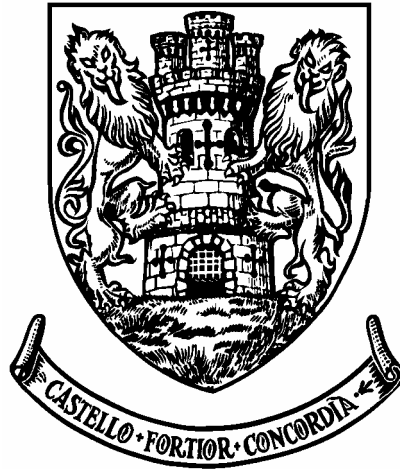


NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



COUNCIL

Monday, 22 May 2006

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE GUILDHALL NORTHAMPTON ON MONDAY, THE TWENTY SECOND DAY OF MAY, 2006 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 27th March 2006.

2. APOLOGIES.

3. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

4. DEPUTATIONS/PUBLIC ADDRESSES/QUESTIONS.

5. AUDIT COMMISSION PLANNING INSPECTION - PRESENTATION BY JONATHAN BROWN AUDIT COMMISSION

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

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

(A) Councillor Patterson to propose Councillor McCutcheon to second;-

“We call on the Council to discontinue the 5% above inflation annual uplift in allotment rents.

We call on the Council to introduce a fair system of charges for water usage on allotments in place of the proposed flawed system.

That a time limited scrutiny investigation is undertaken for the proposed water charges.”

(B) Councillor Lane to propose Councillor Malpas to second;-

“This Council congratulates the staff and administration on the progress made in tackling homelessness in Northampton. As noted by the cross party task and finish group “significant improvements have been made within the homeless service”. The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister also commended the Council reporting “that it was clear that Northampton had made substantial progress in this area” and it was very good news.”

Council therefore commends staff and the administration on the hard work and progress achieved.”

(C) Councillor Crake to propose Councillor Simpson to second;-

“This Council supports Northamptonshire Police Authority in its decision not to volunteer for merger into a new East Midlands strategic police authority.

In particular, this council is concerned that;-

(1)The estimated merger costs of £101 million plus £35 million per annum to meet the improvements required,calculated by all five police authorities in the East Midlands,will not be adequately funded by Government,leading to reduced front line policing or higher police precept on the Council Tax.

(2)The proposed merger is not projected to improve protective policing services until at least 2014.

(3)All five Chief Constables in the region have expressed the view that the proposed merger as presently designed is unaffordable,very complex and very high risk and therefore likely to damage policing.

(4)A single strategic regional police authority will lead to weaker local democratic accountability for policing.

This Council requests the Chief Executive to respond to the letter from the Home Office to record this Council’s objection to the proposed merger,and to write to Northampton’s MP’s requesting them to oppose the merger in Parliament and urges all councillors and members of the public to take part in the Police Authority’s consultation exercise.”

(D) Councillor Tavener to propose Councillor Hill to second;-

“This Council opposes the merger of Northamptonshire Police Force into an East Midlands or other regional police service. We believe that effective policing should be responsive to local needs and accountable to the local community.”

(E)Councillor Eldred to move and CouncillorAcock to second;-

“This Council condemns the proposed cut in funding to Cynthia Spencer Hospice by Daventry and South Northants Primary Care Trust (PCT).

We believe that the hospice plays a vital and important role in our town and therefore request that the PCT review their decision and mandates the Chief Executive to communicate this on our behalf.”

(F)The following motion to be moved by Councillor Wire and seconded by Councillor Evans :-

That Procedural rule 3.4 be suspended to enable the following motion to be discussed and a vote to be taken;-

“That this Council agrees that public confidence in our decision making and public announcing of decisions and issues is paramount to the transparency of democracy.

In the light of that council further agrees that the cross party report on delegated decisions now needs to be implemented so that we can jointly monitor how delegated decisions are being made and the public accountability of the decisions.

In addition in future all announcements and comments made to the local press and media by Borough Council “spokespersons” are to cease and any comments made will be made by the elected councillor who is accountable to the public. In any exceptional circumstances where it is deemed appropriate for a comment from the authority only the accountable officer ,the |Chief Executive (or respective Director in her absence) may make public comment and must do so in name.

8. MEETING CYCLE 2006/07

(report to follow)

9. EXEMPTION FROM CALL IN

(report to follow)

10. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REPORT ON HOMELESSNESS

(copy herewith)

11. CPA REPORT

(copy herewith)

12. DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN 2006/07

(copy to follow)

13. PROGRESS ON RECOVERY PLAN

14. AUTHORITY FOR COURT ATTENDANCE - REPORT OF SOLICITOR TO THE COUNCIL

(copy herewith)

15. POLITICAL STRUCTURES AND MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS - REPORT OF SOLICITOR TO THE COUNCIL

(copy to follow)

16. REMUNERATION PANEL

(report to follow)

17. APPOINTMENT OF SECTION 151 AND MONITORING OFFICERS

(report to follow)

18. DEVELOPMENT CONTROL DELEGATED POWERS

(copy to follow)

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

The Guildhall
Northampton
11th May 2006

M.McLean Chief Executive