

# NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



## COUNCIL

Thursday, 21 May 2009

**YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE GUILDHALL NORTHAMPTON ON THURSDAY 21 MAY 2009, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING WHEN THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS IS PROPOSED TO BE TRANSACTED:-**

### **1. ELECTION OF MAYOR**

Councillor Hadland to propose and Councillor Davies to second: "That Councillor Michael John Hill 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 (Mrs Margaret Hill) with her chain of office.*

*The Mayor will thank the Council for his election.*

### **2. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE OUTGOING MAYOR AND MAYORESS**

Councillor Garlick to propose and Councillor B. Hoare to second: "That the thanks of the Council be given to Councillor Brian Markham and Councillor Irene Markham 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 Church to propose and Councillor Beardsworth to second: "That Councillor Marianne Taylor 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 Mayor's consort (Mr Martin Taylor) with his badge of office.*

#### **4. APOLOGIES**

#### **5. LONG SERVICE**

To record the long service of the following employees;

**25 years:** A. Blane, S. Bowers, L. Burdett, R. Clarke,  
V. Coomber, B. Hayward, P. Jeffery, F. Lloyd,  
T. Matsell, J. Parke, L. Robinson, M. Sugden,  
N. Tack, S. Underwood, and S. Wade.

**35 years:** S. Jackson, K. Schneidereit, A. Skinner,  
O. Sowerby, D. Strong, and R. Thompson.

#### **6. LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

Councillor Yates to propose and Councillor Hawkins to second;

“That Councillor Woods be appointed Leader of the Council and Councillor B Hoare be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council.”

#### **7. LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION GROUP**

Councillor Caswell to propose and Councillor Reeve to second;

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

#### **8. LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE LABOUR GROUP**

Councillor Scott to propose and Councillor I Choudary to second;

“That Councillor Davies be appointed Leader of the Labour Group and Councillor Mason 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 20 May 2010 and the other meetings of Council take place on 1 June, 29 June, 13 July, 14 September, 28 September, 26 October, 7 December 2009, 18 January, 25 February, 1 March and 12 April 2010.”

#### **10. COMMITTEE PROPORTIONALITY**

(copy herewith)

#### **11. CABINET**

To record the following appointments to the Cabinet for 2009-10;

Councillor Woods- Improvement and Strategic Partnerships  
Councillor B. Hoare- Performance

Councillor Glynane- Community Engagement and Safety  
Councillor Mildren- Finance  
Councillor Beardsworth- Housing  
Councillor Crane- 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 Environment and Culture)  
Councillors Church, Flavell, Hadland, Scott, Taylor and Woods.

The Guildhall  
Northampton  
13 May 2009

D. Kennedy Chief Executive



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## **COUNCIL**

### **21 MAY 2009**

**Agenda Status:** Public

**Directorate:** Chief Executive

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Committee Proportionality</b>
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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**

3.1 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.

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

3.3 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.

3.4 The allocation of seats between the Committees is as follows:

<b>Committee Name</b>	<b>No of Seats on Committee</b>	<b>Liberal Democrats</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Independent</b>
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	
<b>Overall Seats</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>

#### **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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## **COUNCIL**

### **21 MAY 2009**

**Agenda Status:** Public

**Directorate:** Chief Executive

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Appointments to Committees</b>
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#### **1. Summary**

To seek approval to the detailed appointments to Committees for 2009/10

#### **2. Recommendations**

2.1 That the appointments to Committees set out in the report be accepted.

#### **3. Report Background**

Following on from the earlier report to this meeting on Proportionality (item 10), set out below are the proposed appointments to Committees made by the political groups.

##### **Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee (6 members)**

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

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

Councillor Simpson (Chair), Councillor I 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, Meredith, Palethorpe, Scott and Yates

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

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

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

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

**Audit Committee  
(7 members)**

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

**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, Reeve and P M Varnserry

**Planning Committee  
(11 members)**

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

**Standards Committee  
(9 members)**

Mr Ian Harley (Independent Chair), D Hughes, M Edwards (Parish Council representatives), Mr T Morris, Mrs G Moss (Independent), Councillors Capstick, Flavell, Hawkins and Matthews,

**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.



## 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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## **COUNCIL**

### **Thursday 21 May 2009**

**Agenda Status: Public Report**

**Directorate: Governance and Resources**

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Appointments to Outside Bodies</b>
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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 and subsequently on 22 May 2008.

#### **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, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2007

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**COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES****2008/2009**

NAME OF BODY {Number of representatives required in brackets}	REPRESENTATIVES
Abbey Centre User's Association [2]	Richard Matthews Judith Lill
Brackmills Estate Group [1]	Richard Church
Northamptonshire Race Equality Council [1]	Brendan Glynane
Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee [2]	David Garlick Penny Flavell
Northamptonshire Co-op Development Agency [2]	Sadik Chaudhury Kevin Reeve
National Local Government Forum Against Poverty [1]	Sally Beardsworth
Northampton Theatres Trust	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 David Palethorpe 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 Kevin Reeve
Northamptonshire Rape and Incest Crisis Centre [2]	Jane Hollis Joy Capstick
Healthier Communities Scrutiny Committee [1]	Brian Markham

Kerr House Trust [2]	The Mayor The Immediate Past Mayor
Northampton Local Nature Reserves Management Group [5]	Andrew Simpson Pam Varnserry 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 Committee	Richard Church Tony Woods Paul Varnserry Jane Hollis Scott Collins (Sub) Sally Beardsworth (Sub) Jenny Conroy (Sub) Dennis Meredith (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 Varnserry (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

