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1.0 Introduction

Purpose of Overview and Scrutiny

The Overview and Scrutiny function at Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council (NBBC) helps to improve the quality of services provided to local residents and supports and challenges the work of the Council's Cabinet.

Overview and Scrutiny conducts a number of roles, including:

- (a) monitoring the decisions of the Cabinet
- (b) advising the Council on forthcoming decisions
- (c) contributing to the development and review of Council policy
- (d) reviewing decisions that have been taken by the Cabinet but not yet implemented that are "called in" for further consideration

Currently there are four panels, each OSP panel covers a specific remit of Council business and activities.

All Members except Members of the Cabinet may be Members of an OSP. However, no Member may be involved in scrutinising a decision in which they have been directly involved. Cabinet Members for the relevant OSP are invited to attend to answer any specific questions within their respective portfolio.

At the start of each municipal year the Members of each OSP will determine the annual work programme. This may include any items carried forward from the previous year, any new items that have been submitted and the standing items for that particular OSP.

Three more independent co-opted Members were recruited this year, meaning that each OSP now has a co-opted Member attending the meetings. The Co-opted Members are able to join in the discussions and ask questions, but do not have voting rights.

Overview & Scrutiny Panel Remits:

Business, Regeneration & Planning Overview and Scrutiny Panel	Portfolio
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transforming Nuneaton • Transforming Bedworth • Town Centre Regeneration • Town Centres and Marketing (including markets) • Tourism and Twinning • Economic Development • Sub Regional and Regional Partnerships • Car parks, bus shelters, bus station and CCTV • Public conveniences • Estates including land and property 	Business & Regeneration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Control and Planning Policy • Borough Plan • Building Control • Street names • Highway Agency arrangements • Land drainage • Health and Safety (Internal to NBBC Operations) • Public Spaces Protection Orders • Environmental Health to include food safety, pest control, dog fouling and strays and health and safety enforcement (external to NBBC operations) • Licensing Policy • Abandoned vehicles 	Planning and Enforcement

Housing and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel	Portfolio
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Revenue Account operation • Strategic Housing and Homelessness • Private Sector Housing • HEART 	Housing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communities • Grants to Voluntary Sector • NABSCOP 	Leisure, Communities and Health

Environment and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Panel	Portfolio
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grounds maintenance and parks • Allotments • Cemeteries and crematoria • Museum and art galleries • Leisure and Community Centres and strategies • Culture 	Leisure, Communities and Health
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refuse Collection • Street Cleansing • Recycling • Litter control • Sub-Regional MRF 	Environment and Public Services

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Change • Environmental Sustainability • Amenity lighting • Drainage, sanitation and accumulations of rubbish 	
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Health and Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel	Portfolio
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health 	Leisure, Communities and Health
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Budget • Finance • Procurement • Revenues and Benefits • Audit and Performance • Legal • Elections • Equalities and Insurance • Democratic Services including Mayoralty • Emergency Planning • Communications • Customer Services • IT • Business Support & HR • Facilities Management and maintenance 	Resources and Customer Services

2.0 Business, Regeneration and Planning OSP

- 2.1 The committee held three formal meetings during 2025/26 and a couple of examples of the Committee's key work is outlined below and Appendix A shows the entirety of items that the panel considered and the outcomes from them.
- 2.2 Members of the BRP OSP included: Councillors P. Hickling (Chair), J. Clarke (Vice-Chair), E. Amaechi, M. Bird, D. Brown, A. Bull, C. Phillips, B. Saru, R. Smith and Mr J. Healy.
- 2.3 The panel scrutinised a number of issues during the year which included Public Space Protection Orders, the Borough Plan and Consideration of Data around Land Supply Targets, and Town Centre/Economy Updates. Members also discussed and scrutinised Regeneration Updates around the Borough, which included Grayson Place and the Hotel. A number of suggestions and recommendations on areas such as EV charging points, parking and increasing footfall in the towns and markets, along with increasing occupancy at the Hotel were made. The OSP will continue to receive updates and regular reports on regeneration within the Borough as they were keen that these areas should continue to be scrutinised and discussed.
- 2.4 One agenda item was referred to this OSP from Full Council which related to the Nuneaton Arts CIO/Abbey Theatre – and the OSP Members resolved that this item should be followed up at a future meeting. Members also made a recommendation to Cabinet about NBBC representation on the Nuneaton Arts CIO Board of Trustees.
- 2.5 In addition to the above proposal to Cabinet, Panel Members also made recommendations to Cabinet which included concerns about the state of roads/improving traffic issues, and a request that Cabinet start the process for celebrating 800 years of Market Charter status in 2026.

3.0 Housing and Communities OSP

- 3.1 The committee held three formal meetings during 2025/26 with an Extraordinary meeting being held due to a 'Call in' on the Consultation of Pool Bank Street Car park. A couple of examples of the Committee's key work is outlined below, and Appendix B shows the entirety of items that the panel considered and the outcomes from them.
- 3.2 Members of the Housing and Communities OSP included: Councillors C. Phillips (Chair), M, Etienne (Vice-Chair), E. Amaechi, M. Bird, T. Cooper, S. Dhillon, B. Pandher, B. Saru, C. Smith and Mr A. Morgan
- 3.3 A key part of the Housing and Communities OSP work this year was the forming of the Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMOs) Working Group. The Group has met five times with a focus on creating and updating the Frequently Asked Questions document for publication on the Council's Website, this has been completed and will ensure accurate information is being communicated from the Council. The group has also received information from officers on the feasibility and implications of pursuing an Article 4 Direction. A report is being completed by the Planning Department via consultants to explore the use of an Article 4 directive in this Borough and if it would be advisable. The outcome of the report is due to go back to the working group in May/June. Lastly the group have received a presentation on the Renters Rights Bill from NBBC Officers and the impact this will have on landlords and the Council moving forward which could further shape the approach to HMO's.
- 3.4 The OSP have also played an important role in the overview of the Housing Performance data produced every quarter. The panel have received detailed performance reports monitoring the progress made against Key Performance Indicators and providing a critical friend to the Housing Team to ensure standards are being met e.g. Fire Safety in flats and Damp and Mould. In addition to this they have also received the results of Tenant Satisfaction survey which was positive and provided evidence to the Social Housing Regulator.

4.0 Environment and Leisure OSP

- 4.1 The committee held three formal meetings during 2025/26 with an Extraordinary Meeting held to discuss the future provision of the Lawn Buriel in the Borough and an additional meeting being held in late March 2026 to cover the outstanding business on the Work Programme. A couple of examples of the Committee's key work is outlined below, and Appendix C shows the entirety of items that the panel considered and the outcomes from them.
- 4.2 Members of the Environment and Leisure OSP included: Councillors J. Sheppard (Chair), M. Walsh (Vice-Chair), J. Collett, J. Gutteridge, S. Markham, C. Phillips, R. Roze, C. Smith, B. Saru and Mr J. Healy
- 4.3 A key part of the OSP's work this year has been the formation of the Food Waste Procurement Working Group and the Grounds Maintenance Procurement working group
- 4.4 The Food Waste Procurement Working Group met four times, the focus was to monitor the progress of the project and provide input on various elements such as:
 - Service – how the service to residents is going to be delivered, costs associated with the delivery of the service and what the Council's responsibilities are in connection with the waste collection and where it is disposed of.
 - Vehicle – the number of vehicles that need to be procured to deliver the service, how the costs were to be covered and to consider the maintenance of the vehicles specifically the hygiene of the waste containers due to the type of waste collected.
 - Participation – Exploring the ways the new service will be communicated to residents how the supply of liners would be distributed to increase the likelihood of participation.
 - Containers – The working group examined and tested various containers/caddy's looking at affordability and longevity in the product.
- 4.5 The Grounds Maintenance Procurement Working Group formed via a recommendation from Cabinet as the Council looks to review its Ground Maintenance services. The working group reviewed the

frequencies and specifications of the existing Grounds Maintenance Contract and developed recommendations for Cabinet approval, a couple of examples are shown below:

- The Housing and General land is kept within one Grounds Maintenance (GM) Contract to prevent diluting the commercial viability of both contracts and thus ensuring economies of scale, ensuring value for money for the Council.
- Gritting is only delivered on housing sites within the current contract.
- Shrub Bed maintenance should be kept in the contract on the same existing frequencies and specification.
- Fly tipping is removed from the contract and managed via one central location within the Council, ideally the Waste Team who can oversee enforcement.

4.6 The Panel have also examined the Lawn Burial Provision in the Borough with a view to putting forward options to accommodate short, medium and long-term Burial Space as a recommendation to Cabinet. The Panel requested more information and invited a couple of representatives from local Funeral Directors and Nuneaton Muslim Society to be given a view into the options available. A further report was brought back to an additional meeting of the OSP and a recommendation has been put forward to Cabinet for consideration on 22nd April 2026.

5.0 Health and Corporate Resources OSP

- 5.1 In addition to the three scheduled meetings during the 2025/26 municipal year, this panel held an additional extraordinary meeting to discuss the Skilled Migrant Workers Policy and Procedure, after a decision made by Cabinet on 16th July 2025 had been 'called in'.
- 5.2 A couple of examples of the Committee's key work is outlined below, and Appendix D shows the entirety of items that the panel considered and the outcomes from them.
- 5.3 Members of the HCR OSP included Councillors S. Dhillon (Chair), J. Hartshorn (Vice-Chair), J. Bonner, T. Jenkins, M. Kondakor, S. Markham, W. Markham, B. Pandher, C. Smith and Mrs D. Ross.
- 5.4 This Panel scrutinised a range of issues, with agenda items including safeguarding, staff attendance and the Member Enquiry Form System – an item which was referred to this OSP from Full Council. Through this OSP Panel Members also discussed, reviewed and recommended a number of policies to Cabinet for approval, which included the People Strategy 2026-2029, Capital Strategy 2025/26, Fees and Charges Policy and the NBBC Equality Policy.
- 5.5 Alongside NBBC Officers, the OSP was attended by representatives from a number of external organisations and charities including the NHS, Healthwatch Warwickshire and Warwickshire County Council. Presentations were made to Members alongside reports, giving an opportunity for discussions to take place relating to the Health and Wellbeing Board, Healthwatch and Air Quality in the Borough. Members were able to ask questions as well as make suggestions, and opportunities for sharing information were appreciated by the Panel, including receiving updates throughout the year from Healthwatch.

Title: **Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report 2025/26**

Date	Item	Outcome	Recommendations to Cabinet/Council	Response
a) 12/06/2025 b) 02/10/2025 c) 29/01/2026	<p>Integrated Performance Report A report of the Risk Management and Performance Officer provided Panel Members with appropriate performance measures, budget information and risk data for service areas within the scope of the Panel. The report has been adapted to reduce the volume of data (as previously reported under the former scrutiny panel arrangements), whilst still providing the Panel with sufficient information to monitor results to address issues arising.</p>	<p>a) The contents of the report be noted and IT BE RECOMMENDED TO CABINET that the relevant Cabinet Member be asked to liaise with the County Council and County Highways on a regular basis to try and improve the state of roads, improve traffic issues and improve planning of roadworks to reduce impact residents. b) The contents of the report be noted c) The contents of the report be noted</p>	<p>a) IT BE RECOMMENDED TO CABINET that the relevant Cabinet Member be asked to liaise with the County Council and County Highways on a regular basis to try and improve the state of roads, improve traffic issues and improve planning of roadworks to reduce impact residents</p>	<p>Cabinet Resolved: the recommendation be rejected on the basis that this correspondence currently happens on a weekly basis and with regular meetings</p>
12/06/2025	<p>Update on Regeneration Projects A report of the Strategic Director – Place and Economy, provided the Panel with an update on the progress of regeneration projects taking place within the Borough..</p>	<p>a) the contents of the report be considered and noted; and b) IT BE RECOMMENDAED TO CABINET that i) Cabinet be requested to give their support to retaining the name 'St Georges Hall'; and ii) Cabinet be asked to look into starting the process for celebrating 800 years of Market Charter status is 2026.</p>	<p>IT BE RECOMMENDED TO CABINET i) Cabinet be requested to give their support to retaining the name 'St Georges Hall'; and ii) Cabinet be asked to look into starting the process for celebrating 800 years of Market Charter status is 2026.</p>	<p>Cabinet Resolved: i) the retaining of the name 'St Georges Hall be not supported; and ii) the process for celebrating 800 years of Market Charter status in 2026 be started.</p>
12/06/2025	<p>Corporate Plan and Delivery Plan The Corporate Plan and Delivery Plan showing the strategic aims and themes that the Council are working towards which were agreed at Full Council in April 2025 was presented to the panel for information. The main themes and strategic aims will be provided in every OSP agenda. The plan is in place for four years and Panel Members can monitor this to ensure the council is delivering on its strategic aims and themes relevant to this OSP.</p>	<p>That that Corporate Plan and Delivery Plan 2025 – 2029 be noted</p>		
12/06/2025	<p>Performance Report (Grayson Place ltd) - Exempt Item A report of the Non-Executive Director of Grayson Place Limited Board provided the Panel with an update on the performance Of Grayson Place Limited which currently consists of the Hampton by Hilton Hotel which opened in September 2024.</p>	<p>That the contents of the report be considered and noted</p>		

02/10/2025	<p>Monitoring delivery of the Borough Plan and Consideration of the Data around the Land Supply Targets</p> <p>The Planning Policy Manager provided a report to Members which outlined the Council's approach to monitoring the delivery of the Borough Plan through the yearly Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) and Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) report, and to consider the effectiveness and monitoring arrangements currently in place.</p>	That the performance information contained in the report be scrutinised and noted.		
02/10/2025	<p>Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) Update</p> <p>A report of the Communities and Community Safety Manager provided Members with an overview of the current Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) in place and future developments.</p>	That the report be noted		
02/10/2025	<p>Update on Items Referred to Cabinet at the June OSP Meeting</p> <p>Panel Members were given the opportunity to review the update and responses from Cabinet in relation to recommendations made at the Business, Regeneration and Planning Overview and Scrutiny Panel (OSP) held on 12th June 2025.</p>	That the contents of the report be considered and noted		
29/01/2026	<p>Motion from Council - 10th December 2025 (Nuneaton Arts CIO/Abbey Theatre</p> <p>A motion was put forward and agreed at Full Council held on 10th December 2025 that a question and answer from a member of the public in relation to Nuneaton Arts CIO/Abbey Theatre be referred to this OSP for further consideration.</p>	<p>a) the discussion and motion be noted;</p> <p>b) IT BE RECOMMENDED TO CABINET that the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Health (or a substitute) take up the second available seat on the Board of Trustees for Nuneaton Arts CIO, alongside Councillor S. Markham; and</p> <p>c) An update be brought back to the next meeting of the Business, Regeneration and Planning OSP from the Cabinet Member for Business and Regeneration in relation to timescales and legal agreement.</p>	IT BE RECOMMENDED TO CABINET that the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Health (or a substitute) take up the second available seat on the Board of Trustees for Nuneaton Arts CIO, alongside Councillor S. Markham;	Cabinet Resolved: This item be deferred to Annual Council in May 2026 where consideration will be given to this appointment during the allocation of representatives on the Outside Bodies list.
29/01/2026	<p>Town Centre and Economy Updates</p> <p>A report of the Assistant Director – Economy and Regeneration provided the Panel with an update on the performance of our town centres in 2025 and the development of NBBC Economic Development Strategy. Including Town Centre KPI performance, initiatives and regeneration projects.</p>	That the report be noted		

Report of: Environment and Leisure Overview & Scrutiny Panel

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Date Made	Item	Outcome	Recommendations to Cabinet/Council	Response
a) 19/06/2025, b) 16/10/2025, c) 5/02/2026	Integrated Performance Report - The 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)Third and Fourth Quarter (End of Year) 2024/25 b) First Quarter 2025/26, c) Second Quarter 2025/26.	a) The contents of the report be noted. b)The contents of the report be noted; c) the contents of the report be noted.		
19/06/2026	Museum Performance 2024 - 2025 - The Museum and Arts Manager presented the above report to panel for comments on performance.	The presentation be noted		
19/06/2026	Kerbside Recycling and Refuse Collection - A report and presentation of the Assistant Director – Environment and Enforcement gave the panel members an update on the status of the waste and recycling collections.	a)a working group be created to examine the food waste procurement including policies around containers and their delivery, in addition to look at communications to promote and inform residents of the new service; b)the members of the working group are Councillors J. Sheppard, S. Markham, M. Walsh, C. Smith and C. Phillips; and c)the report be noted.		
19/06/2025	Corporate Plan and Delivery Plan 2025 - 2029 The panel reviewed the Corporate and Delivery Plan within the remit of the OSP	The Corporate Plan and Delivery Plan 2025 -2029 be noted.		

16/10/2026	<p>Sea Cadets – Access to Open Water Following a request for the local Sea Cadets group to have access to Bermuda Lake for activities, this report had been drafted to provide background and the current position the Council takes with safeguarding the public and itself with regards to external waterbodies. The report also considered what the future impacts might be.</p>	<p>a) it be recommended to Cabinet to note that the Environment and Leisure OSP have reviewed the report on the sea cadets and have requested further information to be brought to the panel in February 2026; and</p> <p>b) that further information be brought back to the next Environment and Leisure OSP held in February 2026 on the implications of the lease in respect of the operation of the site.</p>	Yes (see outcome)	<p>CABINET RESOLVED that a) the good work that the Sea Cadets do in the borough for young people be noted, and will work collaboratively with them to explore the potential for open water usage within the Borough;</p> <p>b) the Environment and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Panel have reviewed the report on the Sea Cadet request and have requested further information to be brought to the panel in February 2026 be noted;</p> <p>c) officers be directed to obtain external advice to assist with the review of the request from the Sea Cadets;</p> <p>d) delegate authority be given to the Strategic Director – Corporate Resources in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Central Services to identify budget for external advice to be sought further to c) above; and</p> <p>e) request the Proper Officer call an Extraordinary Environment and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Panel as soon as practicable following external advice in advance of February 2026.</p>
16/10/2026	<p>Monitoring of the Grounds Maintenance Contract - A report was submitted to the panel by the Parks and Green Space Manager asking the panel to consider the information relating to the management/monitoring of the Grounds Maintenance contract and the presentation given by the contractor – Glendale Grounds Management Ltd</p>	The report and presentation be noted		
16/10/2026	<p>Domestic Food Waste Service The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report to the panel detailing the recommendations that had been put forward by the Food Waste Procurement Working Group.</p>	It be recommended to Cabinet to note the recommendations made in the report submitted to Environment and Leisure OSP	Yes (see Outcome)	Cabinet considered the recommendation put forward from the above OSP and it was RESOLVED that the recommendations made in the report submitted to Environment and Leisure OSP be noted.

04/12/2026	Lawn Burial Provision. The Strategic Director - Public Services presented the current position in relation to the number of Lawn Burial plots remaining within Nuneaton and Bedworth. The panel were asked to consider options to accommodate short, medium- and long-term Burial Space.	Information be provided on the following and brought back to the next meeting of Environment and Leisure OSP: -On the Bucks Hill 26-29 graves site (including financial information) to establish if it is a viable site, -Further breakdown of the £3M estimate for Marston Lane, -Officers with members to site visit cemeteries to identify spaces, -Urgent discussions to be had with Arbury estate, WCC and any other organisations in respect of other parcels of land we could acquire. -Include Mr Devall and Mr Ahmedabadi to receive their thoughts and observations on burial spaces -Income received on existing services and how much the services are costing the Council.		
05/02/2026	Tree Strategy -The Assistant Director – Recreation and Culture presented the report and strategy to the panel for consideration.	It be recommended to Cabinet to adopt the Tree Strategy with consideration given to the comments made	Yes (see outcome)	CABINET RESOLVED that the Tree Strategy be adopted.
05/02/2026	Sub-regional Recycling Contract - The Assistant Director – Environment and Enforcement gave a presentation to the panel on the recycling performance at Sherbourne Recycling facility.	The report be noted with consideration given the comments made by the panel		
05/02/2026	Everyone Active Annual Report - A presentation by an SLM representative was given to the panel on the last 12months, in respect of usage, membership/swimming lessons and fitness. In addition to community health and wellbeing and social added value.	The report be noted.		
26/03/2026	Lawn Burial Provision A report of the Assistant Director (AD) – Recreation & Culture. The Panel were presented with a report that provided further detail and clarification following actions agreed at the Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 4th December 2025.	It be recommended to Cabinet that a) the sites at both Haunchwood Recreation Ground and Attleborough Recreation Ground be evaluated for its suitability as future burial land; and b) to move forward with options identified at section 6 of the report.	Yes (see outcome)	Submitted to Cabinet due to be held on 22nd April 2026

26/03/2026	<p>Access to Open Water The Assistant Director – Recreation and Culture presented the report that provided further information from the report that was submitted to OSP on 16th October 2025. The report gave the current position the Council takes with managing public safety and its own responsibilities in relation to open water bodies.</p>	<p>It be recommend to Cabinet that:</p> <p>a) Officers work with the Sea Cadets Commander and Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Health to review other private water bodies in and around Nuneaton and Bedworth that might provide a suitable venue for their water activities.</p> <p>b) members consider the opportunity of a small communities' fund be established, supported by income received from the Borough Lottery, open to application by Nuneaton and Bedworth organisations. Specifically, whose key aim is to provide youth advocacy where the use of open water is a key function, with criteria to be developed by the Communities Team in line with their existing funding programmes</p>	Yes (see outcome)	Submitted to Cabinet due to be held on 22nd April 2026
26/03/2026	<p>Grounds Maintenance Procurement Contract The Assistant Director – Recreation and Culture presented the report to the panel on the recommendations brought forward by the working group for the Grounds Maintenance Procurement Contract.</p>	<p>a) it be recommended to Cabinet that the contents of the report (specifically those at point 4 of the report) be adopted; and b) the soft market testing as per 5.1 of the report be brought back to the working party for consideration.</p>	Yes (see outcome)	Submitted to Cabinet due to be held on 22nd April 2026

Report of: Housing and Communities Overview & Scrutiny Panel

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a) 05/06/2025, b) 25/09/2025, c) 22/01/2026	Integrated Performance Report - the 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) Third and Fourth Quarter (End of Year) 2024/25 b) First Quarter 2025/26, c) Second Quarter 2025/26	a) the contents of the report with consideration given to the verbal presentation of the report be noted. b) the report be noted with any questions feedback to the Risk Management and Performance Officer if received; . c) The contents of the report be noted;		
05/06/2025	Housing Performance – Quarter Three and Four (2024/25) The Assistant Director – Social Housing and Community Safety submitted a report to provide the Panel with the performance figures for the first quarter 2024/25.	The report be noted.		
05/06/2025	Tenant Satisfaction Survey Measures 2024/25 The Assistant Director – Social Housing and Community Safety submitted a report to provide the Panel with the results of the Tenant Satisfaction Survey 2024/25 prior to being submitted to Cabinet and to the Regulator of Social Housing.	a)the report be noted; b)the Assistant Director – Social Housing and Community Safety be required to work with the Portfolio Holder for Housing and the Strategic Director for Housing and Communities to utilise the results of the TSM's to improve services and service delivery; and c)the Assistant Director be required to consult with the Housing & Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel upon any such service and/or service delivery improvements identified.		
05/06/2025	Housing Annual Complaints and Service Improvement 2024/25 A report of the Assistant Director – Social Housing and Community Safety was submitted to the panel providing details of the Social Housing Complaint Handling Code self-assessment 2024/25 along with the Housing Complaints Annual Report for 2024/25	a)the report be noted; and b)the comments be made as per requirements of the Housing Ombudsman Service.		

<p>a) 05/06/2025, b) 25/09/2025 & c) 22/01/2026</p>	<p>Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) Working Group a) 5th June 2025 Due to the change in membership of Cabinet/Committees, the membership of the working group needed to be reviewed. b) 25th Sept 2025 To amend the working group membership c) 22nd Jan 2026 - A verbal update of the progress of the HMO Working Group was given to the panel by the Strategic Director – Housing and Communities and a vice chair was sought for the Working Group.</p>	<p>a) Councillors B. Hughes and Councillor T. Venson be removed from the working group membership due to their appointment as Cabinet Members; and Councillor C. Phillips and Councillor B. Saru be added to the working group membership. b) the membership of the working group be amended to include Councillor M. Kondakor and remove Councillor B. Saru. c) the update be noted; Councillor M. Bird be elected as the Vice-Chair of the Working Group; and Russ Dyable (Rent-a-Room) be invited to the next meeting of the Working Group to provide information on selective licensing conditions.</p>		
<p>05/06/2025</p>	<p>Corporate Plan and Delivery Plan 2025 - 2029 The Corporate Plan and Delivery Plan showing the strategic aims and themes that the Council are working towards was presented to the panel for information</p>	<p>a) that Corporate Plan and Delivery Plan 2025 – 2029 be noted</p>		
<p>26/08/2025</p>	<p>Call-in Conduct a Public Consultation on changes to the Pool Bank Car Park The Democratic Services Team Leader advised the panel that the decision of Cabinet on the 16th July 2025 regarding the above had been 'called in'. The request for call in was received on 28th July 2025</p> <p>The call in had been assessed against Article 12: Principles of Decision Making as detailed within the Council's Constitution. Following this assessment four of the five call in areas had been rejected as they fully complied with the Article 12 Principles.</p> <p>The area relating to "Options offered for consideration will be explained' were accepted for the OSP to review and consider.</p>	<p>a) the decision of Cabinet be endorsed allowing the decision to be carried out but under different timescales due to delay.</p>	<p>Yes (see outcome)</p>	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED that the outcome of the Housing and Communities OSP held on 26th August 2025 be noted.</p>

25/09/2025	Warwickshire Police and Crime Plan The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) – Mr Philip Seccombe was in attendance and presented the Plan to the panel for any questions	The presentation be noted and thanks expressed to the Police Crime Commissioner for his attendance.		
25/09/2025	NABSCOP – Strategic Assessment A report from the Communities and Communities Safety Manager was presented to the Panel.	a) the revised priorities in the assessment be noted; and b) the NABSCOP Partnership Plan objectives and targets to address the priorities outlined in the assessment for Nuneaton and Bedworth be noted		
25/09/2025	Pride in Camp Hill To provide an end-of-year update on the progress, achievements, and future priorities for the Pride in Camp Hill (PinCH) regeneration programme.	a) the successful completion of Phase 5 of the Saxon View development be noted; b) the Panel acknowledged the Board's regained financial independence and ongoing stewardship arrangements; and c) the Panel supported the strategic focus on community engagement and sustainability initiatives for 2025–2028.		
05/06/2025	Housing Performance – Quarter One (2025/26) The Assistant Director – Strategic Housing submitted a report to provide the Panel with the performance figures for the first quarter 2025/26.	The report be noted		

22/01/2026	<p><u>Motion from Extraordinary Council – 16th September 2025</u> A motion was put forward and agreed at full council held on 16th September 2025, this is as follows:</p> <p>‘The Chief Executive be requested to write to the Home Office, Serco, Warwickshire Police and Warwickshire County Council (Communities Team) to invite them to an extraordinary meeting of the Housing and Communities OSP to be called by the Chief Executive to scrutinise the placement, housing, monitoring and support of asylum seekers within Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough. The NBBC Communities Team is also to attend the extraordinary meeting. ‘</p>	<p>a) it be recommended to Cabinet to examine the possibility of giving access to the Passport to Leisure Scheme for asylum seekers; and</p> <p>b) the minutes of the Priory Street Residents Group be brought to the next meeting of the Housing and Communities OSP.</p>	Yes (see outcome)	Cabinet RESOLVED that engagement is being made by Cabinet with the appropriate bodies who implement the Passport to Leisure Scheme on the possibility of giving access to asylum seekers.
22/01/2026	<p><u>Voluntary Sector and Community Sector Performance</u> The Community and Community Safety Manager presented the report to the panel.</p> <p>The panel expressed their thanks for collating the report and to the other voluntary groups for providing vital support to the residents of the Borough.</p>	The report be noted		

Title: Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report 2025/26

Date Made	Item	Outcome	Recommendations to Cabinet/Council	Response
a) 26/06/2025 b) 23/10/2025 c) 12/02/2026	<p>Integrated Performance Report</p> <p>A report of the Risk Management and Performance Officer provided Panel Members with appropriate performance measures, budget information and risk data for service areas within the scope of the Panel. The report has been adapted to reduce the volume of data (as previously reported under the former scrutiny panel arrangements), whilst still providing the Panel with sufficient information to monitor results to address issues arising.</p>	a) The contents of the report be noted b) The contents of the report be noted c) The contents of the report be noted		
26/06/2025	<p>Health and Wellbeing Board</p> <p>A report of the Assistant Director - Recreation and Culture, Public Health Service Manager - Strategic Partnerships, and Senior Programme Manager - George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust gave a presentation which updated the Panel on the statutory duties, priorities progress and the next steps</p>	the presentation and report be considered and noted		
26/06/2025	<p>Fees and Charges Policy</p> <p>report of the Assistant Director - Finance provided the panel with an overview of the Fees and Charges Policy to be adopted from August 2025.</p>	A That the policy be reviewed and contents noted and b) IT BE RECOMMENDED TO CABINET that the Fees and Charges Policy be approved and adopted from August 2025	a) IT BE RECOMMENDED TO CABINET that the Fees and Charges Policy be approved and adopted from August 2025	The Fees and Charges Policy be approved and adopted from August 2025
26/06/2025	<p>Corporate Plan and Delivery Plan</p> <p>Corporate Plan and Delivery Plan showing the strategic aims and themes that the Council are working towards which were agreed at Full Council in April 2025 was presented to the panel for information. The main themes and strategic aims will be provided in every OSP agenda. The plan is in place for four years and Panel Members can monitor this to ensure the council is delivering on its strategic aims and themes relevant to this OSP.</p>	The That that Corporate Plan and Delivery Plan 2025 – 2029 be noted		
19/08/2025 Extraordinary Meeting	<p>Skilled Migrant Workers Policy and Procedure</p> <p>The Assistant Director - Democracy and Governance advised the Panel that the decision of Cabinet on 16th July 2025 regarding the Skilled Migrant Workers Policy and Procedure had been 'called in'.</p>	That the decision made by Cabinet be endorsed, allowing the decision to be carried out but under different timescales due to delay	The decision of Cabinet on 16th July 2025 had been 'called in'.	The decision by Cabinet be carried out under different timescales.
23/10/2025	<p>Managing Attendance of the Council's Workforce</p> <p>A report of the Peoples Services Manager reported on the end of year performance for sickness absence, giving Members the opportunity to scrutinise the work activity and trends relating to the Attendance Management of the Council's Workforce. Members were able to consider the additional initiatives that have been used in an effort to improve attendance.</p>	That the report be considered and noted		

23/10/2025	Agency Staff Review A report of the People Services Manager provided an overview of the use of Temporary Agency Workers for 2024/25. Members were given the opportunity to scrutinise this use, consider the challenges in recruitment and the initiatives used in an effort to address these challenges	That the contents of the report be considered and noted		
23/10/2026	Emergency Planning The People Services Manager reported on the Council's statutory responsibilities under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 and its role in responding to declared emergencies. Members were given the opportunity to consider the contents of the report and the actions undertaken or underway to meet the Council's obligations under the Civil Contingencies Act.	That the contents of the report be considered and noted; b) all Members be offered training and guidance on emergency planning; and c) the list/rota of emergency contacts be shared with Members		
23/10/2026	Capital Strategy 2025/26 A report of the Assistant Director - Finance provided Members with an overview of the Capital Strategy 2025/26	That a) the contents of the report be reviewed and noted; and b) IT BE RECOMMENDED TO CABINET that the Capital Strategy 2025/26 be approved	IT BE RECOMMENDED TO CABINET that the Capital Strategy 2025/26 be approved	Cabinet resolved that the Capital Strategy 2025/26 be approved
12/02/2026	Air Quality A report of the Assistant Director – Recreation and Culture with a presentation of representatives from NBBC and WCC provided Members with an update on matters in relation to Air Quality within Nuneaton and Bedworth	That the contents of the report be considered and noted		
12/02/2026	Healthwatch Warwickshire A presentation of the Healthwatch Warwickshire Engagement and Intelligence Lead – Warwickshire North provided the Panel with information including a background, the objectives, feedback received, the impact and the priorities of Healthwatch.	That the contents of the report be considered and noted		
12/02/2026	People Strategy 2026-2029 The People Services Manager provided the panel with an overview of the People Strategy for 2026-2029	That the contents of the report be considered and noted; b) IT BE RECOMMENDED TO CABINET that the People Strategy 2026-2029 be approved and adopted	IT BE RECOMMENDED TO CABINET that the People Strategy 2026-2029 be approved and adopted	Cabinet resolved that the People Strategy 2026 - 2029 be approved and adopted.
12/02/2026	NBBC Equality Policy A report of the Equality and Safeguarding Officer provided the panel with the draft Equality Policy for consideration with a view to recommending to Cabinet for adoption and approval.	That the contents of the report be considered and noted; b) IT BE RECOMMENDED TO CABINET that the revised Equality Policy be approved and adopted	IT BE RECOMMENDED TO CABINET that the revised Equality Policy be approved and adopted	Cabinet resolved that the revised Equality Policy be approved and adopted
12/02/2026	An overview of the Safeguarding Activities in the Borough The Equality and Safeguarding Officer provided Members with an overview of the current safeguarding activities which are taking place in the Borough.	That the contents of the report be considered and noted		

