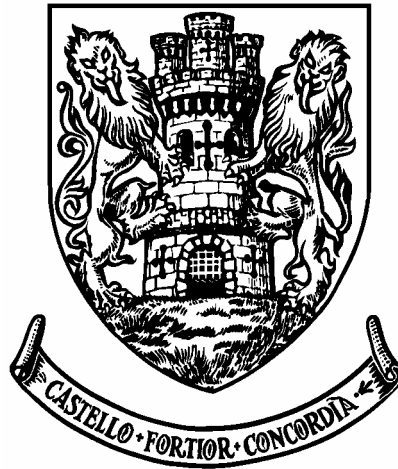


# NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



## COUNCIL

Monday, 24 January 2005

**YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE GUILDHALL NORTHAMPTON ON MONDAY, THE TWENTY FORTH DAY OF JANUARY 2005 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 Barron and seconded by Councillor Marriott

“This Council rejects the Conservative Administrations plans to privatise the towns three leisure centres, believes that the plan is ill thought out, not market tested and could lead to closures and cannot be implemented in time to effect the 2005 budget.

We believe that employees within our leisure centres have the right to be consulted on any future changes to the service and also have the right to expect job security and protected conditions of service, we regret that they should be left to read about their fate through the pages of the local media.

We believe our leisure centres provide valuable and affordable leisure services to the public of Northampton and pricing policy should also play a role in any future re-organised provision. It is particularly important that these services continue to be provided given the indices of deprivation reflecting poor health in significant parts of the town.

We therefore call on Council to;

- (a) Drop the current plans for privatisation of the towns three leisure centres
- (b) Research other options to privatisation including the formation of an arms length “Leisure Trust”
- (c) Consult with staff and users and other stakeholders including local health and sports development agencies and of the threatened leisure centres on their views as to the future management of the services therein.”

(B) The following motion to be moved by Councillor Mason and seconded by Councillor Roy

“This Council notes the expenditure of £350,000 consultation for the stock option appraisal with initial indications of an 8% participation the majority (48%) of which have opted for the status quo.

We need to acknowledge and value the active participation of these individuals in the democratic process and value their decision.

This Council notes that the most recent survey of local tenants showed a 72% satisfaction rate. We believe that this is one clear indicator of the satisfaction of local tenants with the current management of their homes.

We also recognise the fact that over the years of good management the current standards Northampton tenants can expect are equivalent to or higher in many respects than the Decent Homes standard.

We believe that local tenants who have participated in the consultation have indicated that their preference is of stock retention.

In the light of this the Council now adopts a policy of the status quo retaining the stock under its control. In doing so it rejects wholesale stock transfer and ALMO options.

Any proposed future money on this should be spent reinvesting in the Housing Revenue Account.

This administration is to advise the tenants and the administration accordingly.”

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

**9. RECOVERY PLAN UPDATE**

**10. NOMINATIONS FOR NORTHAMPTONSHIRE URBAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

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

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

Acting Chief Executive