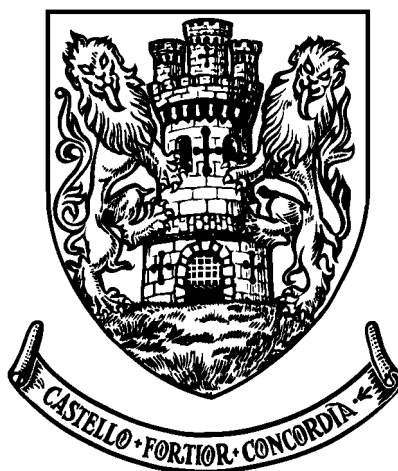


NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



COUNCIL

Monday, 13 March 2017

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE GUILDHALL NORTHAMPTON ON MONDAY, 13 MARCH 2017 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 27th February 2017.

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 Beardsworth to make a statement on "Business Rates Revaluation"

9. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL - MEMBERS ALLOWANCES

(Copy Herewith)

10. PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2017-18

(Copy Herewith)

11. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2017-18

(Copy Herewith)

12. CHANGES TO APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

(Copy Herewith)

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

- i) Councillor Beardsworth to propose and Councillor Meredith to second:

“The public continue to express concern about the facilities provided for travellers using the Victoria Street Coach Terminus.

Council is concerned that the administration's plans for coach facilities linked to the proposed Greyfriars's Development will fail to provide the, user friendly and convenient, modern facilities coach travellers arriving in town expect and deserve.

We call on the Council to carry out consultation with coach users, operators and the general public to ensure that coach facilities on offer in Northampton in the future are a credit to the town rather than an indictment of this council”.

- ii) Councillor B Markham to propose and Councillor Beardsworth to second:

“Councillors from all parties have spoken recently about the crisis in social housing and there is a belief that we need to start building council houses again.

With this in mind, we ask the Administration to explain why the proposal from Northampton Partnership Homes to build upwards of 1, 000 council houses over the next 10 years , which they have had since September 2016 , has yet to be evaluated”.

- iii) Councillor Flavell to propose and Councillor Larratt to second:

“This Council is extremely proud of the National Leather Collection (NLC) based in Northampton - the heart of the UK's leather and footwear industry, and congratulates the NLC Trust on establishing their new home in The Grosvenor Centre. The Collection's history, education and heritage is of a tremendous importance to our town, and we very much look forward to it becoming accessible to the public.

This motion confirms this Council's continued support for the NLC Trust in their work. Northampton Borough Council and Councillors will continue to work collaboratively with the Trust to ensure its ongoing short and long term success in town”.

- iv) Councillor Nunn to propose and Councillor Larratt to second:

“This Council notes that South Northamptonshire Council (SNC) has completed Part 2A

Issues and Options stages of its Local Plan, and is now preparing the Draft Plan for consultation.

To address the 5 year housing land supply shortfall in the Northampton Related Development Area (NRDA), SNC has resolved to allocate a reserve development site in its Local Plan Part 2. Two sites have been submitted to SNC's Local Plan Call for Sites at the Issues and Options stages. The two sites are:

- East Wootton – About 1,200 houses
- Land at South East Northampton – About 1,000 houses

This Council strongly objects to any further development to the South and South East of Northampton due to the impact it will have on local services, the lack of road infrastructure improvements and the impact on the A45 and local road network without adequate mitigation.

The Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits were approved as a Special Protection Area (SPA) in April 2011, due to the range of habitat and the varied topography of the lagoons providing valuable resting and feeding conditions for major concentrations of wintering water birds, especially ducks and waders. The area was also designated a Ramsar site, as it regularly supports 20,000 or more water birds and regularly supports 1% of the bird individuals of Mute Swan and Gadwall. Some species also spend time feeding and roosting on surrounding agricultural land outside the SPA.

Therefore, this Council also expresses concerns regarding the two sites being put forward for development as they have been identified as optimal and sub-optimal sites for Golden Plover and / or Lapwing activity.

This motion calls for SNC to take fully into account the views of Natural England – a statutory committee – and other relevant wildlife organisations, in developing and preparing its Local Plan, especially with regard to sites in the NRDA”.

v) Councillor Haque to propose and Councillor Birch to second:

“This Council notes there is a growing recognition of the detrimental impact of air pollution on human health.

This Council believes it must be proactive in reducing air pollution where it is practical to do so.

In order to educate young people in our town this Council asks Cabinet to purchase air quality testing kits for each secondary school within the Borough.

This can help children understand the level of air pollution in their area and will provide useful data for the Borough Council to take action”.

vi) Councillor Smith to propose and Councillor Ashraf to second:

“This Council recognises the benefits of having a “Young Mayor” and of having a youth representative to the UK Youth Parliament.

The benefits of a Young Mayor.

- Power and influence

- Getting youth voices heard
- Understanding and development
- New skills

We will work with the youth forum to develop this role.

The benefits of having a UK Youth Parliament representative

The UK Youth parliament provides opportunities for 11-18 year olds to use their elected voice to bring about social change through meaningful representation and campaigning.

The UK Youth Parliament, has chosen ‘votes for 16 and 17 year olds in all public elections and referenda’ as its national campaign for 2017. A ‘curriculum for life; was also chosen as the UK Youth Parliament’s priority campaign for England for a second time.

In January a total of 276 Members of Youth Parliament aged 11-18 took part in the debates, the subjects for which were voted for by 978,216 young people across the UK.

This Council recognizes it will be a benefit to have Northampton represented in the Youth Parliament”.

14. 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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