

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



COUNCIL

Monday, 19 January 2015

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE GUILDHALL NORTHAMPTON ON MONDAY, 19 JANUARY 2015 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 8th December 2014.

3. APOLOGIES.

4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS

6. MEMBER AND PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

7. CABINET MEMBER PRESENTATIONS

8. OPPOSITION GROUP BUSINESS

Councillor Beardsworth to make a statement on "Local Government must completely rethink the way they deliver services, organise themselves and otherwise serve local residents".

9. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES - NORTHAMPTON PARTNERSHIP HOMES

(Copy herewith)

10. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION - SCHEME OF DELEGATIONS

(Copy to follow)

11. POSITION STATEMENT ON THE ADOPTION OF WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE JOINT CORE STRATEGY PART 1 LOCAL PLAN

(Copy herewith)

12. COUNCIL TAX BASE

(Copy herewith)

13. LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME - 2015/16

(Copy herewith)

14. TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID YEAR REPORT

(Copy herewith)

15. COMMITTEE PROPORTIONALITY

(Copy herewith)

16. NOTICES OF MOTION

i) Councillor Larratt to propose and Councillor Hill to second:

‘This Council notes, welcomes and supports the position of Northamptonshire County Council with regard to a North West bypass for Northampton as expressed in a motion to that Council that was approved at a meeting held on 25th September 2014 calling for the building of a north west bypass to dual carriageway standard, thus completing the Northampton ring road.

‘Furthermore this Council notes, welcomes and supports the strong desire of local residents in and to the north of Northampton for the construction of this road as expressed at a meeting of Northampton Residents Forum held on 4th November 2014 .

This Council deeply regrets that the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy fails to support and provide for the development of this vital road infrastructure that will greatly assist in relieving the high level of traffic congestion and air pollution that exists in the north of the Borough and beyond.

‘This Council therefore requires the provision of a North West bypass for Northampton to be a major feature of Planning Strategy and Policy for the area, and for it to be delivered to the standard expressed by the County Council within the time span of current development strategies and plans for the area.’

ii) Councillor Marriott to propose and Councillor Mason to second that:

This Council notes that the Conservative Administration opposed the Labour Group amendment to the “Council Wide General Fund Revenue Budget 2013-16” which would have implemented a living wage for council staff from April 2013. This Council welcomes the recent Conservative Administration ‘U-turn’ by now implementing the living wage for Northampton Borough Council staff.

The Living Wage Foundation says its “*good for business, good for the individual and good for society*”.

The Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, says “*paying the Living Wage is not only morally right, but makes good business sense too. There are now over 2,200 employees working for companies with contracts from the GLA who are benefitting from the London Living Wage.*”

Local Authorities that have adopted the Living Wage include the Greater London Authority, Ashfield District Council, Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, Cherwell District Council, Gedling Borough Council, Oxford City Council, Thurrock Council and Winchester City Council.

This Council is also a major supplier/contractor of public services. Therefore it resolves for 1st April 2015 to:-

1. Supports the introduction of a Living Wage to all contracted and sub-contracted staff.
2. Adopt a policy of supporting the Living Wage in procurement on a case by case basis.
3. Seek accreditation as a Living Wage employer through the Living Wage Foundation.
4. Use our influence as a major local employer and provider of services to urge other local employers to pay the Living Wage.

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

The Mayor, following a request by the Leader of the Council, has agreed an urgent item to consider the attendance of Cllrs Subbarayan, Eales, Palethorpe and Davies at Council meetings

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 at 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.

5. Contacts

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