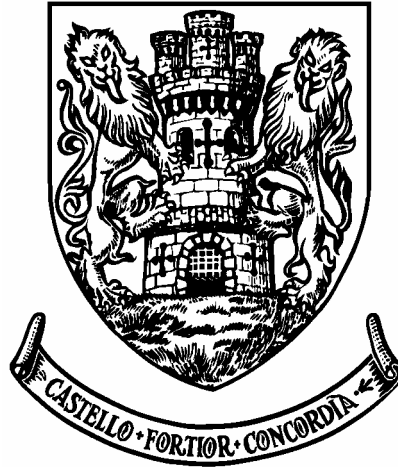


# NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



## COUNCIL

Monday, 13 December 2004

**YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE GUILDHALL NORTHAMPTON ON MONDAY, THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF DECEMBER 2004 AT SIX THIRTY O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING WHEN THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS IS PROPOSED TO BE TRANSACTED:-**

**1. MINUTES.**

To approve the minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting of the Council held on MeetingDate.

**2. APOLOGIES.**

**3. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**4. DEPUTATIONS/PUBLIC ADDRESSES/QUESTIONS.**

**5. COMMITTEE MINUTES.**

To receive the Minutes of the Executive and Committees contained in the booklet herewith.

**6. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURAL RULE 5.2.**

**7. NOTICES OF MOTION**

(A) The following motion to be moved by Councillor Glynane and seconded by Councillor Beardsworth :-

That standing order 3.4 be suspended to enable a debate and a vote on the following motion.

“This Council notes the letter from the Deputy Prime Minister to all Council Leaders circulated by e-mail 14<sup>th</sup> November.

This Council welcomes and endorses the report of all party House of Commons Select Committee, which concluded:-

“We believe that the target of achieving Decent Homes in the social housing sector is being used as a Trojan Horse by the Government in a dogmatic quest to minimise the proportion of housing stock managed by Local Authorities. The Government must put its money where its mouth is and leave it up to residents to decide who should own and manage their homes. The Government should provide a level playing field in terms of funding so that tenants and Local Authorities have real choices.”

This Council regrets that the Deputy Prime Minister has announced, despite the findings of the select committee and the vote of the Labour conference, that the government is not willing to consider a “fourth option” for council housing which enables local authorities to retain the ownership and management of their housing stock while raising the finance required to meet locally determined housing standards.

This Council requests the Chief Executive to write to the Deputy Prime Minister and the town’s two MP’s in the support of this motion”.

#### (B) HONORARY ALDERMEN

(Following the resolution passed by the Council on 8 November 2004 further research has taken place regarding the conferring of Honorary Aldermen status. It has been discovered that other Councils take a more structured approach to conferring Alderman status and it would appear advantageous to follow clear guidelines as to how this should be determined. The Council is accordingly asked to consider extending their resolution as follows)

1. The Council Procedure Rule 3.4 be suspended to allow a debate and vote to take place on the following motion:

- That this Council approve the creation of Honorary Aldermen.

2. That contingent upon the above motion be accepted, Council Procedure Rule 3.4 be suspended to allow a debate and vote to take place on the following motion:

(a) That the work of former Councillors with 20 years of service or more is celebrated and the gratitude of the citizens of Northampton extended by conferring Honorary Alderman status upon them ( should a situation arise where the full 20 years service had been missed by only a few months, or other considerations need to be pursued, a separate motion will be put before Council at the appropriate time in private session for consideration.)

(b) That the Chief Executive make arrangements for a ceremony to confer Alderman status on those former Councillors complying with the terms of motion (a) above to take place to suit the recipients.

#### **8. RECENT NOTICES OF MOTION - TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN FOLLOWING NOTICES OF MOTION.**

**9. RECOVERY PLAN UPDATE - VERSION 6**

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

Calculation of Council Tax Base 2005/06

**11. MANAGEMENT REVIEW - TO RECEIVE A REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The Guildhall  
Northampton  
17<sup>th</sup> July, 2003

Acting Chief Executive