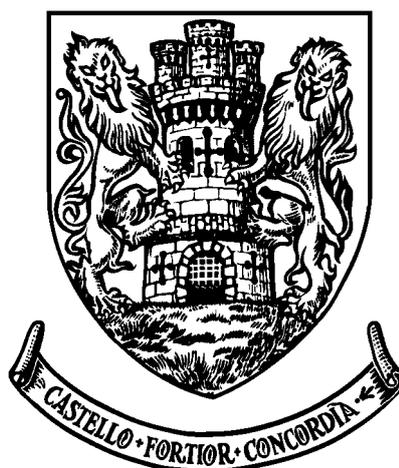


NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



COUNCIL

Monday, 14 September 2020

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL, WHICH WILL BE HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM – [HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/NORTHAMPTONBCTV](https://www.youtube.com/northamptonbctv), ON MONDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2020 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 20th July 2020.

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 Stone to make a statement on “Good governance is a democratic issue”

9. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2019/2020

10. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) CAPITAL PROGRAMME BUDGET

11. UPDATE ON CARRIED MOTIONS

If you would like an electronic version of the Carried Motions spreadsheet (Appendix 1) please contact democraticservices@northampton.gov.uk

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

i) Councillor Stone to propose and Councillor Ashraf to second:

“Covid-19 has thrown into relief the need for more, for bigger, for better community hubs.

The pandemic has made already vulnerable households ever more vulnerable. Community groups like Revolution Zero CiC, and Zimwomen with the United African Association, have worked really hard to keep marginalised households fed.

Their success has brought its own pressures. Both organisations need food storage spaces as well as distribution points.

Socially isolated older people need safe spaces where they can engage with each other and carry out activities safely. We need general day centres and specialist day centres, like an African Centre, where the needs of all our communities can be safely met.

Young people need safe spaces where they can engage with each other and carry out activities safely. The need for a youth centre has never been greater.

We need to rethink our relationship with the voluntary sector. We need to see them as the warp and weft of our communities. These are the organisations and the people that are keeping our communities going. They all need premises. We call on the council to work with all these agencies to create a community hub with shared storage and safe meeting spaces.”

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

“We are alarmed at the Government’s proposal to give additional development rights to developers. The proposal will bypass the planning system and lead to development that is neither strategic nor of good quality.

The housing crisis and the climate emergency means we need affordable, good quality, energy efficient homes.

We therefore call on the Council to write to Government expressing our concern at their proposal for deregulation.

We further call on the council to take all necessary steps to ensure that where housing is developed on commercial sites under the new regulations, that 35% of the housing is affordable and all are of a quality consistent with our aspiration to provide the best we can.”

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

“Council notes:

1. The publication by Government of the White Paper, ‘Planning for the Future’ on 6

August 2020, which sets out proposals on reforms to the planning process for the future.

2. That the vast majority of planning applications are given the go ahead by local authority planning committees, with permission granted to around 9 out of 10 applications.
3. That research by the Local Government Association has said that there are existing planning permissions for more than one million homes that have not yet been started.

Council is concerned that the proposals seek to:

1. Reduce or remove the right of residents to have their say on applications in their communities.
2. Grant automatic rights for developers to build on land identified as ‘for growth’.
3. Remove section 106 payments for infrastructure and their replacement with a national levy.

This Council Further Notes:

1. The Royal Institute for British Architects called the proposals ‘shameful and which will do almost nothing to guarantee delivery of affordable, well-designed and sustainable homes’. RIBA also said that proposals could lead to the next generation of slum housing.
2. The reforms are opposed by the all-party Local Government Association,

We therefore ask the Chief Executive to write to the Minister of State for Housing & Planning and to our local Members of Parliament expressing our concerns.”

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

“This council supports the Government’s ‘Kickstarter scheme’, helping create jobs for young people in Northampton, putting them at the heart of the town’s economic revival from the Covid-19 pandemic. We call upon local businesses to sign up to providing quality, 6-month, subsidised work placements for those aged 16-24 on Universal Credit, helping give them on the job training and experience to launch them into a career. We cannot allow young people to be left behind as a result of the pandemic, and schemes like this will be vital for creating jobs and giving young people the skills to access them. We encourage local employers to sign up today.”

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

NB. There may be an additional urgent item for members’ attention at Full Council on the 14th September 2020. If this is the case, then an appropriate report will be emailed to all members.

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 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, 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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