

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



COUNCIL

Monday, 23 July 2007

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE GUILDHALL NORTHAMPTON ON MONDAY, THE TWENTY THIRD DAY OF JULY, 2007 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 June 2007.

2. APOLOGIES.

3. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

4. DEPUTATIONS/PUBLIC ADDRESSES.

5. QUESTION TIME

6. CABINET MEMBER PRESENTATIONS

(copies herewith)

7. THE MEMBERS NEW MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

Report of Interim Chief Executive (copy herewith)

8. REVISED PROBITY IN PLANNING PROTOCOL

Report of Interim Chief Executive (copy herewith)

9. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2006/07

(copy herewith)

10. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

(copy to follow)

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

(A) The following Motion to be moved by Councillor Malpas and seconded by Councillor Palethorpe:-

That Northampton Borough Council take note of the history of Little Billing Village and request that the Cabinet instructs officers of the Council:-

1. To make application for the open space in the heart of Little Billing Village which is in the Council's ownership to be registered as a Village Green.
2. To enter into meaningful discussions with a view to a legally binding partnership agreement with Billing Parish Council which will ensure the future maintenance of the Village Green.
3. That in future Ward Councillors, Parish Councillors and Residents Groups are to be informed in writing at least 28 days before any land disposals by this Council in areas that they represent are publicly advertised.

(B) The following Motion to be moved by Councillor Paul Varnsberry and seconded by Councillor R.Conroy:-

“This Council notes Northamptonshire County Council's decision to release a further £1.5million into the highways maintenance budget.

This Council expresses concern at the disparity in highways maintenance expenditure. The average spend per head of population on roads across the county is £22.96 but in Northampton the spend is only £7.81 per head of population.

This Council draws Northamptonshire County Council's attention to the poor state of repair, faded road markings and deteriorating condition of many roads and cycleways in Northampton, which represent an immediate danger to road users, particularly cyclists and motorcyclists and the extremely poor condition of many pavements and footpaths which are a hazard to pedestrians.

This Council requests that Northamptonshire County Council prioritises highway and footpath repairs in Northampton and allocates the highest proportion of funding to a long overdue, comprehensive repairs and renewals programme within the Borough.”

(C) The following motion to be moved by Councillor Palethorpe and seconded by Councillor Davies:-

“Public concern exists over the doubt surrounding the continuing provision offered by the Northampton Door to Door Service with the organisation having to vacate their current

premises later this year and the likelihood of the service being discontinued if they cannot find appropriate accommodation. There is also a serious concern over the sustainability of the service under the current funding structure which prevents long term planning regarding the provision of vehicles.

In order to provide for a sustainable service this Council requests Cabinet to consider as a matter of urgency implementing the following actions.

1. To enter into an appropriate 5 year Service Level Agreement with the Northampton Door to Door Service to secure both the provision of the service and agree the appropriate level of funding.

2. Remove the Northampton Door to Door Service from the current voluntary sector funding arrangements.

3. To transfer and ring fence the agreed level of funding for the Northampton Door to Door Service to the General Fund.

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

The Guildhall
Northampton
13th July 2007

J. Edwards Interim Chief Executive