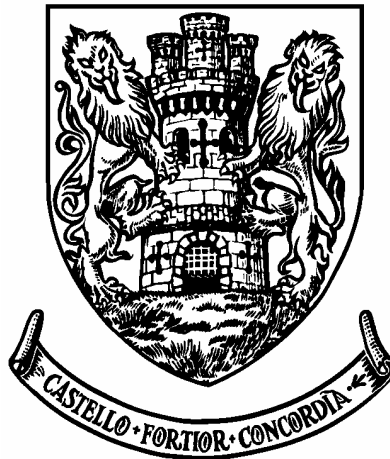


**RE-ISSUED  
NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL**



**COUNCIL**

Monday, 21 January 2008

**YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE GUILDHALL NORTHAMPTON ON MONDAY, THE TWENTY FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2008 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 19<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

**2. APOLOGIES.**

**3. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**4. DEPUTATIONS/PUBLIC ADDRESSES/QUESTIONS.**

**5. QUESTION TIME**

**6. CABINET MEMBER PRESENTATIONS**

(copies herewith)

**7. THE LICENSING ACT 2003 - STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY**

Report of Solicitor to the Council (copy herewith)

**8. APPOINTMENT TO KINGSTHORPE MANOR AND TOWN CHARITY**

Report of Solicitor to the Council (copy herewith)

**9. PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS FOR CAPITAL FINANCE 2007-08 POSITION AS AT END OF NOVEMBER 2007**

Report of Director of Finance (copy herewith)

**10. CALCULATION OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL'S TAX BASE 2008/09**

**11. NOTICES OF MOTION**

(A) Councillor Clarke to move and Councillor Hawkins to second :-

“This Council notes that the West Northamptonshire Development Corporation (WNDC)

Planning Committee for Northampton has approved a planning application, submitted by Northamptonshire County Council, for public art known as "The Needle and Canopy" in Castle Ward at the junction of St. Andrews Road, St. Peter's Way, Black Lion Hill and Westbridge.

This Council further notes that:-

The Northampton Borough Council Planning Committee resolved on 24 October 2007, when consulted, "That the Council raise objections to the application for the following reasons":-

1. The Application is premature until the conclusion of the Town Centre Area Action Plan and a Strategy for the Adjacent Ancient Monuments and the Cultural Heritage.
2. That the concept would spoil the visual amenity of the Gateway to the Town Centre"

At the request of Overview and Scrutiny the Leader of the Council wrote to WNDC to request they postpone development work in the area pending the report of the Historic Buildings/Regeneration Opportunities Task and Finish Group.

"The Needle and Canopy" were selected by competition held in private with no public participation in consideration of the alternatives.

Serious concerns have been raised as to the suitability of the "Needle and Canopy" in this important and historic location.

This Council calls on the West Northamptonshire Development Corporation and Northamptonshire County Council to withdraw their plans for "The Needle and Canopy" and to implement a full and thorough public consultation on the appropriate artwork to occupy this important historic approach to the town centre."

(B) Councillor Malpas to move and Councillor Palethorpe to second:-

"In July 2007 Cllr Palethorpe and myself proposed a motion on behalf of the residents of Little Billing, requesting that the cabinet take steps to have the main green space there, officially designated as a village green. It has now been six months since the Leader of the Council promised to visit the people of Little Billing and discuss this issue. Unfortunately, to date the administration has failed to deliver either of these, and so this Council once again requests that the Cabinet works to have village green status bestowed upon the land at Little Billing."

(C) Councillor Malpas to move and Councillor Reeve to second:-

"This council requests that in future, portfolio holders and the cabinet endeavour to engage in proper consultation before making decisions."

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