

MINUTES

OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE GUILDHALL, NORTHAMPTON, ON MONDAY 29 JUNE 2009 AT SIX THIRTY O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

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

COUNCILLORS: Beardsworth, Capstick, Clarke, Collins, Crake, Davies, Edwards, Garlick, Golby, Hawkins, Hill, B. Hoare, Hollis, Lane, C. Lill, J. Lill, B. Markham, Mason, Meredith, Mildren, Taylor, P. D. Varnsberry, P. M. Varnsberry, Wilson, Woods and Yates

The Mayor referred to the recent death of John Gardner, a former Mayor and indicated that tributes would be made at the meeting of the Council on 13 July 2009 when a full attendance by Councillors was expected. The Council stood for a minute's silence.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

2. MINUTES.

The minutes of the meetings of Council held on 21 May and 1 June 2009 were signed by the Mayor.

3. APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from Councillors Caswell, S Chaudhury, I Choudary, Church, J Conroy, R Conroy, De Cruz, Duncan, Flavell, Glynane, Hadland, M Hoare, Larratt, Malpas, I Markham, Matthews, Reeve, Scott, Simpson and Wilson.

4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

None.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS

None.

6. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Councillor Woods submitted a report that sought the Council's adoption of the Annual Governance Statement for 2008/09. Councillor Perkins seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED: That the Annual Governance Statement 2008/09 as appended to the report be adopted.

7. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2008/09

Councillor Perkins submitted a report that set out the Council's Statement of Accounts for 2008/09, which would be presented to the external auditor and for public scrutiny. He thanked Councillor Mildren, as his predecessor, and the Director of Finance and Support for their work in producing the report. Councillor Mildren seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED: (1) 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 external audit.

(2) That the 2008/09 Statement of Accounts as appended to the report be adopted.

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

None.

The meeting concluded at 18.46 hours.