

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



COUNCIL

Monday, 7 November 2016

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE GUILDHALL NORTHAMPTON ON MONDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 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 Meetings of the Council held on 19th September 2016 and the 3rd October 2016.

3. APOLOGIES.

4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS

6. MEMBER AND PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

7. CABINET MEMBER PRESENTATIONS

(Copy herewith)

8. LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE CONSERVATIVE GROUP

9. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

10. DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND CABINET

The Leader of the Council to announce the following appointments:

Councillor Larratt	Deputy Leader of the Council
Councillor Hallam	Cabinet Member for Environment
Councillor Hibbert	Cabinet Member for Housing & Wellbeing
Councillor King	Cabinet Member for Community Engagement & Safety
Councillor Hadland	Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Enterprise & Planning
Councillor Eldred	Cabinet Member for Finance
Councillor Ansell	Assistant Cabinet Member for Environment
Councillor J Hill	Assistant Cabinet member for Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning

11. CHANGES TO APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

(Copy herewith)

12. APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES

(Copy herewith)

13. CONSULTATION APPOINTMENTS

Civic Matters (Chief Executive)

The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, The Immediate Past Mayor, the Leader and Councillor McCutcheon.

Community Enabling Fund Advisory Panel (Chief Executive):

Councillors Flavell (Chair) and Councillors Walker, Sargeant, Birch and Cali

Constitution Review Working Party (Borough Solicitor)

Councillors Larratt (Chair) Oldham, Culbard, Russell and Beardsworth

Markets Advisory Panel

Councillor Larratt, Hadland and G Eales

Northamptonshire Police and Crime Panel

Councillor King (Cllr Larratt – Substitute)

Councillor Stone (Cllr Birch - Substitute)

Discretionary Housing Payments Review Panel (Chief Executive)

Councillor Eldred and Hibbert

Councillor Ashraf and Davenport

Councillor Beardsworth

14. OPPOSITION GROUP BUSINESS

Councillor Ashraf to make a statement on “The Impact of the Housing Crisis on Children”.

15. SPECIAL URGENCY - CABINET REPORT ON NIGHTSHELTER

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16. TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN 2015-16

(Copy herewith)

17. NOTICES OF MOTION

i) Councillor B Markham to propose and Councillor Beardsworth to second

“The Council recognises the value of community pharmacies as an important primary healthcare service and the role they play in our local community. Our local pharmacies offer a range of services not only dispensing prescriptions but promoting health and well-being providing advice such as on smoking cessation, flu vaccination and sexual health.

Pharmacies provide help and advice from pre-natal care to support for and advice services to elderly care homes.

This Council is greatly concerned about Central Government cuts to pharmacy support of 12% from December 2016 with a further reduction of 6% in 2017. This could lead to the loss of up to a quarter of our local chemist shops in particular from secondary shopping areas such as Kingsthorpe Front, Wellingborough Road and St James Square.

Service cuts to community pharmacies will put residents at risk and increase pressure on already stretched GPs and A&E Departments leading to an increase in NHS costs.

Council asks the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Health, NHS England and to our 3 local Members of Parliament calling for an immediate review of the proposed cut to funding for this vital local service.

ii) Councillor G Eales to propose and Councillor Gowen to second:

“This council agrees to undertake a review and independent valuation(s) of the Mayoral car's NH1 registration. This process will assist council / cabinet in making an informed decision whether to retain or dispose of this asset subject to a form of public consultation or gauging of public opinion.

Council notes the need for Northampton to improve its air quality and reduce CO2 emissions, with that in mind and to be setting the right example, at the appropriate & viable time in the future, the first citizen's vehicle should be considered to be replaced with a fully electric car.

Out of respect for the incumbent Mayor, no action will be taken on the above until the end of the current mayoralty, but the review process can operate in the background”.

iii) Councillor Birch to propose and Councillor Russell to second:

“This Council notes that loan sharks and aggressive pay day loan companies charge

exorbitant interest rates. We note the difficulties this often poses to our disadvantaged communities who need to take out loans.

We acknowledge the excellent work of the Credit Union in the One Stop Shop helping people who struggle to budget, save and get affordable loans.

This Council agrees to work with Northamptonshire Credit Union to create locality access for residents who cannot afford to travel to the Guildhall. Everyone should be able to access this excellent scheme.

This Council further agrees to promote the Credit Union in its literature when and wherever it is appropriate to do so”.

iv) Councillor Duffy to propose and Councillor Birch to second:

“This Council believes it is regrettable that the Thorplands community shop was closed without consultation with the local community.

This Council understands the importance of community amenities. Community amenities help provide much needed local services and support willing and local volunteers who want to support their communities.

This Council understands that the infrastructure for maintaining a community amenity and volunteer support for local communities needs the support of community development staff.

Therefore this Council resolves to do all it can to bring the shop back into community use”.

18. 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.

5. Contacts

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