

SNORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



COUNCIL

Monday, 27 October 2014

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE GUILDHALL NORTHAMPTON ON MONDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2014 AT 6:30 PM WHEN THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS IS PROPOSED TO BE TRANSACTED

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. MINUTES.

To approve the minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting of the Council held on 15th September 2014.

3. APOLOGIES.

4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS

6. MEMBER AND PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

(Copy herewith)

7. CABINET MEMBER PRESENTATIONS

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8. OPPOSITION GROUP BUSINESS

Councillor Mason to make a statement on "Devolution".

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

- i) Councillor Mackintosh to propose and Councillor Marriott to second that:

“Council recognises the 825th anniversary of Northampton's Royal Charter as a significant anniversary in the town's history.

On this occasion chooses to confer the honour of the Freedom of the Borough of Northampton on three citizens who have worked hard for the town.

Keith Barwell OBE for his services to The Saints, the restoration of the Charles Rennie Mackintosh house at 78 Derngate and support for the town;

Brian Binley, Member of Parliament, for his long-standing support for Northampton as a County Councillor and MP, and for his role in the regeneration of the town;

Alderman John Dickie as a former Leader of Northampton Borough Council and longstanding supporter of the town;

In recognition of these achievements, and their long service to the people of Northampton, this Council resolves to award the three citizens the Freedom of the Borough and to hold a special meeting for the award ceremony."

- ii) Councillor Beardsworth to propose and Councillor Conroy to second:

“This Council recognises the exceptional contribution to the town provided by the hard work of our staff.

This Council further recognises that staff are more effective and feel more valued when they are treated fairly and properly by the administration and this Council as a whole.

Unfortunately, this Council is also forced to recognise that though upcoming changes to their terms and conditions, hardworking staff are being forced to pay for the mistakes of his administration –from out of control borrowing, to failed projects.

Council therefore resolves that no further negative changes will be made to staff terms and conditions for the foreseeable future”.

- iii) Councillor Glynane to propose and Councillor Beardsworth to second:

This Council notes the motion passed at NCC last month calling for the County Council to “work with Borough and District Councillors and officer to develop an integrated cycling policy which raises the profile and priority of cycling...and ensures the interests and safety of cyclists.

This Council resolves to take the lead in making our town centre friendly for non-car users, to make every effort to ensure success of the County Council’s new ‘joined up’ plan”.

- iv) Councillor Ashraf to propose and Councillor Eales to second:

“This council recognises the exceptional parking problems that residents and tenants regularly encounter in St James as a result of match day parking. This council therefore resolves to do the following:

1. Look into the possibility of issuing tenants in NBC homes that have allocated parking

areas with free match day parking permits. The properties considered would be: Cordwainer House, Stitchman House, Stirup House, Lapstone House, Eyeletter House, Abbey House, Melbourne House, Devonshire House, although this list is not exhaustive. This measure would ensure that premium allocated parking is not occupied by sports fans. This should be supplemented with sufficient enforcement on match days to tackle inappropriately and incorrectly parked vehicles.

2. This council also agrees to consult with Northamptonshire County Council and Highways to look at the possibility of extending free match day permits into other parts of St James, which may then replace the current parking permit scheme which is presently under review and thus remove the need to financially penalise the people of St James simply because a successful sports club is located on their door step”.

v) Councillor Mason to propose and Councillor Marriott to second:

This Council regrets that funding for the Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) has been reduced by Central Government.

This Council notes that a consultation is currently underway about changes to the CTRS. The consultation ends on the 09 November 2014.

This Council further notes that under the current scheme working age claimants can only claim a maximum discount for 85% of their Council Tax. The Conservative Administration is proposing to reduce this to somewhere between 80% and 75%.

This Council believes that the fairest and most prudent option would be to make no changes to the CTRS as the poorest and most vulnerable are already suffering hardship through the benefit reforms and a cost of living crisis.

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

The Guildhall
Northampton

D. Kennedy Chief Executive

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 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.

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