

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



COUNCIL

Thursday, 22 May 2008

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE GUILDHALL NORTHAMPTON ON THURSDAY 22ND MAY AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING WHEN THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS IS PROPOSED TO BE TRANSACTED:-

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR

Councillor Garlick to propose and Councillor B. Hoare to second: "That Councillor C. B. Markham be elected Mayor of the Borough of Northampton for the ensuing year."

After election the Mayor will make the declaration of acceptance of office.

The Mayor's Serjeant will invest the Mayoress (Councillor Irene Markham) with her chain of office.

The Mayor will thank the Council for his election.

2. VOTE OF THANKS TO OUTGOING MAYOR AND MAYORESS

Councillor Davies to propose and Councillor Woods to second: "That the thanks of the Council be given to Councillor L. P. 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."

3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor Hadland to propose and Councillor Davies to second: "Councillor M. Hill be appointed to the office of Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year."

After appointment the Deputy Mayor will make the declaration of acceptance of office.

The Mayor's Serjeant will invest the Deputy Mayoress (Mrs Margaret Hill) with her Badge of Office.

4. APOLOGIES

5. LONG SERVICE

To record the long service of the following employees;

25 years: D. Battison, K. Davis, J. Foster, P. Jeffs, K. Pickering,
A. Richardson, M. Roberts and C. Sparkes.

35 years: S. Cunningham, P. Mallard, I. Newton, K. Patel
R. Tibbles and J. Wynne

6. LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Wilson to propose and Councillor Chaudhury to second;

“That Councillor Woods be appointed the Leader of the Council and Councillor Glynane be appointed the Deputy Leader of the Council”

7. LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION GROUP

Councillor Tavener to propose and Councillor Caswell to second;

“That Councillor Hadland be appointed the Leader of the Opposition and Councillor Palethorpe be appointed the Deputy Leader of the Opposition”

8. LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE LABOUR GROUP

Councillor Scott to propose and Councillor Mason to second;

“That Councillor Davies be appointed Leader of the Labour Group and Councillor Choudary be appointed Deputy Leader of the Labour Group”

9. COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Mayor to propose: “That the Annual Meeting of the Council take place on 21 May 2009 and the other meetings of Council take place on 26 June, 21 July, 8 September, 29 September, 27 October, 8 December 2008, 19 January, 26 February, 2 March, and 20 April 2009.”

10. COMMITTEE PROPORTIONALITY

(copy herewith)

11. CABINET

To record the following appointments to the Cabinet for 2008-09

Councillor Woods - Improvement and Strategic Partnerships
Councillor Glynane - Community and Engagement
Councillor B. Hoare - Performance
Councillor Mildren- Finance

Councillor Beardsworth - Housing
Councillor Crake - Environment
Councillor Church - Regeneration

12. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

(copy herewith)

13. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

(copy herewith)

14. CONSULTATION APPOINTMENTS

To consider the appointment of the following Councillors with whom consultations shall be held by the named Officer under the terms set out and delegated by the Council:

Community Enabling Fund Advisory Panel (Chief Executive)
Councillors J. Conroy, Flavell, Glynane, I. Markham, Palethorpe and Scott

Markets Matters (Director of Finance)
Councillors Church, Flavell, Hadland, Scott, Taylor and Woods

The Guildhall
Northampton
15 May 2008

D. Kennedy Chief Executive



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Item No. 10

NORTHAMPTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

22 MAY 2008

Agenda Status: Public

Directorate: Chief Executive

Report Title	Committee Proportionality
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1. Summary

This report seeks Council's approval of the number and group proportionality of seats on each Committee.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Council approves the number of seats on each Committee as outlined in this report.
- 2.2 That the representation of the political groups be as set out in this report.

3. Report Background

The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and its associated regulations, requires the Council, at its annual meeting, or as "soon as practicable after the meeting" to review the representation of political groups and determine the allocation of seats (ie proportionality). The rights of the various political groups are specified in relevant regulations.

The Liberal Democrats, Conservative and Labour Groups have given notice that they wish to be treated as political groups in accordance with the Regulations.

The effect of these changes means that the Council will have 84 seats overall to which the proportionality rules apply. These need to be allocated as follows: Liberal Democrats Group 45 seats; Conservative Group 27 seats; Labour Group 10 seats. This leaves two seats, which, by agreement, have been allocated, to the Independent member.

The allocation of seats between the Committees is as follows:

Committee Name	No of Seats on Committee	Liberal Democrats	Conservative	Labour	Independent
Audit Committee	7	4	2	1	
Overview & Scrutiny 1	10	5	3	1	1
Overview & Scrutiny 2	9	5	3	1	
Overview & Scrutiny 3	9	5	3	1	
Scrutiny Management Committee	6	3	2	1	
Planning Committee	11	6	4	1	
Licensing Committee	11	6	4	1	
Appointments and Appeals	7	4	2	1	
General Purposes	9	5	2	1	1
Tree Panel	5	2	2	1	
Overall Seats	84	45	27	10	2

4. Implications (including financial implications)

4.1 Resources and Risk

None specifically arising from this report.

4.2 Legal

The Council has legal obligations under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and its associated regulations, to review the representation of political groups and determine the allocation of seats.

4.3 Other Implications

None specifically.

5. Background Papers

Meeting Services departmental file.

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Item No. 12



NORTHAMPTON
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22 MAY 2008

Agenda Status: Public

Directorate: Chief Executive

Report Title	Appointments to Committees
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1. Summary

To seek approval to the detailed appointments to Committees for 2008/09

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the appointments to Committees set out in the report be accepted.
- 2.2 That powers be delegated to the Standards Committee to confirm the appointments to the vacant seats on the Committee and to confirm the deputy chair from one of the independent members

3. Report Background

Following on from the earlier report to this meeting on Proportionality (item 11), set out below are the proposed appointments to Committees made by the political groups.

Following the changes to the Constitution accepted by Council on 12 May 2008 it is necessary to appoint five members to the Tree Panel.

Further, there are currently two independent member vacancies on Standards Committee. Interviews have been held for these vacancies and it is proposed that delegated powers be given to the Standards Committee itself to confirm the appointments to the vacancies following Officer notification of the successful candidates. Delegated powers are also being sought for the Standards Committee itself to appoint a deputy chair who will be chosen from one of the independent candidates.

Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee (6 members)

Councillor Simpson (Chair), Councillor J Conroy (Deputy Chair), Councillors Choudary, Lane, Malpas and P M Varnsvery

**Overview & Scrutiny Committee 1: Partnerships, Regeneration and Community Safety and Engagement
(10 members)**

Councillor Simpson (Chair), Councillor Choudary (Deputy-Chair), Councillors Caswell, S Chaudhury, Clarke, Palethorpe, Perkins, Reeve, P D Varnserry and Wilson

**Overview & Scrutiny Committee 2: Housing and Environment
(9 members)**

Councillor Malpas (Chair), Councillor P M Varnserry (Deputy-Chair), Councillors De Cruz, Garlick, Larratt, J Lill, Meredith, Scott and Yates

**Overview & Scrutiny 3: Improvement, Performance & Finance
(9 members)**

Councillor Lane (Chair), Councillor J Conroy (Deputy-Chair), Councillors Collins, Davies, Hadland, Meredith, Reeve, Taylor and Yates

**Appointments and Appeals Committee
(7 members)**

Councillor Woods (Chair), Councillor Glynane (Deputy-Chair), Councillors Beardsworth, Davies, Hadland, I Markham and Palethorpe

**Audit Committee
(7 members)**

Councillor Perkins (Chair), Councillor Yates (Deputy-Chair), Councillors De Cruz, Davies, Hawkins, J Lill and Tavener

**General Purposes Committee
(9 members)**

Councillor Collins (Chair), Councillor Garlick (Deputy-Chair), Councillors S Chaudhury, Clarke, Davies, Duncan, Edwards, Matthews and I Markham

**Licensing Committee
(11 members)**

Councillor Taylor (Chair), Councillor Wilson (Deputy-Chair), Caswell, I Choudary, R Conroy, Duncan, C Lill, I Markham, Matthews, Tavener and P M Varnserry

**Planning Committee
(11 members)**

Councillor Hollis (Chair), Councillor P D Varnserry (Deputy-Chair), Councillors Church, Collins, J Conroy, Hill, M Hoare, Lane, Malpas, Mason and Meredith

**Standards Committee
(9 members)**

Mr Ian Harley (Independent Chair), D Hughes, M Edwards (Parish Council representatives), Councillors Capstick, Flavell, Hawkins and Matthews, **[Independent – vacant] [independent – vacant]**

**Tree Panel
(5 members)**

Councillor Matthews (Chair), Councillors De Cruz, Davies, Hadland and Larratt

4. Implications (including financial implications)

4.1 Resources and Risk

None specifically.

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4.2 Legal

The Council has a legal requirement to formally appoint members to Committees to enable it to operate lawfully.

4.3 Other Implications

None

5. Background Papers

Members Services – Departmental file

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Appendices: One

Item No. 13

NORTHAMPTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

Thursday 22 May 2008

Agenda Status: Public Report

Directorate: Governance and Resources

Report Title	Appointments to Outside Bodies
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1. Summary

Council on 23 July 2007 made the attached appointments for the four-year term of the Council. This report updates the list agreed on that occasion.

2. Recommendations

That the Appointments to Outside Bodies be confirmed.

3. Report Background

3.1 The Council has a number of Councillor representatives on various outside bodies. The nominations to those bodies for the current four-year term of the Council as amended are appended to the report.

3.2 It is important for Councillors who represent the Council on these outside bodies to be formally authorised as representatives owing to insurance liability issues. The Council's current insurance provides contingent cover for Councillors representing the Council on these outside bodies; however, the primary line of cover should be from the outside body itself.

4. Implications (including financial implications)

4.1 Resources and Risk

N/A

4.2 Legal

N/A

4.3 Other Implications

N/A

5. Background Papers

Council Nominations to Outside Bodies, 23rd July 2007

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COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**2007/2008**

NAME OF BODY {Number of representatives required in brackets	REPRESENTATIVES
Northampton Borough Allotments and Gardens Council [2]	John Yates Phil Larratt
Abbey Centre User's Association [2]	Richard Matthews Kevin Reeve
Northamptonshire Race Equality Council [1]	Brendan Glynane
Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee [2]	David Garlick Jane Duncan
Northamptonshire Co-op Development Agency [2]	Sadik Chaudhury Kevin Reeve
National Local Government Forum Against Poverty [1]	Sally Beardsworth
Northampton Theatres Trust Is now 3 reps	David Perkins Tony Woods Tim Hadland
Northampton Town Football Supporters Trust [1]	Dennis Meredith
Council for the Museum of Leather craft [3]	Pam Varnsberry Penny Flavell Ifty Choudary
East Midlands Museums Service [2]	Lee Mason Jean Hawkins
East of England Orchestra [1]	Scott Collins
Northamptonshire Councils Association [3]	Tony Woods Tim Hadland Keith Davies
Northampton Twinning Association [2]	Jean Hawkins Phil Larratt
Northampton Tourist Association [3]	Portia Wilson Colin Lill Tess Scott
Heart of England Tourist Board [1]	John Yates
Council for Voluntary Services [2]	Brendan Glynane Tess Scott
Welfare Rights Advice Service [2]	Jenny Conroy Christopher Malpas
Northamptonshire Rape and Incest Crisis Centre [2]	Jane Hollis Joy Capstick
Healthier Communities Scrutiny Committee [1]	Brian Markham

Northampton Local Nature Reserves Management Group [5]	Andrew Simpson Pam Varnsberry Judith Lill Colin Lill Ifty Choudary
78 Derngate Trust [1]	Trini Crake
Town Centre Partnership Board [5]	Richard Church Tony Woods Marianne Taylor Colin Lill Keith Davies
Northampton Town Learning Partnership	Andrew Simpson
Northamptonshire Enterprise Limited	Tony Woods
West Northants Joint Strategic Planning Group	Richard Church Tony Woods Paul Varnsberry Jane Hollis Scott Collins (Sub) Sally Beardsworth (Sub)
WNDC Northampton Planning Committee	Sadik Chaudhury Dennis Meredith Penny Flavell Jean Hawkins Brian Hoare (Sub) Don Edwards (Sub)
Northamptonshire Waste Management Partnership	Trini Crake Jane Hollis Pam Varnsberry (Sub)
Northampton Safer Stronger Partnership Board [1]	Brendan Glynane
Regional Assembly	Tony Woods Brendan Glynane (Sub)
Regional Planning Board	Richard Church John Yates (Sub)
Various LGA Bodies	
[a] General Assembly	Tony Woods Brendan Glynane (Sub)
[b] Urban Commission	Richard Church Scott Collins (Sub)
[c] East Midland Region LGA	Tony Woods Brendan Glynane (Sub)
Town Centre Strategic Board	Keith Davies Tim Hadland Richard Church Tony Woods
Northampton Festival Limited	Brendan Glynane