

MINUTES

OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE GUILDHALL, NORTHAMPTON, ON Thursday, 15 May 2014 AT SIX THIRTY O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

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

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

1. ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

Councillor Mackintosh proposed and Councillor Duncan seconded: "That Councillor John Caswell be elected Mayor of the Borough of Northampton for the ensuing year".

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

The Mayor then took the Chair.

2. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE OUTGOING MAYOR AND MAYORESS

Councillor Mason proposed and Councillor Palethorpe seconded: "That the thanks of the Council be given to Councillor Les Marriott and Mrs Lisa Marriot 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 Larratt proposed and Councillor Hill seconded: "That Councillor Penny Flavell be appointed to the office of Deputy Mayor".

The motion was carried and Councillor Flavell 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 were received from Councillor Gowen and Yates.

6. LONG SERVICES

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 GROUP

Councillor Palethorpe announced that Councillor Marriott had been appointed Leader of the Opposition and that Councillor Mason had been appointed Deputy Leader of the Opposition.

9. LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS 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

The Leader of the Council announced the following appointments:

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

11. COMMITTEE PROPORTIONALITY

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

Councillor Markham seconded adoption of the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the number of seats on each Committee as set out in the report be approved.
2. That the representation of the political groups be as set out in this report be agreed.

12. COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Mayor announced that the next Annual Meeting of the Council take place on 21st May 2015 and that other meetings of the Council take place on the 14th July, 15th September, 27th October, 8th December 2014, 19th January, 23rd February and the 2nd March 2015.

13. APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES

Councillor Mackintosh submitted a report that set out the detailed appointments to Committees for 2014/15.

Councillor Markham seconded adoption of the report.

RESOLVED:

That the appointments for Committees for 2014/15 be agreed as set out in the report.

14. APPOINTMENT TO THE ALMO SHADOW BOARD

Councillor Mackintosh submitted a report that sought Council's approval for the appointments to the Arm's Length Management Board Shadow Board.

Councillor Markham seconded the report.

RESOLVED:

That the Councillors Hibbert, Bottwood, Beardsworth, Mason and N Choudary be appointed to the ALMO Shadow Board.

15. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Mackintosh submitted a report that sought the confirmation of Council to the appointments to Outside Bodies for 2014/15 with an amendment that Councillor Oldham be replaced by Councillor Hibbert to the Northamptonshire Waste Management Partnership.

Councillor Markham seconded adoption of the report with the above amendment.

RESOLVED:

That the appointment to Outside Bodies, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, was confirmed.

16. CONSULTATION APPOINTMENTS

Councillor Mackintosh proposed the Consultation Appointments as set out at Item 16 of 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 and Mackintosh

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, Subbarayan, Oldham, Hallam, Meredith and
Strachan.

Markets Advisory Panel
Councillor Nunn, Hadland and Stone

Northamptonshire Police and Crime Panel
Councillor Eldred (Cllr King – Substitute)
Councillor Mason (Cllr Marriott - Substitute)

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

The meeting concluded at 11.51am