

CARRIED MOTIONS JUNE 2017	
<p>“This Council welcomes the 30th Anniversary of the Call Care Service which was set up in 1987. The Call Care system is operated 365 days a year and 24 hours a day and responds to hundreds of daily alarm calls from sheltered housing tenants. It allows vulnerable people to live life independently but can obtain assistance when needed. This Council asks the Chief Executive to write to the Call Care staff to pass on our congratulations for their work and our acknowledgement of this important milestone. This Council hopes to see the Call Care System to be in place for another 30 years”.</p>	Completed
<p>“This Council notes Refugee Week on 19 - 25 June 2017. Refugee Week is a nationwide programme of arts, cultural and educational events that celebrate the contribution of refugees to the UK, and encourages a better understanding between communities. This Council hopes refugee week is a great success across the UK. This Council asks the relevant Cabinet Member to look at how Northampton can play a part in refugee week next year”.</p>	Ongoing
CARRIED MOTIONS JULY 2017	
<p>This council makes the following commitment to all tenants living in Council buildings. To feel safe in their homes and have the right fire protections as provided by the Fire Service. In light of recent events, Northampton Partnership Homes (NPH) have already instructed the installation of sprinklers in their only high-rise Council building, St Katherine’s Court. The Council will continue a review of the other 10 buildings in conjunction with the Fire Service and any further Government guidance. To ensure those in private buildings are also suitably protected, this Council resolves to undertake an urgent review of the planning policy with regard to residential developments and provisions for sprinkler systems in all new residential buildings of 5 storeys or above. The Council will also review the possible need for two separate stair cases to exit tower blocks. NPH to be asked to provide tenants of tower blocks fire safety training.</p>	Completed

<p>“There are 5,000 people at any one time in the UK with Motor Neurone Disease (MND), it can affect any adult of any age and nearly 2,200 people die from this rare but fatal neurological disease each year. MND describes a group of diseases that affect the nerves (motor neurones) in the brain and spinal cord that tell your muscles what to do. With MND, messages from these nerves gradually stop reaching the muscles, leading them to weaken, stiffen and waste. Motor Neurone Disease is a devastating condition. Progress has been made through research but much more needs to be done. This motion, therefore, calls for this Council to adopt the MND Charter and thereby support achieving quality of life, dignity and respect for people with MND and their carers. The Charter: 1) People with MND have the right to an early diagnosis and information; 2) People with MND have the right to access quality care and treatments; 3) People with MND have the right to be treated as individuals and with dignity and respect; 4) People with MND have the right to maximise their quality of life; 5) Carers of people with MND have the right to be valued, respected, listened to and well supported.”</p>	
<p>“This Council welcomes the development of plans for the Northern Orbital Road around Northampton, from the A43 at Moulton to the A4500 near Harpole. We also welcome the consultation on the emerging plans. This Council confirms its support for the provision of this road for many reasons, not least to alleviate traffic congestion in the Kingsthorpe area, and wishes to see its construction as soon as possible. To provide the road at the earliest opportunity, while recognising that its provision is dependent on developer contributions, this Council requires that all further development sites, not currently included within the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy, but attributed to the growth of Northampton, are concentrated in the vicinity of the proposed road so that they can contribute to the delivery of this much needed infrastructure and secure its early delivery”.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>CARRIED MOTIONS SEPTEMBER 2017</p>	<p>Column1</p>
<p>“This council will mark the centenary of women gaining the right to vote by honouring Margaret Bondfield as the first ever Woman MP for Northampton. Afterwards she became the first female cabinet minister, and the first woman to be a privy counsellor in the UK, when she was appointed Minister of Labour. The women’s forum will be asked to consider a commemoration event in the Guildhall. The Council further commits to honouring Margaret Bondfield by commissioning a statue of her to be placed in the Courtyard of the Guildhall during the next financial year. This Council notes that 2018 is the centenary of the year in which women won the same voting rights as men. This gave propertied women aged 30 and over the right to vote for the very first time. Universal suffrage for both men and women followed 10 years later.”</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

<p>“This Council notes the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government made a recent speech to the Local Government Association where he recognised ‘there is a serious shortage of decent affordable housing’ and went to talk about the stark inequalities in housing and said he was willing to listen to proposals from ambitious councils to try to address these issues. In Northampton we have recognised for some time there is a desperate need for more social housing and have stated our aim to address this. We are an ambitious council and agree that members and officers will continue to work together to develop a proposal to finance and build new social housing locally. The proposal will be submitted to government for their support and approval.”</p>	
<p>This Council notes that some parts of the town have increasing numbers of HIMOs. This Council further notes that in recent times it has introduced tougher restrictions with Article 4 directives in certain areas of town restricting the concentration of HIMOs to 15 per cent in a 50 metre radius. This Council believes it now needs to review the current policy, using evidence to assess the extent and impact of HIMOs in relation to their impact on existing localities and communities, including reviewing the concentration of Class C4 (Houses In Multiple occupation), and mixed C3/C4 use or sui generis Houses in Multiple Occupation use (more than six people sharing) uses within the 50m radius.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>“This Council recognises the burden of special expenses and how they impact on parished areas of Northampton and the residents thereof. In order to relieve the burden special expenses have on parish taxpayers, this Council is working closely with parishes to encourage them and afford them the opportunity to take on the freehold of premises and open spaces within their areas. This will lead to special expenses not being charged for transferred premises and land. We are also reviewing the designation of our parks and open spaces in order to ensure that in parish areas special expenses apply appropriately”</p>	
<p>“This council believes that motions passed by a majority vote are important and that the public would expect them to be acted on. There should we believe be a report-back process on action taken and where appropriate results. To ensure that the proper process exists, it needs to be enshrined in the Constitution of this authority and Council resolves to address this as a part of a Constitution review in the very near future”.</p>	<p>Completed</p>

<p>This Council recognises the value of its parks and open spaces that are well used by residents and visitors. Therefore, it shares the community’s concern about illegal encampments occupying our parks and open spaces as well as private areas across the Borough. Councillors and Officers have been in continual contact with local residents during the periods of many illegal encampments throughout this year, and have been extremely concerned by the reports of anti-social and threatening behaviour, as well as fly-tipping and damage to parkland around the encampments. Northampton Borough Council (NBC) subscribes to the Countywide Traveller Unit (CTU), a joint initiative between councils, and led by Northamptonshire County Council. NBC also delegates its powers under sections 77 and 78 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 to the CTU. For several years this has proven to be the most effective way of dealing with illegal encampments. We recognise that the legal process is lengthy and can cause a good deal of inconvenience and anxiety to the local residents. NBC seeks to achieve a balance between actively discouraging illegal encampments and maintaining access for residents, recognising that it is not possible to completely secure parks from those who are determined to set up illegal encampments without affecting residents’ rights of access to their local parks and open spaces. Bollards and posts can be an effective means of preventing unauthorised access to our parks and open spaces. The bollards are designed to prevent any motorised vehicles gaining access as they all have the potential to damage green spaces, and more importantly, put the people who use our parks at risk. Therefore, NBC has last month again started the installation of bollards and posts around our town’s green spaces. While most people respect the signage we have in place, installing bollards is one of the ways we can make sure that our parks can be maintained to a high standard for everyone to enjoy. This Council resolves to: 1) Call on the police to make use of all powers at their disposal to remove as soon as possible any illegal encampments from our parks and open spaces, bearing in mind the legal duties placed on the council to assess the welfare needs of relevant groups; 2) Investigate further legal opportunities to prevent / deter illegal encampments; 3) Continue to work closely with the CTU and the police to increase efficiency and identify ways of speeding up the eviction process whilst continuing to abide by all the legal requirements.</p>	<p>Completed</p>
<p>“The Keep Safe Scheme aims to support people with learning disabilities to keep safe and get help in an emergency when out and about in Northamptonshire. Keep Safe, together with Safe Places, works under the Safe Places Organisation, which unites all the Safe Place (and Keep Safe) schemes by having all the information in one place so everyone can see it. Northampton Borough Council recognises the importance of the Keep Safe Scheme and will be training all new staff at the one stop shop during their induction. Northampton Borough Council aims to be a Keep Safe place, accessible to all”.</p>	
<p>CARRIED MOTIONS NOVEMBER 2017</p>	<p>Column1</p>

<p>“This Council notes that Fixed Odd Betting Terminals (FOBT) are sometimes referred to the “crack cocaine of gambling”.This Council further notes that due to a relaxation in gambling regulations introduced by the Labour Government in 1999, FOBT gamblers are currently able to bet up to £100 per go on the machines, allowing players to make substantial losses very quickly. People can place £100 every 20 seconds on FOBTs. Council welcomes the outcome of the current Government’s consultation on stake reduction and that it will be taking action to reduce maximum stakes on FOBT to between £50 and £2. This Council, therefore, asks the Chief Executive to write to our local MPs urging them to persuade the Government to reduce the stakes on FOBT to the lower end of the proposed spectrum, preferably £2.”</p>	<p>Completed</p>
<p>This Council notes that at the last meeting a motion was passed calling for a review of our HMO policies.This Council asks the review to look at Oxford City Council as a case study and the benefits of adopting their approach. In Oxford the whole of the local authority area is covered by an Article 4 directive and any proposal to create a new HMO, including the change of use of any dwelling to an HMO, will only be permitted where the proportion of properties within 100 metres of street length either side of the property does not exceed 20%.“This Council notes that at the last meeting a motion was passed calling for a review of our HMO policies. This Council asks the review to look at Oxford City Council as a case study and the benefits of adopting their approach. In Oxford the whole of the local authority area is covered by an Article 4 directive and any proposal to create a new HMO, including the change of use of any dwelling to an HMO, will only be permitted where the proportion of properties within 100 metres of street length either side of the property does not exceed 20%.This Council looks forward to the review being completed in the near future.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>“This Council believes that hate crimes have no place in our country, whether based on race, religion, sexual orientation, age or disability.This Council condemns racism, xenophobia and hate crimes unequivocally. All Members of this Council are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society.This Council will work to ensure that local bodies, organisations, and programmes have the support they need to fight and prevent racism and xenophobia and will reassure all people living in this Borough that they are valued members of our community.This Council welcomes and acknowledges the UK Government’s announcement of December 11th 2016 that it will sign up to the internationally recognised International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) guidelines on antisemitism. This Council hereby resolves to:a) Adopt the definition of antisemitism as set out by the IHRA, and request that the Chief Executive ensure all relevant NBC codes of conduct are consistent with this; b) Work together as an entity to combat this pernicious form of racism</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

CARRIED MOTIONS DECEMBER 2017

This Council notes the new contractor for Environmental Services will be announced in January 2018. A new contractor will take over the running of Environmental Services from June 2018. This Council believes that Residents, Resident Associations and Parish Councils understand best the environmental challenges in their area such as fly tipping hot spots and overgrown grass verges. They should be able to fully share their views with both the Contractor and Borough Council so that information can be acted on promptly and effectively. This Council therefore commits to positive and productive collaboration with Residents, Resident Associations and Parish Councils. Further to the new Contractor being chosen, the Cabinet will ask Overview and Scrutiny to determine the most effective process for the sharing of the views of members of the public and community groups with the Contractor and report back before June 2018

Ongoing

This Council notes that the Greyfriars site remains undeveloped and notes that Cabinet agreed on 6th December 2017 to end the arrangement with the development partner in light of legal advice due to issues relating to the delivery of the housing elements of the scheme. Council welcomes the opportunity that the ending of the agreement provides, allowing further consideration to be given to the infrastructure requirements and leisure element of the development. Council also welcomes the work that has been going on to enable it to deliver large scale housing development through Northampton Partnership Homes and the Council's own specialist delivery vehicle, about which a report will be presented to Cabinet in January 2018. In light of this, Council also recognises and welcomes the work that is now underway to deliver a mix of housing, including family and social housing, at an early stage on the Greyfriars site, along with a mix of other uses, such as retail, hotel, leisure, and coach facilities. This Council recognises that to develop the site, there is a need to work with the County Council to reconfigure the Highway infrastructure within the area to bring the site into the town centre and improve north south permeability through the site. his Council resolves to progress the delivery of a mix of housing alongside retail, hotel, leisure, and coach facilities on the Greyfriars site, working with the County Council to improve highway infrastructure around and through the site