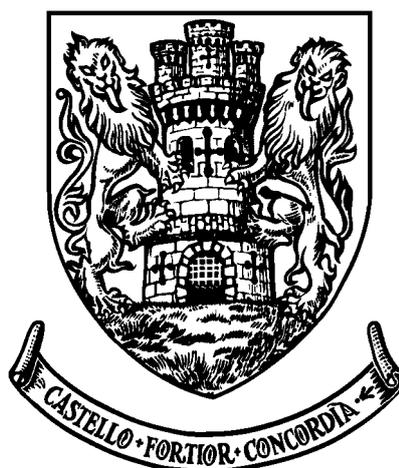


NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



COUNCIL

Monday, 5 November 2018

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE GUILDHALL NORTHAMPTON ON MONDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2018 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 10th September 2018.

3. APOLOGIES.

4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

5. HONORARY RECORDER - JUDGE MAYO INDUCTION

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS

7. MEMBER AND PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

8. CABINET MEMBER PRESENTATIONS

9. OPPOSITION GROUP BUSINESS

Cllr Marriott to make a statement about 'apprenticeships'.

- 10. CORPORATE PLAN 2018 - 2020**
- 11. REORGANISATION OF COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE ORDER 2018 - HUNSBURY MEADOWS.**
- 12. PROPOSED UPDATES TO THE CONSTITUTION**
- 13. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW OF THE BOROUGH - POTENTIAL OPTIONS FOR CONSULTATION AND FURTHER ACTIONS**
- 14. TREASURY MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT**
- 15. MATTERS OF URGENCY WHICH BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THE MAYOR IS OF THE OPINION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.**
- 16. NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

“The Council recognises that in 18 months’ time that responsibility for the regeneration of Northampton Town Centre will pass to the newly formed Unitary Authority.

The Council also recognises that delays implementing regeneration projects in Northampton may occur if the new authority does not have a clear understanding of the stakeholders’ vision for Northampton.

Building on the good work of the Business Improvement District recent consultation,, the council agrees to set up a cross party working group working with a wide range of stakeholders from civil society to produce a *Peoples Plan for Northampton*

To enable the new Unitary Council to prioritise projects in its first year the council requests a report to be produced by July 2019”.

ii) Councillor Beardsworth to propose and Councillor Meredith to second:

“The council notes that the site of the former Greyfriars Bus Station has stood empty since March 2015 and adds to the sense of decline in Northampton Town Centre.

The council calls on the administration to draw up options as part of the budget process for temporary use of the land during 2019 for the publics benefit pending the long-term development of the Greyfriars site”.

iii) Councillor G Eales to propose and Councillor Stone to second:

The technological advancements of recent decades have much in common with the effects of the Industrial Revolution in the latter part of the 18th century. Specifically, both movements accelerated the displacement of workers by machines that could perform tasks faster, more accurately and 24/7. While technology enables business owners to reduce overhead by downsizing their workforce, individuals whose skill sets are now obsolete have limited options for employment if their current jobs are eliminated.

Given that Northampton has a large proportion of warehousing and transport as its employment base, both of which face the introduction of new technology and automation in the near and medium future, this equates to at least 37% of workers in fear of their job.

The council will start to prepare and find the finance to allow for upskilling of workers. They will assist with;

- Training through employers and other agencies
- Planning for the future to deal with the implications of new technology as it is introduced.

- Organising a Symposium on the future of employment and the local economy with the university and employers.

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

We note with increasing dismay the effects of holding commercial events on our town parks resulting in damage to the grass and terrain and the disruption to local residents. The damage to the parkland is taking months to repair and meanwhile our residents are not able to enjoy the full use of these public open spaces.

- We call on this administration to plan these events more efficiently so as to not continually site events in the same area.
- Allocate greater resources for repair, mitigate the damage caused and ensure there is income to further develop our parks.
- Consult more with residents and Friends groups.
- Develop a strategy for the letting of our parks for commercial ventures.
- Ensure that NBC is compensated for the costs of this repair.

As we move towards Unitary status parishes may wish to take on the responsibility of their parks and these issues need to be regularised.

v) Councillor King to propose and Councillor Hill to second:

Northampton Borough Council resolves to join with the Government in signing up to the internationally recognised International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance guidelines on antisemitism which define antisemitism thus:

“Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, towards Jewish Community institutions and religious facilities.”

This Council resolves to:

- 1) Acknowledge the importance of tackling anti-Semitism in all its forms, to support the growing Jewish community in our town and across the county.
- 2) Restate its condemnation of all forms of racism in all its manifestations
- 3) Adopt the IHRA definition of antisemitism as the working model for challenging and confronting incidents of this form of racism.
- 4) Asks the Executive to look to adopt similarly agreed definitions to confront and challenge all forms of racism and discrimination that exist within our society.

vi) Councillor Hallam to propose and Councillor King to second:

There is an increasing number of reports received by Northampton Borough Council (NBC) regarding abandoned shopping trolleys. These are often abandoned in roads, on walkways and in parks, where they have the potential to cause accidents and are an eye sore within the community. Although many of local supermarkets try to take effective action to prevent the abandonment of shopping trolleys, it is too often the case that they do not act quickly enough on reports received.

This Council, therefore, resolves to use powers available to more effectively tackle the problem by charging supermarkets a £50 fee for each trolley collected by NBC. This set charge, coming into force on 1st January 2019, will be solely to recover the cost of collecting a shopping trolley that is

found by an NBC authorised officer on ‘any land in the open air’ (including watercourses), and that appears to them to be abandoned.

Abandoned trollies are a real nuisance and NBC is hoping that, rather than paying fees, supermarkets will take more responsibility for collecting their trolleys and, consequently, help reduce the number of such incidents.

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

This Council notes that the West Coast Main Line, including the Northampton Loop, is virtually running at full capacity. With continued growth in the proximity of the line, particularly in the Oxford / Cambridge Arc, the demand for services on the line will continue to increase and the line will be running at full, if not over capacity in the not too distant future. This will impact on the standard of rail services to and from Northampton to the detriment of the travelling public, especially our commuter population.

It is recognised by this Council, and Northampton Rail User Group, that there desperately needs to be more capacity on the West Coast Main Line in order to accommodate growth and provide business with the connectivity it needs to thrive.

While noting the cost of HS2, this Council reaffirms its belief that such new infrastructure is vital to the economic growth of Northampton, and the provision of a sustainable rail network serving the town as it grows in the future. Similarly, without HS2, we will not be able to deliver our aspirations for better rail connectivity for Northampton, with services of East / West Rail directly linking to Northampton, and the provision of regular direct services to the North West of England, North Wales, and Scotland.

This Council regrets that Northamptonshire County Council is considering a motion calling on the Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Transport for HS2 to be cancelled and stopped, as we consider this not to be in the best interest of Northampton. This Council therefore resolves to write to the Chief Executive and Leader of Northamptonshire County Council, and Northampton Members of that Council, informing them of this Council's position and reasoning regarding HS2.

Similarly, this Council resolves to write to the Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Transport calling on them to pursue HS2 with commitment and vigour in order for Northampton to have a sustainable rail service in the future, thereby providing the town with better rail connectivity to support the economic wellbeing and continuing growth of Northampton.

viii) Councillor King to propose and Councillor Hibbert to second:

Over recent years, there has been a growing understanding of the impact that taking part in the arts can have on health and wellbeing. By supplementing medicine and care, the arts can improve the health of people who experience mental or physical health problems. Engaging in the arts can promote prevention of disease and build wellbeing. The arts can improve healthcare environments and benefit staff retention and professional development.

There are many case studies and a wealth of evidence in *Creative Health* report, conducted by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Arts, to support three key messages:

- The arts can help keep us well, aid in our recovery and support longer lives better lived.
- The arts can help meet major challenges facing health and social care: ageing, long-term conditions, loneliness and mental health.
- The arts can help save money in the health service and social care.

Northampton Borough Council (NBC) expresses its strong support to the report's ten recommendations aimed at increasing awareness of the benefits the arts can bring to health and wellbeing and stimulating progress towards making these benefits a reality.

This Council notes the recommendation 3 of the report, which encourages all local authorities to

designate an individual at board level to take cross-sector responsibility for arts, health and wellbeing. NBC is proud to acknowledge that a lot of the proposed work is already being carried out under Community Engagement and Cultural Services.

This Council also resolves to further commit its continued support for better mental health by signing the Mental Health Prevention Concordant on 17th November, which marks the International Men's Day and this year's theme - Male Suicide Prevention.

Although the arts do not pretend to be a frontline health service, we're coming to understand how they can function very effectively in a complementary role. They don't only matter to the economy, they critically represent an investment in our quality of life.

George Candler – Chief Executive
The Guildhall
Northampton

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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