

## MINUTES

OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE GUILDHALL, NORTHAMPTON, ON MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2009 AT SIX THIRTY O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

**PRESENT:** HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR Councillor Hill (in the Chair).

**COUNCILLORS:** Caswell, I. Choudary, Church, Clarke, Crake, Edwards, Garlick, Glynane, Golby, Hawkins, B. Hoare, Hollis, Lane, C. Lill, J. Lill, Malpas, B. Markham, I. Markham, Mason, Meredith, Palethorpe, Perkins, Reeve, Taylor, P. D. Varnsvery, P. M. Varnsvery, Woods and Yates

### 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

### 2. MINUTES.

The minutes of the meeting of Council on 1 September 2009 were signed by the Mayor.

### 3. APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from Councillors Beardsworth, Capstick, S Chaudhury, Collins, J Conroy, R Conroy, Davies, De Cruz, Duncan, Flavell, Hadland, M Hoare, Larratt, Matthews, Mildren, Scott, Simpson and Wilson.

### 4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Mayor commented that he was holding a curry night at the Tamarind Restaurant on Monday 5 October at 6:30 pm in aid of his Mayoral charities and invited Councillors to attend.

### 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS

None.

### 6. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2008/09

Councillor Perkins submitted a report that set out the Council's Statement of Accounts for 2008/09 post audit. In doing so Councillor Perkins noted that the Council had received an overall Use of Resources score of two which, given the harder scoring regime this year, in reality represented an improvement on the previous year. He expressed his congratulations to the Director of Finance and Support and her colleagues.

Councillor B Hoare seconded approval of the report.

- RESOLVED:**
- (1) That the changes to the 2008/09 Statement of Accounts be noted.
  - (2) That it be noted that the Audit Committee in Cabinet have no particular comments to make.
  - (3) That the 2008/09 Statement of Accounts be adopted.
  - (4) That the Director of Finance and Support in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance be authorised to make any non-material adjustments to the accounts prior to publication of them.

## **7. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2008/09**

Councillor Perkins submitted a report that set out the 2008/09 Annual Governance Statement, which had been subject to audit. Councillor B Hoare seconded approval of the Statement.

Councillor Clarke expressed concern that all Councillors were not aware of all decisions that were being made.

- RESOLVED:**
- (1) That it be noted that the Audit Committee and Cabinet had no particular comments to make on the Annual Governance Statement.
  - (2) That the report on the 2008/09 Annual Governance Statement be noted.
  - (3) That the Annual Governance Statement for 2008/09 be adopted.

## **8. TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN 2008/09**

Councillor Perkins submitted a report that set out the Council's performance in relation to its Borrowing and Investment Strategy for 2008/09. In doing so he noted that despite the unprecedented financial situation that the Council found itself in, the Treasury Management Outturn outcome was pleasing. Councillor B Hoare seconded adoption of the report.

- RESOLVED:** That the Council's Treasury Management Performance in 2008/09 be noted.

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

None.

The meeting concluded at 18.50 hours