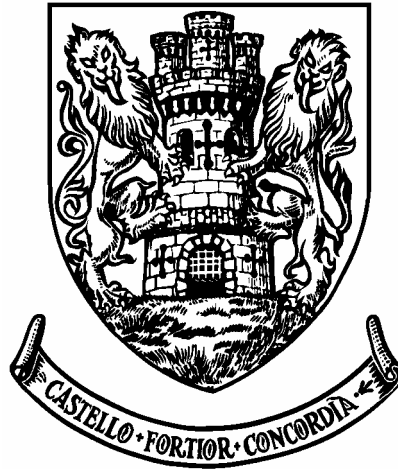


NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



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 26th 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 leveraging 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.



New working arrangements for Political Governance & Recovery

Full Council

- Will remain in its present form subject to completion of the constitution
- The Constitution will be completed by September 2006

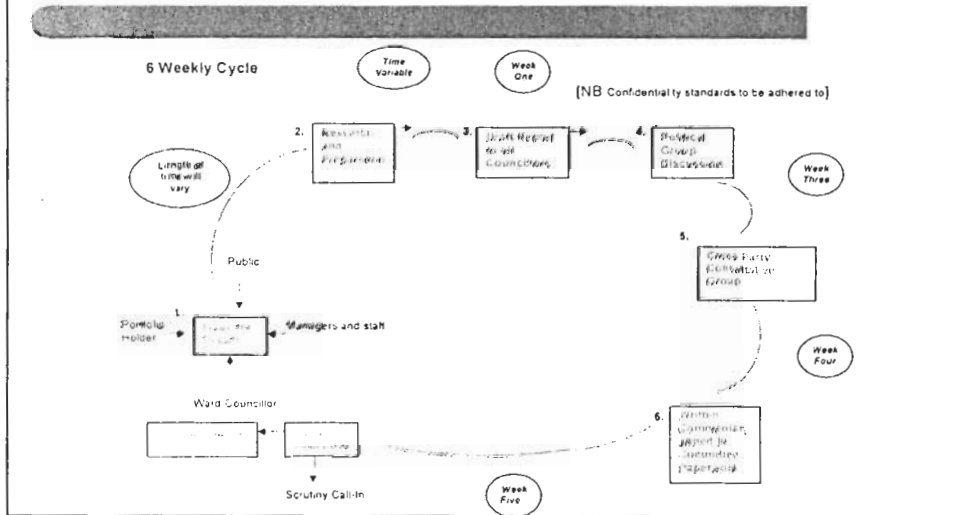


New working arrangements for Political Governance & Recovery

Cabinet

- All decision making functions of the administration will be undertaken by Cabinet and Portfolio Holders
- Cabinet will meet 6 weekly
- To ensure cross-party debate a new cross-party consultative group will be developed

Consultation Process



New working arrangements for Political Governance & Recovery

Scrutiny

- Will continue in its current strengthened format
- Task and finish groups will continue

Audit

- Will continue as at present

New working arrangements for Political Governance & Recovery

Cross-party Leadership Briefings

- A Group consisting of Group Leaders and Deputies or one consistent Councillor will meet fortnightly for briefing sessions with the Chief Executive and one Director

New working arrangements for Political Governance & Recovery

Development, Performance & Improvement Panel

- A group similar in membership to the former Improvement Board will meet 6 weekly to receive and monitor reports & provide advice and comment on
 - ❖ Councillor & Managerial Development
 - ❖ Performance Management (incl. BVPI's / Local PI's)
 - ❖ Recovery Plan Milestones
- Challenge will be provided by 3 external panel members
- Meetings will be open to all Councillors

New working arrangements for Political Governance & Recovery

Quarterly Performance Reviews

- Will be chaired by the Chief Executive and the Leader
- Will have cross-party input
- The Portfolio Holder, Director and Corporate Manager for each area will be held to account for agreed activity, especially in weakest areas
- Will report to the Development, Performance & Improvement Panel (DPIP) and Cabinet

New working arrangements for Political Governance & Recovery

“20:20 Vision” Forum

- Will provide strategic and community leadership to the vision and planning for Northampton’s future
- Will meet quarterly and engage all relevant partners
- Will aspire to become a revitalised LSP
- Will make decisions in consultation with LAA “blocks”

Councillors taking the lead in planning for the future.

New working arrangements for Political Governance & Recovery

Budget Setting Process 2006/2007

- MTFS must be in place by the end of September 2006
- Councillors clear that we have to set a realistic and workable budget
- Public consultation to examine all options
- Negotiations to be held before budget meetings to reduce areas of dispute
- Absolute focus on weakest services
- Budgets to follow priorities

New working arrangements for Political Governance & Recovery

The “new” Meeting Cycle

- The Senior Leadership Team will meet weekly on a six week rota at these Fora
 - Cabinet
 - Leadership Briefing
 - Development Performance Improvement Panel
 - Consultation for Cabinet

i.e. Week 1 = Cabinet

Week 2 = Leadership Briefing

Week 3 = DPIP

Week 4 = Leadership Briefing;

Week 5 = Consultation Group

Week 6 = Leadership Briefing

New working arrangements for Political Governance & Recovery

•Council Leadership will be supported by Senior Management & Portfolio Teams

Cabinet	Scrutiny	Audit	DPIP
Mairi McLean & David Taylor	Mario Abela	Clive Thomas	Mairi McLean
•All Corporate Managers	•Thomas Hall •Kay Atkinson	•Alison Betts •Dale Phillipson	•All Corporate Managers