

# NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



## COUNCIL

Monday, 10 March 2014

**YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE GUILDHALL NORTHAMPTON ON MONDAY, 10 MARCH 2014 UPON THE RISING OF THE ADJOURNED COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2014, WHEN THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS IS PROPOSED TO BE TRANSACTED:**

- 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
- 2. APOLOGIES**
- 3. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS**
- 5. MEMBER AND PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

- 6. CABINET MEMBER PRESENTATIONS**

(Copy herewith)

- 7. OPPOSITION GROUP BUSINESS**

Councillor Palethorpe to make a statement on "Current Regeneration Issues".

- 8. PAY POLICY STATEMENT**

(Copy herewith)

## 9. NOTICES OF MOTION

i) Councillor Beardsworth to propose and Councillor Conroy to second:

This Council notes the good work done by the administration and members of the opposition in developing the “Arm’s Length Management Organisation” that is intended to take control of the Borough’s Housing Stock, with a target date of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015. The relationship between the Housing Revenue Account and the General Fund is important aspect of delivering cost effective services to Northampton council tax payers. It is important that the Council has a detailed understanding of the support provided by the General Fund to the Housing Revenue Account, and the reverse. Council therefore requests that Scrutiny undertakes a detail review of the services provided and cost associated with the change between the two budgets presenting their findings in time for the ALMO start up and the preparation of the 2015/16 budget.

ii) Councillor Glynane to propose and Councillor Meredith to second:

The Council notes that low air quality can have serious consequences for the health of people and of the environment, making good air quality fundamental for the ongoing good of our town. Given plans to reopen Abington Street to traffic, it is therefore essential that current air quality levels are established, so any changes in them can be properly managed in the future, and the health of residents, town centre users and the environment can be assured. Council resolves to establish and publish air quality levels at a number of points along the stretch of Abington Street between St. Giles Terrace and Wellington Street before any work begins, and regularly afterward, so that any changes can be clearly identified and mitigated.

iii) Cllr Mackintosh to propose and Councillor Hadland to second:

“This Council recognises the importance of the St Edmund's site as a key gateway to the town.

“It is regrettable that the buildings have fallen into a state of disrepair, but Council welcomes the fact that this Administration is working with the developers of the site and English Heritage to drive forward the renovation of the buildings and bring them back into an appropriate use.

“Council looks forward to a planning application being submitted later this year and will keep all options open to ensure that the site is properly redeveloped.”

## 10. MATTERS OF URGENCY WHICH BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THE MAYOR IS OF THE OPINION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.

## **Public Participation**

### **1. Comments and Petitions**

- 1.1 A member of the public (or an accredited representative of a business ratepayer of the Borough) may make a comment or present a petition on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers. A comment or presentation of a petition shall be for no more than three minutes. No notice of the nature of the comment to be made or of the petition is required except for the need to register to speak by 12 noon on the day of the meeting.

(Public comments and petitions will not be taken and the Annual Council Meeting or other civic or ceremonial meetings.)

#### **NOTES**

- i. Comments may be on one or more subjects but each person has no longer than three minutes to have their say.*
- ii. The same person may make a comment and present a petition on different subjects. In such instances that person will have three minutes to make their comment and a separate three minutes to present a petition.*

### **2. Member and Public Questions**

- 2.1 A member of the public (or business ratepayer of the Borough) may ask a maximum of two written questions at each meeting, each limited to a maximum of 50 words, on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers. Each question shall:
- be submitted in writing and delivered, faxed or e-mailed to Democratic Services no later than 10.00am seven calendar days before the day of the meeting; and
  - include the name and address of the questioner and the name of the Cabinet member/Committee Chair to whom the question is put.

- 2.2 At the meeting, copies of all questions and the responses to them from the public and Members will be made available to the public and press. The Mayor may allow one supplementary question, without notice, that arises directly from the original question or response.

(Questions will not be taken at the Annual Council Meeting or at civic or ceremonial meetings or meetings called to deal with specific items of business.)

#### **NOTES**

*In respect of paragraph 2.1 above, questions may be rejected on certain grounds that are set out on page 4-12 of the Council's Constitution and which may be viewed at [www.northampton.gov.uk/site/scripts/download\\_info.php?fileID=1919](http://www.northampton.gov.uk/site/scripts/download_info.php?fileID=1919) or by seeking advice using the contact details below.*

### **3. Motions**

- 3.1 A member of the public may register to speak to a motion under the ‘Notices of Motion’ item on the agenda. Registration to speak must be made to Democratic Services by 12 noon on the day to the meeting. Speaking to a motion is restricted to three minutes per person.

(The ‘Notices of Motion’ item will not be taken at the Annual Council meeting or meetings called for civic or ceremonial purposes.)

#### 4. General

A member of the public may make a comment, present a petition, ask a question or speak to a motion at the same meeting subject to the restrictions set out above.

#### 5. Contacts

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