NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



# COUNCIL

Monday, 24 July 2006

### YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE GUILDHALL NORTHAMPTON ON MONDAY, THE TWENTY FOURTH DAY OF JULY, 2006 AT SIX THIRTY O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING WHEN THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS IS PROPOSED TO BE TRANSACTED:-

## 1. APOLOGIES.

## 2. MINUTES.

To approve the minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting of the Council held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2006.

### 3. DEPUTATIONS/PUBLIC ADDRESSES/QUESTIONS.

## 4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

## 5. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURAL RULE 5.2.

### 6. NOTICES OF MOTION

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

"That procedural rule 3.4 be suspended to enable the following motion to be discussed and a vote taken

This Council welcomes the LGA report entitled "Leading the way:how local authorities can meet the challenge of climate change". This Council recognises the importance of promoting a clean environment for the citizens of Northampton especially a clean air environment for the children of our town.

The Council therefore commits itself to producing a plan to reduce carbon emissions as part of its medium term plan and to working with other agencies within the LAA to reduce carbon emissions in all public services in Northampton.

That this Council supports the Climate Change Bill introduced to Parliament by Michael Meacher MP, John Gummer MP and Norman Baker MP which would require annual cuts in carbon dioxide emissions of 3 per cent to be delivered in a framework that includes regular reporting and new scrutiny and corrective processes."

(B)The following motion to be moved by Councillor Simpson and duly seconded:-

"That procedural rule 3.4 be suspended to enable the following motion to be discussed and a vote taken:-

This Council recognises Northampton Racecourse as one of the most important parks in the town.

Further this Council;

Acknowledges that recent occurrences of anti-social behaviour and crime on the park have led to concerns about the safety of the environment on the park.

Welcomes the initiative by the Chronicle and Echo in its "Reclaim the Racecourse" campaign the recent summit held jointly with Friends of Northampton Racecourse.

Welcomes the "healthy living hub" initiative as a possible way of levering funds and resources to create a new public facility on the park.

Notes that it passed policy in 2003 to draw up a rolling 5 year plan for the park and that this has not happened

This Council resolves to;

Work with all stakeholders and partners to draw up a masterplan for the park.

Support the idea of the healthy living hub to seek lottery funding for plans to improve the park and develop new public facilities

Set up a Racecourse Action Team headed by a NBC manager that draws together all NBC stakeholders and external partners.

Actively seek external funding opportunities for improvements to the park

#### 7. PROGRESS ON RECOVERY PLAN

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

The Guildhall Northampton 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2006

M.McLean Chief Executive