

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



COUNCIL

Monday, 25 January 2016

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE GUILDHALL NORTHAMPTON ON MONDAY, 25 JANUARY 2016 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 14th December 2015.

3. APOLOGIES.

4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS

6. MEMBER AND PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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7. CABINET MEMBER PRESENTATIONS

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8. OPPOSITION GROUP BUSINESS

Councillor Birch to make a statement on "Helping our communities in the face of even

more spending cuts”

9. STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

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10. COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME

11. COUNCIL TAXBASE

12. CHANGES TO OUTSIDE BODIES AND CONSULTATION APPOINTMENTS

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13. APPOINTMENTS OF NOMINATIVE TRUSTEE - THE CHARITY OF HERVEY AND ELIZABETH ELKINS

(Copy herewith)

14. APPOINTMENTS OF TRUSTEE - SIR THOMAS WHITE'S NORTHAMPTON CHARITY AND HENRY AND ELIZABETH LINEHAM FUND

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15. REPORT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN

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16. NOTICES OF MOTION

i) Councillor Beardsworth to propose and Councillor Meredith to second:

“This Council notes the ongoing problems regarding traffic and capacity at the new bus station and on the Drapery.

Council further recognises the fundamental importance of effective transport links within the town centre.

Council therefore requires a full report on Northampton’s capacity to manage bus and coach services, including expectations of growth over the next 10 years, before any building plans are considered on the Greyfriars site”.

ii) Councillor Meredith to propose and Councillor Beardsworth to second:

“Council recognises the importance of open spaces to the health and wellbeing of residents.

Council further recognises that the Southfields Sports Field has served this purpose well in its community.

Council therefore recognises Southfields Sports Fields as a park, and will treat it on an equal basis to other parks from this point forward.”

iii) Councillor Davenport to propose and Councillor McCutcheon to second:

“This Council notes that Northamptonshire County Council is responsible for the adoption

of roads in the town.

The problem of roads not being adopted is a real problem for some of our residents. They have to put up with roads in very poor condition.

This Council asks the Administration to do whatever they can to get the County council to adopt all roads in the town.

When the Administration does discuss these matters with Northamptonshire County Council they advocate a Section 38 agreement which is supported by a bond or cash deposit. This bond or cash deposit can be called upon if the developer goes into liquidation or otherwise defaults on their responsibilities”.

iv) Councillor Ashraf to propose and Councillor Russell to second:

“This Council believes that residents should not be expected to use their living rooms as bedrooms.

This Council also believes overcrowding is a serious problem in some households in our town. Living in overcrowded houses impacts on personal welfare and is particularly detrimental to a child’s education.

This Council further believes the statutory definition of overcrowding is too low and so we need much stronger criteria. This Council notes that the Administration has been looking into this.

This Council resolves to do what it can to help alleviate overcrowding in homes by going beyond our statutory duties. This Council further resolves to fundamentally review the Allocations Policy to ensure residents are not living in overcrowded conditions”.

17. 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 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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