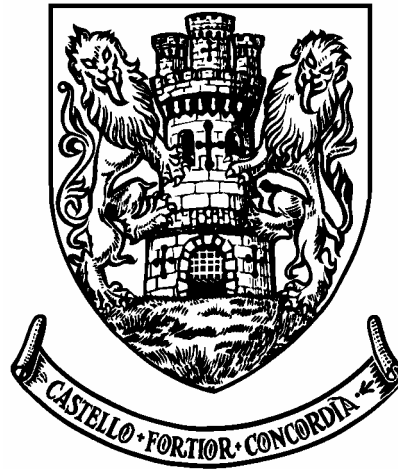


NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



COUNCIL

Monday, 7 March 2005

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE GUILDHALL NORTHAMPTON ON MONDAY, THE SEVENTH DAY OF MARCH 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 25th February 2005 (to be circulated at the meeting) .

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 Palethorpe and seconded by Councillor Hadland;-

“This Council supports the investigation and future development of a tenant management organisation as a continuation of housing policy to ensure that whatever the housing option appraisal chosen Northampton Borough Council housing tenants will be formally involved as participants in the future delivery of the housing service.

In supporting this motion the Council recognises and thanks those individual tenants and leaseholders contribution through the customer panel focus groups to the improvement in the housing service recently recognised by the Audit Commission.”

(B) The following motion to be moved by Councillor Beardsworth and seconded by Councillor Crane;-

“This Council appreciates the past work of members of the tenants participation panel, and thanks all members for the work they have done in support of all housing tenants.

This Council regrets the suspension of the panel during the critical period of the housing options appraisal.

This Council requests the formation of a new tenants participation panel at the earliest opportunity. The panel should be on a properly constituted basis that is representative of and fully accountable to our tenants.

This Council requests a report to overview and scrutiny committee 6 on the circumstances of the suspension of the panel and that committee is given the opportunity to overview proposals to reform the panel before they are agreed by the executive.

(C) The following motion to be moved by Councillor B.Hoare and seconded by Councillor Hollis;-

“This Council recognises that it does not have a statutory duty to provide public toilets in its parks and open spaces. However to promote wide public use of the parks and open spaces and to encourage healthy living consideration of the needs in individual parks has to be given.

Abington Park is the Premier Park in Northampton with a wide range of sporting facilities as well as high usage for family outings and as a tourist attraction. This Council resolves that the provision of toilets in this park is essential.

This Council deplores the current lack of operational toilets in Abington Park and requests that the executive takes action to ensure that public toilet provision is available in the park by Easter this year.

This Council requests a full review of public toilet provision within the Council’s parks to ensure that there is a planned availability of clean and vandal free toilets.”

(D)The following motion to be moved by Councillor Barron and seconded by Councillor Marriot;-

“This Council deplores the proposal to convert the Northampton Crown Post Office in St. Giles Street to a franchise operation from August 2005 This franchise could see the loss of a Crown Post Office in Northampton if in the future the private operator decides to cease trading.

This Council believes that the recent Post Office Urban Network Reinvention Programme has already had a detrimental effect on local communities and is alarmed to

hear that independent research published recently acknowledges that privatised offices offer worse customer services.

Furthermore this Council recognises the excellent service offered to the whole community by Northampton Post Office and the value it adds to the commercial success of the town. The town area, its citizens and businesses should continue to be served by a directly managed Post Office and therefore the Council resolves to call upon the Post Office Ltd to withdraw their plans to convert St. Giles Street Post Office to a private operator.”

(E)The following motion to be moved by Councillor Simpson and seconded by Councillor Allen;-

“This Council is concerned at its present inability through the planning process to act in the best interests of local residents in relation to the proliferation of mobile telephone masts

notes concerns of local residents over the consultation process regarding the installation of phone masts

welcomes the Private Members Bill recently introduced by Andrew Stunell MP to give local Councils greater powers in this regard and in particular:

(a)to prohibit any development without planning permission

and

(b)to allow a local Council to have regard to health issues on a precautionary basis

This Council requests the Planning, Regeneration and Transportation Scrutiny Committee to look at how the current consultation process followed by this Council with regards to the installation of phone masts can be improved.

Instructs the Chief Executive to write to the present MP’s for Northampton North and Northampton South urging them to support the Private Member’s Bill”.

8. RECENT NOTICES OF MOTION – TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN FOLLOWING NOTICES OF MOTION.

9. RECOVERY PLAN UPDATE

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

The Guildhall
Northampton
24th February 2005

M.McLean Chief Executive