

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



COUNCIL

Monday, 27 November 2006

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE GUILDHALL NORTHAMPTON ON MONDAY, THE TWENTY SEVENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 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 28th September 2006.

2. APOLOGIES.

3. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

4. DEPUTATIONS/PUBLIC ADDRESSES/QUESTIONS.

5. APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM SECTION 151 OFFICER (COPY HEREWITH)

6. THE CONSTITUTION - REPORT OF SOLICITOR TO THE COUNCIL (COPY TO FOLLOW)

7. GAMBLING ACT 2005 - LICENSING POLICY STATEMENT (COPY HEREWITH)

8. IMPROVEMENT- UPDATE

It is anticipated that the political business of the Council as set out below will commence at 8pm.

9. PROGRESS ON RECENT NOTICES OF MOTION (COPY TO FOLLOW)

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

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

(A) The following motion to be moved by Councillor J.Lill and seconded by Councillor Wire:-

“This Council requests Cabinet to consider that the Mayorhold Car Park be kept open until 1.00am each night with immediate effect in order to meet the needs of the public visiting and utilising town centre night time facilities.”

(B)The following motion to be moved by Councillor Barron and seconded by Councillor Marriott.-

This Council welcomes the recent Government white paper as a chance to debate the future structure of Local Government and how it can better serve local communities. We note that there is an opportunity to apply for unitary status and that the towns/cities which are smaller than Northampton in population are considering doing so.

This Council believes success of local democracy partly depends on elected Councillors and the decision making process being brought as close as possible to citizens in their community. We believe taking decision making away from people is incompatible with improving Northampton.

Therefore this Council will oppose any move by Northamptonshire County Council to consolidate decision making with a single Northamptonshire wide unitary authority.

In the light of that, and given the size of Northampton, this council agrees to consult the citizens of Northampton with a view to submitting a proposal to Government to introduce a new Northampton Unitary Authority to provide services to the people of Northampton.

(C) The following motion to be moved by Councillor Church and seconded by Councillor Simpson

This Council notes that:

1. The new Northamptonshire Primary Care Trust has a deficit of £37 million, which the government expects to be cleared this financial year, forcing cuts in mental health and learning disability services, the temporary closure of wards and the loss of access of treatment for infertility, allergies and other specialist care.
2. The Conservative run County Council is making cuts to care services for the elderly and disabled people that compound the effect of the NHS cuts.

This Council requests the Chief Executive to write to Patricia Hewitt, the Secretary of State for Health, and our local MP's calling on her to;

1. End excessive interference in the NHS from Whitehall, exemplified by the ten reorganisations of the NHS since Labour came to power.
2. End the demand for Northampton health services to repay their deficits for 2005-6.
3. Ensure that adequate funding is available for healthcare in Northamptonshire without cuts

in services to patients.

4.Ensure that adequate facilities are planned for the future increase in Northampton's population.

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

The Guildhall
Northampton
16th November 2006

M.McLean Chief Executive