

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



COUNCIL

Monday, 18 April 2016

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE GUILDHALL NORTHAMPTON ON MONDAY, 18 APRIL 2016 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 the 29th February 2016 and the Council Meeting held on the 7th March 2016.

3. APOLOGIES.

4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS

6. MEMBER AND PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

7. CABINET MEMBER PRESENTATIONS

(Copy herewith)

8. OPPOSITION GROUP BUSINESS

Councillor Davenport to make a statement on "The Environment".

9. SPRING BOROUGH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

(Copy herewith)

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

i) Councillor Beardsworth to propose and Councillor Meredith to second:
“NCC debated a motion calling for an independent study on the benefits of unitary council models in Northamptonshire. This Council notes the lengths to which the Conservative group went to ensure that motion did not include a requirement to bring on district and borough councils as joint commissioners, only as consultees.

Council notes that different unitary models could look more or less favourable depending on the scope and type of question asked, and that the best interest of the County as a whole is not necessarily the best interest in Northampton.

Council notes that its role is to bring about what is best for this town, not to prop up a failing County Council.

Council therefore resolves to commission its own independent report into the benefits of unitary models to the town of Northampton”.

ii) Councillor G Eales to propose and Councillor Davenport to second:

“Many of our council tenants take pride in their environment and wish to personalise their communal areas. This council resolves to work with NPH on strategies that allow for this personalisation in such a way that doesn't contravene Health and Safety regulations”

iii) Councillor Davenport to propose and Councillor Ashraf to second:

This Council notes that the Discretionary Housing Payment is an important source of help for those struggling to make ends meet.

This Council believes not enough people are aware of DHP in Northampton.
This Council resolves to :-

- a) Work with and encourage NPH officers so they promote DHP. DHP should be promoted before someone faces eviction.
- b) To do much more to advertise DHP through housing letters, leaflets and so on.
- c) Make access to DHP as easy as possible.

iv) Councillor Stone to propose and Councillor Birch to second:

“This Council notes that it is now Government policy to make every school an Academy school. We also note that in addition to the two new secondary schools in development in the town that there will be a requirement for a further 3 secondary schools and a number of new Primary schools by 2020. We therefore

resolve to work with partners to create a Northampton Town Academy Trust which will bid to become the provider of the next generation of new schools needed in the Borough”.

11. 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.

5. Contacts

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