YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE GUILDHALL NORTHAMPTON ON MONDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2011 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 Meetings of the Council held on 24 October and 7 November 2011.

3. APOLOGIES.

4. MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS

6. MEMBER AND PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
   (Questions and responses attached)

7. CABINET MEMBER PRESENTATIONS
   (copy herewith)

8. OPPOSITION GROUP BUSINESS
   Councillor Beardsworth to make a statement concerning fuel poverty.

9. APPOINTMENT TO NORTHAMPTON MUNICIPAL CHURCH CHARITY
10. NOTICES OF MOTION

(i) Councillor Mason to propose and Councillor Marriott to second:

“This Council notes that Cllr T Hadland And Cllr A Woods put an amendment to a motion in November 2006 (motion by Cllr L Barron and Cllr L Marriott) supporting unitary status for Northampton but not on the current borough boundaries. The amendment also clearly opposed a unitary Northamptonshire. The motion and amendment was carried.

This Council reaffirms its long held commitment to achieving Unitary Status for Northampton on expanded borough boundaries and opposes any plans to create a Unitary Northamptonshire.

The Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Leader of Northamptonshire County Council and Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government stating this motion has the support of NBC full Council.”

(ii) Councillor Eldred to propose and Councillor King to second:

“Council welcomes the news that as part of the Olympic Torch Relay the Olympic Flame will be coming to Northampton on 2nd July 2012 during its 70-day journey to the Olympic stadium in London.

The arrival of the Olympic Flame in Northampton is an exciting opportunity for the town to be involved in Olympic fever and feel part of this once in a lifetime event. Council will work with residents, community groups and its partners to use the excitement of the games and the arrival of the torch to promote the virtues of sport, education, friendship and fair play that are encompassed by the Olympic Games.

This council also encourages local schools, community groups and organisations to seize these opportunities and harness interest in the Olympics for the good of Northampton.”

(iii) Councillor Hadland to propose and Councillor Nunn to second:

“Council reaffirms its commitment to support local businesses, local jobs and the local economy in these difficult financial times. Northampton Borough Council has a civic responsibility to promote local enterprise wherever it can, and to work with partners to create and sustain good quality jobs and a healthy environment in which businesses can flourish.

Council notes the following positive developments since May 2011:

Northampton is one of 22 areas nationally to be awarded an Enterprise Zone, which will give our town a competitive edge in attracting and keeping new business investment, high quality education and skilled jobs through favourable planning regulations and concessions to business rates.

By introducing a scheme of one hour free parking and free Sunday town centre parking this
administration is supporting local businesses by giving shoppers an additional financial incentive to visit our town centre.

Funding has been secured to relocate and demolish the old bus station, which is the first, and long overdue step towards the regeneration of the Grosvenor Centre and town centre retail

The administration is working with market traders and the Town Centre BID to make improvements to the organisation of the Market Square that will help traders and businesses who depend on it to make a living

With local partners the Borough Council has put together one of the best Christmas packages of events and decorations for many years to attract Christmas shoppers, and keep them returning to our town throughout the year. In difficult financial times, Council welcomes the contribution of local businesses to make this happen.”

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

The Guildhall
Northampton
25 November 2011

D. Kennedy Chief Executive

Public Participation

1. Comments and Petitions

1.1 A member of the public (or an accredited representative of a business ratepayer of the Borough) may make a comment or present a petition on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers. A comment or presentation of a petition shall be for no more than three minutes. No notice of the nature of the comment to be made or of the petition is required except for the need to register to speak by 12 noon on the day of the meeting.

/Public comments and petitions will not be taken and the Annual Council Meeting or other civic or ceremonial meetings.)

NOTES
i. Comments may be on one or more subjects but each person has no longer than three minutes to have their say.
ii. The same person may make a comment and present a petition on different subjects. In such instances that person will have three minutes to make their comment and a separate three minutes to present a petition.

2. Member and Public Questions

2.1 A member of the public (or business ratepayer of the Borough) may ask a maximum of two written questions at each meeting, each limited to a maximum of 50 words, on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers. Each question shall:

• be submitted in writing and delivered, faxed or e-mailed to Democratic Services no later than 10.00am seven calendar days before the day of the meeting; and
• include the name and address of the questioner and the name of the Cabinet member/Committee Chair to whom the question is put.

2.2 At the meeting, copies of all questions and the responses to them from the public and Members will be made available to the public and press. The Mayor may allow one supplementary question, without notice, that arises directly from the original question or response.

(Questions will not be taken at the Annual Council Meeting or at civic or ceremonial meetings or meetings called to deal with specific items of business.)

NOTES
In respect of paragraph 2.1 above, questions may be rejected on certain grounds that are set out on page 4-12 of the Council’s Constitution and which may be viewed at www.northampton.gov.uk/site/scripts/download_info.php?fileID=1919 or by seeking advice using the contact details below.

3. Motions

3.1 A member of the public may register to speak to a motion under the ‘Notices of Motion’ item on the agenda. Registration to speak must be made to Democratic Services by 12 noon on the day to the meeting. Speaking to a motion is restricted to three minutes per person.

(The ‘Notices of Motion’ item will not be taken at the Annual Council meeting or meetings called for civic or ceremonial purposes.)

4. General

A member of the public may make a comment, present a petition, ask a question or speak to a motion at the same meeting subject to the restrictions set out above.

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