

MINUTES

OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE GUILDHALL, NORTHAMPTON, ON Thursday, 23 May 2013 AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

PRESENT: HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR Councillor Conroy (in the Chair).

COUNCILLORS: Ansell, Aziz, Beardsworth, Begum, Bottwood, Caswell, I. Choudary, N Choudary, Davies, Duncan, Eales, Eldred, Flavell, Ford, Glynane, Golby, Gowen, Hadland, Hallam, Hibbert, Hill, King, Lane, Larratt, Lynch, Mackintosh, Markham, Marriott, Mennell, Meredith, Nunn, Oldham, Palethorpe, Parekh, Patel, Sargeant, Stone, Strachan, Subbarayan, Wire DL and Yates

1. ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

Councillor Wire DL proposed and Councillor Mackintosh seconded: "That Councillor Les Marriott be elected Mayor of the Borough of Northampton for the ensuing year".

The motion was carried and Councillor L Marriott was appointed Mayor and accepted office by making and delivering to the Chief Executive the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Mayor then took the Chair.

2. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE OUTGOING MAYOR AND MAYORESS

Councillor Beardsworth proposed and Councillor Glynane seconded: "That the thanks of the Council be given to Councillor Roger Conroy and Mrs Jenny Conroy for the able and courteous manner in which they have discharged their duties as Mayor and Mayoress"

The motion was carried.

3. ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor Golby proposed and Councillor Duncan seconded "That Councillor Caswell be appointed to the office of Deputy Mayor.

The motion was carried and Councillor J Caswell was appointed Deputy Mayor and accepted office by making and delivering to the Chief Executive the Declaration of Acceptance to Office.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

5. APOLOGIES.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mason, Malpas and Capstick.

6. LONG SERVICE

The long service of the employees shown in paragraph 6 of the agenda was noted with appreciation.

7. LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE CONSERVATIVE GROUP

Councillor Hadland announced that Councillor Mackintosh had been appointed Leader of the Conservative Group and that Councillor Markham had been appointed Deputy Leader of the Conservative Group.

8. LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

Councillor Strachan announced that Councillor Wire DL had been appointed Leader of the Opposition and Councillor Davies had been appointed Deputy Leader of the Opposition.

9. LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP

Councillor Glynane announced that Councillor Beardsworth had been appointed Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group and that Councillor Meredith had been appointed Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group.

10. DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND CABINET

Council noted the Leader of the Council's appointment of Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Members as follows:

Councillor Markham -	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Housing.
Councillor Bottwood -	Cabinet Member for Finance
Councillor Hadland -	Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning
Councillor Eldred -	Cabinet Member for Community Engagement
Councillor Hallam -	Cabinet Member for Environment

11. COMMITTEE PROPORTIONALITY

Councillor Mackintosh submitted a report that sought Council's approval of the number and Group proportionality of seats on each Committee.

Councillor Markham seconded adoption of the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the result of Councillor I Choudary joining the Conservative Group be noted.
2. That the number of seats on each Committee be as set out in the report.

3. That the representation of the political groups be as set out in the report

12. COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Mayor announced that the next Annual Meeting of Council would take place on 15th May 2014 and that other meetings of the Council would take place on 15 July, 16 September, 28 October, 9 December 2013, 20 January, 24 February, 10 March, 28 April, 2 June and 14 July 2014.

13. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

Councillor Mackintosh submitted a report that set out the detailed appointments to Committees for 2013/14.

Councillor Markham seconded adoption of the report.

RESOLVED: That the appointments to Committees for 2013/14 be as set out in the report.

14. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Mackintosh submitted a report that sought the confirmation of Council to the appointments to outside bodies for 2013/14.

Councillor Markham seconded the adoption of the report.

RESOLVED: That the Appointments to Outside Bodies for 2013/14 be confirmed as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

15. CONSULTATION APPOINTMENTS

Councillor Mackintosh proposed the Consultation Appointments as set out on the agenda.

Councillor Markham seconded the adoption of the Consultation Appointments.

RESOLVED: Civic Matters (Chief Executive)

The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, The Immediate Past Mayor and Councillors Beardsworth, Hill, Mackintosh and Wire DL.

Community Enabling Fund Advisory Panel (Chief Executive):
Councillors I Choudary (Chair) and Councillors Parekh, Beardsworth, King, Strachan and Subbarayan

Constitution Review Working Party (Borough Solicitor) Councillors
Beardsworth, Capstick, Hill, Malpas, Meredith and Strachan.

Markets Advisory Panel (Director of Customers and Communities)
Councillor Nunn, Hadland and Strachan

Northamptonshire Police and Crime Panel

Councillor Eldred (Cllr King – Substitute)
Councillor Wire DL (Cllr Davies - Substitute)

Discretionary Housing Payments Review Panel (Chief Executive)
Councillor Bottwood & Markham
Councillor Beardsworth
Councillor Davies & Mason

16. HONORARY ALDERMEN

Councillor Mackintosh submitted a report which sought the confirmation of former Councillor who had served for 12 years or more as Northampton Borough Councillors be eligible to be considered for conferment of the title of 'Honorary Alderman'.

RESOLVED:

That the principle of conferring the title of Honorary Alderman on former Councillors who have met the criteria of having a minimum length of service as a Northampton Borough Councillor of 12 years, and who otherwise meet the criteria set out by section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 be approved.

17. MATTERS OF URGENCY

There were none.

The meeting concluded at 11.54am