

MINUTES

OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE GUILDHALL, NORTHAMPTON, ON THURSDAY 22 MAY 2008 AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

PRESENT: HER WORSHIP THE MAYOR Councillor L. Mason (in the Chair).

COUNCILLORS: Beardsworth, Capstick, Caswell, Chaudhury, Choudary, Church, Clarke, Collins, J. Conroy, R. Conroy, Crake, Davies, Duncan, Edwards, Flavell, Garlick, Glynane, Hadland, Hawkins, Hill, B. Hoare, Hollis, Lane, Malpas, Markham, Markham, Mason, Matthews, Meredith, Mildren, Palethorpe, Perkins, Reeve, Scott, Simpson, Tavener, Taylor, P. D. Varnsvery, P.M. Varnsvery, Wilson, Woods and Yates

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR

Councillor D Garlick proposed and Councillor B Hoare seconded "That Councillor C B Markham be elected Mayor of the Borough of Northampton for the ensuing year".

The motion was carried and Councillor C B Markham was appointed Mayor and accepted office by making and delivering to the Chief Executive the declaration of acceptance of office.

The Mayor then took the chair.

2. VOTE OF THANKS TO OUTGOING MAYOR AND MAYORESS

Councillor K Davies proposed and Councillor A Woods seconded "That the thanks of the Council be given to Councillor L Mason and Mrs Margaret Pritchard for the able and courteous manner in which they have discharged their duties as Mayor and Mayoress during their term of office".

The motion was carried.

3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor T Hadland proposed and Councillor K Davies seconded "That Councillor M Hill be appointed to the office of Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year".

The motion was carried and Councillor M Hill was appointed Deputy Mayor and accepted office by making and delivering to the Chief Executive the declaration of acceptance of office.

4. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Hoare, C Lill, J Lill and D Palethorpe.

5. LONG SERVICE

The long service of those employees shown in paragraph 5 of the agenda was noted with appreciation.

The long service of Councillor R Church, 25 continuous years was also noted.

6. LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Wilson proposed and Councillor Chaudhury seconded "That Councillors Woods and Glynane be appointed Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council respectively for the ensuing year".

The motion was carried.

7. LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION GROUP

Councillor Tavener proposed and Councillor Caswell seconded "That Councillor Hadland be appointed Leader of the Opposition and Councillor Palethorpe be appointed the Deputy Leader of the Opposition".

The motion was carried.

8. LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE LABOUR GROUP

Councillor Scott proposed and Councillor Mason seconded "That Councillor Davies be appointed Leader of the Labour Group and Councillor Choudary be appointed Deputy Leader of the Labour Group".

The motion was carried.

9. COUNCIL MEETINGS

RESOLVED: That the Annual and Ordinary meetings of the Council during 2008/09 be held on the dates shown in paragraph 9 of the agenda.

10. COMMITTEE PROPORTIONALITY

The Leader of the Council submitted an amended report that had been circulated and Councillor Hadland seconded its adoption.

RESOLVED: That approval be given to the number of seats on each Committee as detailed in the report and the representation of political groups be as set out in the report.

11. CABINET

RESOLVED: That the Leader of the Council, Councillor Woods be the Chair of the Cabinet and that the Cabinet members be Councillors Beardsworth, Church, Crake, Glynane, B Hoare and Mildren.

12. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

The Leader of the Council submitted a report and referred to the need to appoint substitutes to the Appointments and Appeals Committee.

- RESOLVED:** (1) That the appointments to Committees set out in the report be adopted.
- (2) That powers be delegated to the Standards Committee to confirm the appointments to the vacancies on that Committee and to confirm the Deputy Chair from one of the independent members.
- (3) That the Solicitor to the Council be authorised to amend the Constitution to allow substitutes on the Appointments and Appeals Committee with voting rights subject to proper nominations being received prior to the meeting.

13. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The Leader of the Council submitted an amended report that had been circulated and Councillor Hadland seconded its adoption subject to its amendment by changing the representation to the Abbey Centre Users Association by the deletion of Councillor Reeve and the addition of Councillor J Lill; in respect of the Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee by the deletion of Councillor Duncan and the addition of Councillor Flavell; and in respect of the Welfare Rights Advice Service by the deletion of Councillor Malpas and the addition of Councillor Reeve.

RESOLVED: That the Appointments to Outside Bodies as amended be noted.

14. CONSULTATION APPOINTMENTS

RESOLVED: That the Consultation Appointments to the Community Enabling Fund Advisory Panel and the Markets Matters Group be as set out on the agenda page.

The meeting concluded at 12.08 hours