

# NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



## COUNCIL

Monday, 21 September 2015

**YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE GUILDHALL NORTHAMPTON ON MONDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 6:30 PM 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 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015

**3. APOLOGIES.**

**4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS**

**6. MEMBER AND PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**7. CABINET MEMBER PRESENTATIONS**

(Copy herewith)

**8. OPPOSITION GROUP BUSINESS**

Councillor G Eales to make a statement on: "The importance of trade unions and their rights."

**9. CIL - APPROVAL OF THE CABINET REPORT**

(Copy herewith)

**10. DEVOLUTION OF DEVELOPMENT CONTROL POWERS ON CROSS BOUNDARY PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND IN RESPECT OF AN APPLICATION RELATING TO LAND TO THE REAR OF COTTINGHAM DRIVE, MOULTON**

(Copy herewith)

**11. EXEMPTION FROM CALL-IN AND URGENT EXECUTIVE DECISIONS.**

(Copy herewith)

**12. TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN 2014-15**

(Copy herewith)

**13. NOTICES OF MOTION**

- i) Councillor McCutcheon to propose and Councillor Birch to second:

“This Council notes that [the](#) West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy has not worked out entirely to the benefit of Northampton.

This Council notes that much development will be placed just outside the Borough Boundary.

This Council further notes this means Northampton will have the challenges that come with large scale housing development. However, South Northamptonshire District Council and Daventry District Council will keep the additional Council Tax income and New Homes Bonus that will come from this new development on Northampton’s doorstep.

This Council believes the Borough Boundary, in the longer-term, should be extended to incorporate SUEs, as outlined in the Joint Core Strategy, which are immediately outside Northampton and also other very close developments such as Grange Park. So this Council believes there should be a limited expansion of the Northampton Borough Boundary.

This Council further believes if there is a review of the borough boundary it must be done with full public consultation”

- ii) Councillor G Eales to propose and Councillor Stone to second:

“This Council recognises that in order to provide confidence to the staff at all levels, the senior leadership of the Council must work in close partnership with the Trade Unions who represent our employees. Northampton Borough Council will only deliver excellent public services when Trade Unions, councillors and senior management work together.

So this Council believes that it is important to develop a reputation as a good employer and to build a relationship with staff and their representatives based on mutual trust.

To this end the Council agrees the following:-

1. The Trade Unions have an important role to play in a democratic and accountable public authority.
2. To have regular local joint meetings with all the recognised staff Trade Unions.
3. To guarantee sufficient facility time and resources in order that the Trade Unions can properly represent all their members.
4. To re-enter national pay bargaining for local government”.

iii) Councillor Cali to propose and Councillor Haque to second:

“This Council notes that Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) is a cultural practice that makes some young girls in our local communities very vulnerable. It is often referred to as ‘cutting’ and is a form of child abuse. It happens to young girls in our county and in our town.

This Council believes we can act together to stop it happening in our town.

This Council will do the following:-

- Work with the Police and other agencies so that we understand the scale of the problem.
- Ensure all relevant front line staff through training are aware of this issue, how to support victims and how to support campaigners against the practice

This Council resolves to identify the groups that are campaigning against this practice in order to

- Sign post vulnerable girls and their families to them
- Support the campaigns by disseminating any appropriate literature
- Ensure the relevant local campaign groups are aware they have the support of this Council”.

iv) Councillor Bottwood to propose and Councillor Ansell to second:

“A Green Flag flying above a public open space recognises that the space meets the highest possible standards, is maintained beautifully and has excellent facilities. This Council welcomes with pride the award of Green Flag status to Abington Park and Delapre Park. This Council recognises the hard work of the staff, Friends groups and volunteers who have worked throughout the year to make these awards possible.

This council recognises the wealth of green and open spaces that Northampton has to offer, is rightly proud of these spaces and commits to protecting them and maintaining them to a high standard”.

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

The Guildhall  
Northampton

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](http://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.

### 5. Contacts

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