

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



COUNCIL

Monday, 8 December 2008

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE GUILDHALL NORTHAMPTON ON MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2008 AT SIX THIRTY O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING WHEN THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS IS PROPOSED TO BE TRANSACTED:-

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. MINUTES.

To approve the minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting of the Council held on 27th October 2008.

3. APOLOGIES.

4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS

6. MEMBER AND PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

7. CABINET MEMBER PRESENTATIONS

8. OPPOSITION GROUP BUSINESS

Councillor Keith Davies to make a statement on Housing Performance

9. PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS FOR CAPITAL FINANCE 2008/09 TO 2010/11

Report of Director of Finance and Support

10. INVESTMENT STRATEGY UPDATE

Report of Director of Finance and Support

11. CITIZENS AWARDS SCHEME

Report of Borough Solicitor

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

(A) Councillor Malpas to move and Councillor Flavell to second the following motion:-

“Under the Fixed Penalty Offences Order 1999 (in combination with the provisions of the Road Traffic Act 1988), the wilful riding of a bicycle on a public footpath is an offence that can result in a fine of £30.

As well as the obvious dangers, studies have shown that pavement cycling is intimidating to pedestrians, and that fear of injury can in certain circumstances discourage them from freely using our public spaces.

This Council recognises the efforts of Northamptonshire Police to tackle this problem, and praises the success of Operation Push.

This Council resolves to do everything in its power to help Northamptonshire Police stamp out this illegal and anti social behaviour and instructs cabinet to investigate initiatives that will help educate cyclists and the public, and improve appropriate signage.”

(B) Councillor Palethorpe to move and Councillor Larratt to second the following motion:-

“This council notes the recent announcement of a £1.5m loss in parking income, and news that 86 businesses have left the town centre since 2007. This confirms fears that town centre trade is in decline.

In the current financial climate local business ratepayers have every right to expect assistance from the Borough Council, and this authority has a responsibility to do everything within its power to help local companies, especially local retailers, by proactively attracting shoppers to the town.

It is inevitable that the current town centre parking price structure is discouraging shoppers from visiting Northampton and has also served to encourage motorists to park in side streets, causing congestion and inconveniencing residents.

This council calls upon the cabinet to:

- 1 Take urgent action to provide advantageous parking charges for shoppers in the run up to Christmas; and
- 2 Initiate a complete review of car parking charges throughout the borough, with a view to attracting visitors to the town, especially shoppers, and stimulating town centre trade.”

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

The Guildhall
Northampton
28 November 2008

D. Kennedy Chief Executive