain, does that mean it's not going ahead at the moment until we get a government that can control inflation and interest rates, and does it also mean none of the other projects are going to go ahead, because you just can't afford all these vanity projects. Is that correct? Thank you.

Councillor S. Croft responded at follows:

Thank you very much Mr Mayor, I rather feel that Councillor Kondakor had his supplementary written before he heard my answer. As I said we will be capitalising the interest in the first year and we will be examining the rate of repayment as we come to the general fund budgeting process at the time. But we are not anticipating borrowing until the end of next year at the very earliest, so I struggle to see his point there.

Question 3 – Councillor Mike Wright submitted the following question to the Leader of the Council:

With regard to the former Woolworths site, which was due to be taken over by Wilko's, can the responsible Cabinet Member clarify to the council what the financial implications of Wilko's collapse are likely to be?

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

Thank you, Mr Mayor. I think first and foremost what we have to recognise is the human cost of the collapse of Wilko's, that we have a number of residents across our Borough who are at risk, and I think we've all seen in the news Mr Mayor how the situation has been ever changing. I think our thoughts would all go out to the members of staff who are living in greatly uncertain times at the moment, and their priority will be on securing their future in their livelihood and being able to keep the basics going. As I said a moment ago, it is an ever-changing situation, and then as I highlighted to the Chief Executive today, just before Council, it flashed up on my phone actually whilst I was at work, that apparently I think it's The Range have submitted a 5 million pounds bid to purchase the Wilko's brand. What that actually means we do not yet know, it's news which has come out today, Mr Mayor.

It is fair to say that we did, in the budget process, put an element of income in for the Woolworth site being re-let out to Wilko's, because at the time we budgeted there was no indication whatsoever that Wilco's was on its way under. No one would have foreseen that two months ago, or even when we set the budget in February. I have to say as well before anyone gets on the bandwagon saying that the move from its current site down by the library to where it would be in Woolworths is a contributing factor, that is absolute rubbish Mr Mayor. The move was fully funded. It was agreed by its new owner, which is the Warwickshire County Council, to move into our site at Woolworths, and so all the fit out and refurbishment costs would have been borne as part of that process. So, they would have actually had a better site I would have said at Woolworths, right in the heart of the Town Centre rather than on the periphery, which would have actually improved their business model here in Nuneaton Mr Mayor. And I would suspect, and I've heard anecdotally that actually Nuneaton is one of its better or was one of its better performing outlet. Because a lot of our residents across Nuneaton and Bedworth and beyond would come in to use Wilko's because it was good value for money, and lots of our residents would need that, particularly in these difficult times that we are facing due to the global economic situation. So we will be maintaining a watching brief on this Mr Mayor, because obviously I don't have a crystal ball, I don't know what's going to happen. But as soon as we had the news that Wilko's was going under, myself and Councillor Croft, as the responsible Portfolio Holders were in discussions with the Strategic Director for Economy and Transformation, Mr Shardlow, to get in touch with the administrators to see what the implications would be and whether we could get any information out on that. To date there has been very little information coming out, but it is a fast-changing situation Mr Mayor, so as soon as we know anything else we will try and factor that into the budgetary position, and try and see what that means for the wider town centre. Because it is an ecology in our town centre that having good shops helps bring people in, and having good markets helps bring people in and the two will cross over so that is the answer in terms of finances Mr Mayor. But I think the human cost is the one that I am most concerned about at the moment.

CL24 Special Urgency Decisions

None

CL25 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 26th July 2023 and 6th September 2023 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 21st July 2023.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

CL26 **Recommendations from Cabinet and Other Committees**

i) **Employee Code of Conduct: Recommended changes by the External Auditor**

At the meeting of Audit and Standards Committee held on 11th July 2023 a report on the above was submitted by the Monitoring Officer, was considered and a recommendation was then put forward to Council for approval. Councillor R. Baxter Payne proposed the recommendation on the report for approval with the following amendment:

Point 5B10 d) be amended to read ‘The Council will hold and maintain a record of all Employee Declarations with proper confidentiality and will publish Employee Declarations on the Council’s website at Head of Service level or above’

This was seconded by Councillor D. Brown.

RESOLVED that the Constitution be amended accordingly and point 5B10 d) be amended to read:

‘The Council will hold and maintain a record of all Employee Declarations with proper confidentiality and will publish Employee Declarations on the Council’s website at Head of Service level or above’

Councillor K. Kondakor requested his vote against the recommendation be recorded in the minutes.

ii) **Recommendations from the Constitution Review Working Party**

At the meeting of Audit and Standards Committee held on 11th July 2023 a report on the above was submitted by the Monitoring Officer and recommendations put forward for Council approval.

Councillor R. Baxter-Payne moved the recommendation for Council approval.

This was seconded by Councillor S. Markham.

RESOLVED that the Constitution be amended accordingly

Councillor K. Kondakor requested his vote against the recommendation be recorded in the minutes.

iii) **Statement of Community Involvement**

At the meeting of Cabinet held on 26th July 2023, 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

This was seconded by Councillor D. Brown

RESOLVED that the Statement of Community Involvement be adopted

iv) **Capital Outturn 2022/23**

At the meeting of Cabinet held on 26th July 2023, a report by the Strategic Director – Finance and Governance was submitted, and recommendations put forward for Council approval.

Councillor S. Croft moved the recommendation for Council approval.

This was seconded by Councillor C. Golby

Councillor K. Kondakor moved the following amendment:

‘That an updated capital budget for 2023/24 alongside the latest multiyear capital programme are presented to the next normal or extraordinary Council meeting for consideration’

This was seconded by Councillor M. Wright

A recorded vote on the amendment was taken as follows:

FOR: Councillors K. Kondakor and M. Wright

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

ASTENTIONS: Councillors J. Sheppard, T. Sheppard, E. Shiers, and C. Watkins

The amendment was lost.

A vote was taken on the substantive motion

RESOLVED that the updated capital budget for 2023/24 as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report be approved.

v) **Annual Treasury Management Report 2022/23**

At the meeting of Cabinet held on 26th July 2023, a report by the Strategic Director – Finance and Governance was submitted and recommendations put forward for Council approval.

Councillor S. Croft moved the recommendations for Council approval.

This was seconded by Councillor S. Markham

RESOLVED that

- a) The actual 2022/23 Treasury and Prudential Indicators detailed in the report and summarised in Appendix 1 of the report be approved; and
- b) The Annual Treasury Management Report for 2022/23 be noted.

vi) Corporate Enforcement Policy and Corporate Debt Policy

At the meeting of Cabinet held on the 6th September 2023 a report by the Strategic Director – Finance and Governance was submitted and recommendations put forward for Council approval.

Councillor S. Croft moved the recommendation for Council approval

This was seconded by Councillor K. Wilson

RESOLVED that the Constitution be updated accordingly

vii) Capital Forecast Q1 2023/24

At the meeting of Cabinet held on the 6th September 2023 a report by the Strategic Director – Finance and Governance was submitted and recommendations put forward for Council approval.

Councillor S. Croft moved the recommendation for Council approval

This was seconded by Councillor C. Golby

RESOLVED that the update to the Capital Budget as detailed at part 4.10 of the report be approved.

Councillor K. Kondakor requested his vote against the recommendation be recorded in the minutes.

CL27 Borough Plan Review Regulation 19 and Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations Main Modifications Consultation

A report by the Assistant Director – Planning was submitted to Council to update on the process of the Borough plan Review Publication Development Plan Document (DPD) and commencement to Regulation 19 Consultation Stage.

Councillor R. Smith moved the recommendation put forward for Council approval.

This was seconded by Councillor K. Wilson

RESOLVED that the current schedule for Regulation 19 Stage of the Borough Plan Review documents and to the Main Modifications and supporting documents currently undergoing consultation to the Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocation DPD be approved.

CL28 **Article 4 Directions – Abbey and Bulkington Conservation Areas**

A report by the Assistant Director – Planning was submitted to Council seeking approval to cancel and renew Article 4(1) Directions in the Abbey and Bulkington Conservation Areas.

Councillor R. Smith moved the recommendation put forward for Council approval.

This was seconded by Councillor K. Wilson

RESOLVED that the cancellation and renewal of Article 4 (1) Directions in the Abbey and Bulkington Conservation Areas be approved.

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 Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton Festival of Arts 	
	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	Sponsorship:	

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
		Local Government Association	<p>Election Expenses – North Warwickshire Conservative Association</p> <p>Membership of Other Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substitute Member of the West Midlands Combined Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee <p>Member of the Bedworth Conservative Club Member of the Conservative Party.</p>	
	C. Golby		<p>Member of Warwickshire County Council.</p> <p>Membership of Other Bodies:</p> <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	<p>Chair of Education Standards Committee – St Thomas More School.</p> <p>School Appeals Panel Member Our Lady of the Angels Church.</p> <p>President – St Vincent De Paul Society Nuneaton,</p> <p>Member of the George Eliot Fellowship</p> <p>Member of Other Bodies:</p>	

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friendship Project for Children. • Nuneaton Education Strategy Group 	
	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 	
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	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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	B. Pandher		Member of Warwickshire County Council Treasurer & Trustee of Nanaksar Gurdwara Gursikh Temple; 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 	
	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 Dessert Company	The Labour Party Coventry East Credit Union Member of the Pride in Camp Hill Board. Member of the governing board	

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	J. Singh			
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	R. Tromans	Compliance, GIM, Coventry Warwickshire County Councillor (Weddington) Share in a rental property in Hydes Pastures, Nuneaton	Member of the Conservative Party Member of the Chartered Institute of Credit Management	
	M. Walsh	Employed by MacInnes Tooling Ltd. – UK Sales Manager		

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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	
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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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NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL

15th November, 2023

An Extraordinary Council meeting of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council was held on Monday, 15th November 2023 which was recorded and uploaded to Youtube.

Present

The Mayor (Councillor M. Walsh)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor B. Hammersley)

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

Apologies were received for Councillors B. Beetham, C. Cape, L. Cvetkovic, K. Evans, J. Hartshorn, and J. Kennaugh.

CL29 **Declarations of Interests**

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

Councillor J. Singh declared a disclosable pecuniary interest by way of his new business Gardening under Rural Services based at Sedgies, Bedworth.

CL30 **Announcements**

The Mayor wished to place on record his thanks to all the organisations involved for the Armistice and Remembrance Parades it was a successful weekend and was proud to be a part of it.

CL31 **Public Participation**

None

CL32 **Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places**

The Chief Executive submitted a report to full council setting out a new scheme of polling districts and polling places to be used at future elections.

Councillor S. Croft moved the recommendations for approval.

Councillor K. Wilson seconded the recommendations.

A vote was taken.

RESOLVED that

- a) the scheme of polling districts and polling places at Appendix A of the report be approved; and
- b) Delegated Authority be given to the Chief Executive in their role as Returning Officer to minor amendments to this scheme in order to provide suitable facilities for voting at short notice, following consultation with group leaders.

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 	

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	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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			<p>Membership of Other Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substitute Member of the West Midlands Combined Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee <p>Member of the Bedworth Conservative Club Member of the Conservative Party.</p>	
	C. Golby		<p>Member of Warwickshire County Council.</p> <p>Membership of Other Bodies:</p> <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	<p>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</p> <p>Member of Other Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friendship Project for Children. 	

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Cabinet Report to Council December 2023

1. Introduction

This report deals with the Cabinet meetings held on 11th October 2023, 8th November 2023 and 6th December 2023.

It also references any reports from the West Midlands Combined Authority [WMCA] Board, which have, or may have in the future, a direct impact on NBBC, namely the WMCA Board meetings held 15th September 2023, 13th October 2023 and 17th November 2023.

2. 11th October 2023 - Cabinet Meeting

a) Housing Revenue Account – Consultancy Support (Design & Surveying) – Housing and Communities – (Councillor C. Golby) KEY DECISION

Cabinet received a report seeking approval for the undertaking of the Design, Surveying and Consultancy Support contract via a Teckal agreement with NABCEL. Cabinet approved the recommendations to ensure the council meet its requirements in regard to Construction, Design and Management Regulations and demonstrating value for money on delivery.

3. 8th November 2023 - Cabinet Meeting

a) Pingles Leisure Centre and Pingles Stadium Decarbonisation Scheme – Public Services (Councillor S. Markham) - KEY DECISION

Cabinet approved a report providing an overview of the Council's application for Government funding and Sport England funds to support new commercial heating systems within the Pingles Leisure Centre and the Pingles Stadium. By approving the report to support an application it will, if successful, address the current serious pressures of the mechanical and electrical systems and provide a sustainable and energy efficient future for the sites for the next 20 years to come.

b) Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places – Finance and Corporate (Councillor S. Croft) - KEY DECISION

Cabinet approved the above report to be recommended to Council which provides an update to the scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places to ensure "reasonable facilities for voting" are provided following the Ward Boundary Review.

On the 15th November an Extraordinary Council was held to approve the recommendations to Council in a timely manner ahead of the publication of the revised register of electors on 1st December 2023.

c) General Fund Budget Monitoring Q2 – Finance and Corporate (Councillor S. Croft) - KEY DECISION

Cabinet noted the forecast outturn position for the General Fund for 2023/24 with consideration given to key variances in the report. The council is required to set a balanced budget and is being closely monitored to ensure we have a sustainable budget. Currently there is a recruitment freeze to mitigate any immediate cost pressures, and the Transformation programme across the Council is starting to gather pace which will be key to increasing efficiency and effectiveness to generate savings. £1.3M has also been set aside as part of the budget round to ensure financial resilience and invest in changes to services through transformation.

d) HRA Budget Monitoring Q2 – Housing and Communities (Councillor C. Golby) - KEY DECISION

Cabinet noted the forecast outturn position for the HRA for 2023/24, with consideration given to key variances in the report. The HRA day to day operation is affected by the spend pressures because of inflation which are not set to reduce however the HRA is looking to be close to the budgeted assumptions. A review of the HRA Business Plan is underway and will lay out the future plan for income generation and cost mitigation, when finalised this will be presented to Cabinet.

e) Capital Monitoring Q2 – Finance and Corporate (Councillor S. Croft) - KEY DECISION

Cabinet noted the Q2 forecasted capital outturn position for 2023/24 for the General Fund and HRA. The capital programme is fully funded in its present form and there is expected to be slippage on projects in 2023/24. The biggest risk to the Council at this stage is the current economic landscape with inflation, price increases for building supplies plus continual rises in interest rates.

Adjustments to the programme in light of the difficulties around cost and delivery will be reported to Cabinet but projects are continually under review for viability.

Other Items Considered

i) Revised Governance Arrangements – Finance and Corporate (Councillor S. Croft) – KEY DECISION – EXEMPT

ii) Regeneration Projects Update – Land at Vicarage Street – Business and Regeneration (Councillor K. Wilson) – KEY DECISION – EXEMPT

iii) Appointment of Honorary Aldermen/Alderwomen and Honorary Freeman/Freewoman – Business and Regeneration (Councillor K. Wilson)

4. 13th December 2023 - Cabinet Meeting

a) Approval of Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) – Planning and Regulation (Councillor R. Smith) – KEY DECISION

Cabinet approved the report to publish the 2022/23 Infrastructure Funding Statement and thereby complying with the requirements of Regulation 121A of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 as amended by The Community Infrastructure Levy (Amendment) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2019.

b) Borough Plan Review – Planning and Regulation (Councillor R. Smith) – KEY DECISION

Cabinet approved the recommendations in the report to be put forward for Council approval at the December meeting so that the review process can continue to the Regulation 22 stage (submission), with the caveat that, any amendments to the draft documents forming the submission can be carried out by delegated powers of the Assistant Director for Planning in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulation up to the submission stage. The report also recommends to Council the new wording and timetable changes required to the Local Development Scheme.

c) Delivering a Better Borough – Local Levelling Up Plan – Business and Regeneration (Councillor K. Wilson) – KEY DECISION

Cabinet adopted the Delivering a Better Borough – Local Levelling Up Plan at the meeting to enable work to begin on a County Wide Levelling Up Plan. The key focus of this work is to improve the lives, health and outcomes of the resident of the County. This work is done in partnership with NBBC.

d) Draft General Fund Budget - Finance and Corporate – (Councillor S. Croft) – KEY DECISION

Cabinet noted the General Fund budget position and the potential savings required. An update on the General Fund 2024/25 budget will be presented to Cabinet in February once the NNDR1 is finalised and the Local Government Financial Settlement has been announced.

e) Treasury Half Yearly Report – Finance and Corporate – (Councillor S. Croft) – KEY DECISION

Cabinet approved the recommendation to Council that the Mid Year Treasury Management report for 2023/24 be noted. This is a requirement of the CIPFA Prudential Code. The report set out the Council's treasury position as at 30th September 2023.

4. West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA)

In terms of items which have, or may have in the future, a direct impact on NBBC:

The WMCA Board meeting of 15th September 2023 considered: -

- A Financial Monitoring Report for the year 2023/24 providing an update on the Combined Authority's finances as of 31st July 2023 and an update on the medium-term financial plan and risks facing the WMCA.
- A report seeking confirmation that the WMCA Board is happy to receive around £24.6m of Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) and Department for Levelling Up (DLUHC) pilot funding for an energy efficiency programme within the West Midlands.
- A report seeking WMCA Board to ratification and agreement of revised Terms of Reference for the Economic Growth Board.

The WMCA Board meeting of 13th October 2023 considered: -

- A report seeking formal ratification of the 'Trailblazer Deeper Devolution Deal' between the WMCA and His Majesty's Government.

The WMCA Board meeting of 17th November 2023 considered: -

- A Financial Monitoring Report for the year 2023/24 providing an update on the Combined Authority's finances as at 30th September 2023 and an update on the medium-term financial plan and risks facing the WMCA.
- A report updating the WMCA Board on the development of Investment Zone and Levelling Up Zone work; seeking approval of the distribution of Investment Zone and Levelling Up Zone sites; approval of Investment Zone governance proposals; and to endorsement of the direction of travel and further work on the detailed funding and financing plan that will underpin delivery.
- A report updating the WMCA Board members on the current work programme and priorities of the WMCA Homelessness Taskforce.
- A report updating the WMCA Board on the recent announcements relating to HS2 from Central Government; the reallocation of funding to the North and Midlands authorities; and the work being undertaken to assess the impacts on the region's economic outcomes as a consequence of these changes.

5. Conclusion

This report is presented on behalf of Cabinet, and, as always, my colleagues and I are only too happy to take any questions in relation to this report.

Councillor K. Wilson
Leader of the Council on behalf of Cabinet