

Representations received by the decision-making body about why the special Cabinet meeting on the 25th April 2018 should be open to the public:

Representation i)

I would like to contest this item at the meeting on 28th April being discussed behind closed doors.

There are a number of issues that the council must be open with the public about, where tax payers money is, the whole debacle about how tax payers money was used for a private company against this councils own assessors advising against it, Why the council still seem to want to hide what has and is happening (as seen by trying to block the public from the meeting),

Councillors as workers for the public and are answerable to tax payers not the other way around.

Representation ii)

I wish to record my strong objection that a part of a Cabinet meeting to discuss the recovery of the £10.25M loan to Northampton Town Football Club will be held in private because of the pending legal case.

What is being scrutinised here isn't so much the £10.25M, but the £950K that was set aside to try to recover the loan, most of which has apparently been spent, with no signs of a penny being recovered. It is unreasonable and unacceptable for the review to be held in secret. The public is entitled to know how money is being spent and exactly what has been achieved.

It's bad enough that £10.25M was handed over without proper due diligence. If we're throwing away another £950K, the public must be able to hear how that's been used.

The legal case seems to have stalled, and it also appears that most of the facts surrounding it are already in the public domain – the council gave the money to the club, who paid it to a development company, who passed it on to various people without completing the work, then went bust.

The people of Northampton want to see someone punished for this theft. That doesn't look very likely to happen, but at the very least they are entitled to see how the money being used to try to nail someone is being spent.