

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



COUNCIL

Monday, 19 September 2016

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE GUILDHALL NORTHAMPTON ON MONDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 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 18th July 2016.

3. APOLOGIES.

4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS

6. MEMBER AND PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

(Copy herewith)

7. CABINET MEMBER PRESENTATIONS

(Copy herewith)

8. OPPOSITION GROUP BUSINESS

Councillor McCutcheon to make a statement on "The Local Plan".

9. COMMITTEE PROPORTIONALITY

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10. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

(Copy herewith)

11. DELEGATION OF PLANNING DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY IN RESPECT OF PINEHAM BUSINESS PARK

(Copy herewith)

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

i) Councillor B Markham to propose and Councillor Beardsworth to second:

“Council agrees to the setting up of a cross-party panel to look at the business case for the creation of a wholly-owned Housing Development Company, either as a joint venture with Northampton Partnership Homes or as a stand-alone concern.

The aim of such a company would be to increase the availability of affordable housing and to unlock value from under-used Council land.

To use permitted borrowing, capital receipts from completed developments and right to buy to fund a rolling programme of house building and improvements to existing Council stock.

Council asks that the composition of such a panel be delegated to party leaders and if possible be set up before the next meeting of this Council with the aim of reporting to Cabinet before Annual Council.”

ii) Councillor Davenport to propose and Councillor Haque to second:

“This Council recognises the importance of a tidy neighbourhood. Excessive untidiness over a period of time in a neighbourhood reduces pride in the area and ultimately attracts litter and rubbish.

This Council believes that tenancy agreements should ultimately be enforced to ensure gardens and landscaping is kept tidy and free of rubbish. This helps to increase pride in the neighbourhood.

Where people are unable to maintain their gardens (such as the very elderly and the disabled) they need to be given the appropriate support.”

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

“We firmly believe that we must reduce waste, reuse waste where we can but recycle what can't be reused.

As the Council responsible for waste collection we will ask the County Council for a firm and detailed business case to have a waste to energy plant in Northampton.

We need a firm business case to explain why there needs to be a waste disposal plant in Northampton.

This Council will work with the County Council to try and find a site for waste disposal that is both suitable and has the support of residents. The solution should not be landfill.

This Council welcomes the fact that Northamptonshire County Council does not want to put a Waste to Energy Plant at the Westbridge Depot in St James. This is a victory for common sense and local people.

Going forward this Council needs to consider how it would dispose of waste when it becomes a unitary authority.”

iv) Councillor Stone to propose and Councillor M Markham to second:

“This Council has a great sympathy for the plight of refugees and notes the concerns of many local residents who may wish us to be a town that welcomes Syrian refugees fleeing civil war, extremism and brutality. Northampton could be a place of sanctuary. Whilst we have many local organisations willing to offer assistance, NCC and NBC cannot provide all the support services needed to accommodate refugees in Northampton.

This Council also recognises that there are genuine concerns from local residents over housing and school places. These need to be acknowledged and addressed, for example, we are in the process of setting up a facility for homeless people and are tackling pressures on housing.

This Council will work with Northamptonshire County Council and other local organisations and review our capacity to deliver on a regular basis. In the meantime other areas within Northamptonshire will continue to provide places while they are able to accommodate the specific needs”.

13. 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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