

# NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



## COUNCIL

Monday, 6 November 2017

**YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE GUILDHALL NORTHAMPTON ON MONDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2017 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 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**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 Haque to make a statement on 'The Market'.

**9. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE EAST WEST RAIL CONSORTIUM**

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**10. CHANGES TO APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES**

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**11. CHANGES TO NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES (NPH)**

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**12. NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

“Council Notes:

1. Each year more than 300 homes for rent are lost in Northampton because of the Right to Buy.
2. In the 4 year period 2013 to 2017 over 50,000 homes were bought in England under Right to Buy.
3. That Northampton has a very high need for affordable housing, and in order to assist in meeting this Northampton Borough Council and Northampton Partnership Homes have developed plans to build more than 1,000 new homes for rent. The loss of affordable homes through the Right to Buy will undermine *this investment to increase affordable stock*.
4. Council notes that in Wales, the Housing (Wales) Measure 2011 allows for councils to request the power from the Welsh Government to suspend the Right to Buy for a 5 year period.

Council requests that the Chief Executive write to The Minister of State for Housing and Planning and our local Members of Parliament , seeking their support, for councils in England to be granted the same powers as our Welsh counterparts, and to report back to a future meeting of the council on progress”

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

“Council notes that Northampton Borough Council operates local pay bargaining arrangements for employees on NBC Local terms and conditions.

Council further notes that the public sector pay cap is being applied to thousands of public sector staff members who live in Northampton

Council believes that the continuation of the public sector pay cap is having a detrimental effect on levels of recruitment and retention across the public sector and is also having an impact on the living standards of thousands of local residents.

Council therefore asks the Chief Executive to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to request that the cap is

removed to allow for meaningful pay negotiations and for the implementation of the recommendations of Pay Review Bodies and to request that any recommended pay increases are fully funded via central government financial settlement.”

iii) Councillor Duffy to propose and Councillor Culbard to second:

“This Council notes that Fixed Odd Betting Terminals (FOBT) are sometimes referred to the “crack cocaine of gambling”.

This Council further notes FOBT gamblers are currently able to bet up to £100 per go on the machines, allowing players to make substantial losses very quickly. People can place £100 every 20 seconds on FOBTs.

This Council asks the Chief Executive to write to our local MPs arguing it is the view of this Council that the very least the stakes on FOBT should be reduced from £100 to £2 or more preferably banned completely.”

iv) Councillor Smith to propose and Councillor Davenport to second:

“This Council notes that at the last meeting a motion was passed calling for a review of our HMO policies.

This Council asks the review to look at Oxford City Council as a case study and the benefits of adopting their approach. In Oxford the whole of the local authority area is covered by an Article 4 directive and any proposal to create a new HMO, including the change of use of any dwelling to an HMO, will only be permitted where the proportion of properties within 100 metres of street length either side of the property does not exceed 20%.

This Council looks forward to the review being completed in the near future.”

v) Councillor King to propose and Councillor Hill to second:

“This Council believes that hate crimes have no place in our country, whether based on race, religion, sexual orientation, age or disability.

This Council condemns racism, xenophobia and hate crimes unequivocally. All Members of this Council are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society.

This Council will work to ensure that local bodies, organisations, and programmes have the support they need to fight and prevent racism and xenophobia and will reassure all people living in this Borough that they are valued members of our community.

This Council welcomes and acknowledges the UK Government’s announcement of December 11th 2016, that it will sign up to the internationally recognised International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) guidelines on antisemitism.

This Council hereby resolves to:

- a) Adopt the definition of antisemitism as set out by the IHRA, and request that the Chief Executive ensure all relevant NBC codes of conduct are consistent with this;
- b) Work together as an entity to combat this pernicious form of racism.”

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

Simon Bovey – Interim Chief Executive  
The Guildhall  
Northampton

#### **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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## MINUTES

OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE GUILDHALL, NORTHAMPTON, ON Monday, 18 September 2017 AT SIX THIRTY O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

**PRESENT:** HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR Councillor G Eales (in the Chair).

**COUNCILLORS:** Ansell, Ashraf, Aziz, Beardsworth, Birch, Bottwood, Caswell, Choudary, Culbard, Davenport, Duffy, T Eales, Eldred, Flavell, Golby, Hallam, Haque, Hibbert, J Hill, Kilbride, King, Lane, Larratt, B Markham, Malpas, Marriott, McCutcheon, Meredith, Nunn, Oldham, Parekh, Patel, Russell, Sargeant, Kilby-Shaw, Smith, Stone and Walker

### 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

### 2. MINUTES.

The minutes of the proceedings of the Meetings of the Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and the Extraordinary Council meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017 were agreed and signed by the Mayor.

### 3. APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from Councillors Chunga, M Markham, Cali and Hadland.

### 4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Mayor welcomed representatives from the Kings Heath Boxing Club and noted that it had become one of the most successful boxing clubs, which had started out as a small club and developed. He introduced Mr Ethan James who was currently dominating the sport and was the most decorated youth boxer ever. The Mayor congratulated him on the silver and gold medals that he had recently won.

The Mayor announced that Northampton had won Gold in East Midlands Bloom awards and noted that the Council had participated in the event for a number of years and helped to promote community cohesion and thanked those involved for their hard work. The Mayor thanked the Cabinet Member for Environment who proceeded to thank those involved in Bloom including Councillor Ansell, Paul Townsend, Peter Hackett, Sue Ousley and Annie McGarth and other partners in the community achievement.

The Mayor extended the best wishes of the Council to Councillors Chunga and Councillor M Markham who were unable to attend the meeting.

The Mayor further announced the success of Alfie Bears picnic held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2017. He thanked the Revenue and Benefits team for holding a fundraising event on the 27<sup>th</sup> July, where £700 had been raised for the Mayor's Charity. He further thanked Councillors who had attended the Marberg Twinning Gala dinner and noted that he was currently in the process of arranging his return visit.

The Mayor noted that beer mats had been circulated and noted that from the 20<sup>th</sup> October, Phipps brewery would be launching the Mayors Mash Brew, which would be on sale in 40 pubs within Northampton. He reported that the poster for 'Mayorfest' had been issued and that tickets were currently on sale and urged Members to support the event.

## **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS**

Mrs Dagma King addressed Council and thanked the Lib Dems for their support in her quest to improve the amenities at Victoria Street Coach Station. She noted her displeasure with the responsible Cabinet Member and reported that more substantial seating should be provided.

Mr John Bright addressed Council and commented that as a resident of Far Cotton, he had seen a large increase in the number of HIMOs and noted that many of them were not licensed. He asked that adequate resources be provided to ensure that the number of these were accurately measured and subsequently dealt with.

Ms Beverly Mennell addressed Council and stated that more needed to be done to address vulnerable residents' in Council owned properties who had tree maintenance issues.

Mr Paul Joyce addressed Council and commented that given the state of local government finances, Councillors should not receive any increase in their remuneration allowance; there was a lack of understanding amongst Councillors of the cost of living and the hardships faced by many residents of Northampton and that consideration should be given to the many and not the few.

Mr Nikesh Jani addressed Council and referred to his employment as a teacher in the public sector and commented that he had faced on going budget cuts and argued that the allowance for Members should not be increased and commented that the current financial problems experienced by many should be recognised before any discussion on an increase in allowances occurred.

Mr Tony Mallard commented that he was unhappy that public liability insurance for Residents Associations was inclusive of road signage and speed cameras and reported that it was a cost that should be covered by the Council.

## **6. MEMBER AND PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The Mayor advised that 15 questions had been received from Councillors and members of the public and that the answers had been tabled in accordance with the Constitution.

Questions and answers were given as tabled (included in an updated agenda on the Council's website) unless where stated, supplementary questions were asked as detailed below.

In response to a supplementary question relating to question 2, Councillor Hallam reiterated his written answer and stated that the Council were working with the County Council to address issues with regards to commercial bins being placed next to residential bins.

In response to a supplementary question relating to question 3, Councillor King commented that she would supply updated information on PSPOs when received.

In response to a supplementary question relating to question 4, Councillor Hibbert commented that as far as he was aware, walkabouts were still taking place by NPH and he would confirm this at a later date.

In response to a supplementary question relating to question 9, Councillor Nunn commented that staff at the Council were employed on their skills set, irrespective of their sex or ethnicity.

In response to a supplementary question relating to question 13, Councillor Nunn commented that he would confer with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning on the provisions of facilities at the Victoria Street Coach Station.

## **7. CABINET MEMBER PRESENTATIONS**

Councillor Nunn submitted his report as Leader of the Council and welcomed the interim Chief Executive who was now in post full-time. He updated Members on the work being carried out with regards to Unitary Status and noted that that Governance work was ongoing and noted the successes that were contained within the Governance Action Plan. The Leader noted that there had recently been an increase in the number of traveller encampments across the Town and noted the work that had been done with partner agencies in protecting public open spaces. He further commented that he had attended at event at the Nightshelter to thank the many volunteers who had offered support to run the Shelter or presented donations.

In response to questions asked, Councillor Nunn reported that since Brexit Unitary Status had become less of a priority nationally. He also noted that the local MPs supported the proposed improvements to infrastructure. It was also explained that there were ongoing discussion between the Borough and County Council with regards to the Castel Mound, who were the owners of the land and examine future proposals of the site. He confirmed that the corporate induction included input from the Union representatives. Responding to further questions, he reported that there was continued work on the congestion problems with the Kingsthorpe corridor and noted that the Council had a very active dialogue with Whitehills and Spring Park Residents Association -WASPRA on infrastructure issues in and around the Town.

Councillor Larratt submitted his Cabinet Member report as Deputy Leader of the



Council and reported that work was progressing with the re-configuration and re-covering of the market stalls. He noted that there had been training for Councillors on Standards and procedures and noted that a personal safety course for Councillors had been arranged for March 2018 as well as women's self-defence course. He further reported that progress had been made following the agreement at Cabinet for the Borough Council to take responsibility for some of the streetlights.

In response to the questions asked, Councillor Larratt reported that attendance at the Market Advisory Group (MAG) of traders fluctuated and noted that a steering group had been established to examine the potential improvements to the reconfiguration of the market. He noted that there had been no responses received in relation to feedback requested asking traders for proposed improvements. He commented that there had been a proposal to move 8 stalls and create a second aisle and this was being done in order to make the market more attractive and welcoming to members of the public. Responding to further questions, Councillor Larratt commented that once available, he would circulate a map of NBC owned street lights to Members and commented that Southbridge lights would be replaced and that those on Nunn-Mills Road, whilst un-adopted would be the area would be looked at in order to improve lighting.

Councillor Hallam elaborated on his Cabinet Member report and commented that despite the illegal encampments that had been witnessed in the Town Centre recently, which was a drive to attract legitimate use of the public open spaces. He noted that new bollards had been installed at a number of key areas to reduce the number of instances of unauthorised vehicles driving on them.

In response to questions asked, Councillor Hallam confirmed that he would be happy to meet with the Delapre Dragons as requested by the Ward Councillor and commented that there had been issues with access to alleyways, but that there had been a change in policy which should have addressed concerns to some extent. He responded to further questions by noting that tree maintenance was an area of work that was strictly managed and that there were certain times when the work could not be carried out, but confirmed that tree maintenance in the Eastern District had been scheduled for before the end of the financial year. He noted that there were ongoing sightings of rodents in certain parts of the town where refuse management had not been properly accomplished.

Councillor Hibbert, as the Cabinet Member for Housing submitted his Cabinet Member report and noted that as mentioned by the Leader and event had been held at the Nightshelter in support and recognition of those who had worked hard in its success. He noted that the shelter had been used by in excess of 100 men who were either at risk of, or had been sleeping rough and thanked the volunteers and officers who had worked on it. He highlighted the successful prosecution of a landlord who had failed to comply with an Improvement Notice and subsequently fined £10,000.

In response to questions asked, Councillor Hibbert explained that sheltered housing was excluded from the Right to Buy scheme. It was noted that the volunteers for the Nightshelter were being managed by a permanent member of staff and concurred with the sentiments of other Councillors in thanking the staff and volunteers for their

work. He further commented that he recognised that there were fewer facilities for homeless women, but explained that they were fewer in numbers and slightly easier to rehouse.

Councillor King elaborated on her Cabinet Member report and updated members on St Crispins Community Centre and thanked the legal department for their work on the completion of agreements for the centre.

In response to questions asked, Councillor King explained that there was continued work with partnerships organisations and agencies in reducing the number of domestic abuse incidents. She commented that the Government was examining the impact of betting shops and gambling problems within the UK and that the Youth Forum and would contribute to any consultation in delivering their findings of their Gamble aware project.

At this juncture of the meeting, the Mayor informed Council that the allocated time had been met and no further Cabinet Member reports would be heard.

## **8. OPPOSITION GROUP BUSINESS**

Councillor Duffy stated that the Eastern District of the Northampton had originally been apart of the new town plan to deal with the London overspill. Having been built in the 1970s, the area no included Goldings, Lings and Thorplands and urged the administration to invest and renew in the area as she considered it to have been neglected of late. She commented that the design of some estates had resulted in high crime areas and anti-social behaviour and that the lack of CCTV in residential areas had led to arson, vandalism and fly-tipping. She further noted that a large number of residents in the Eastern District felt neglected by the Council and whilst they had continued to pay their Council Tax, they had seen a decrease in the services provided.

Councillor Hallam responded by commenting that there were a lot of community groups who the administration had been in communication with over a substantial amount of time and stated that the Council did not neglect the people in Northampton East. He noted that Northampton East were first on the list of areas who would be receiving tree maintenance and reported that play equipment had been installed in Southfields Park and a recent 'Community Week of Action' held for residents. He further reported on the work that had been undertaken by the Deputy Leader of the Council with Thorplands 81 football training for young people and older youths. He commented that the Eastern District was not the only area of Northampton that would like to have more capital investment and suggested that the use of Councillor Community Funds to target specific areas of interest. He noted that he recognised that more work was needed in the area and that it would be done in due course.

In response, Councillor Duffy reiterated that residents of the Eastern District felt neglected and suggested that the Council weren't listening to their requests. She commented that there had been an increase in the amount of shopping trolleys that were being abandoned and very little done by either the Council or the supermarkets in addressing the blight that this had on the area.

## **9. REVENUE AND BENEFITS JOINT COMMITTEE**

Councillor Nunn proposed a report which sought Councils approval to delegate the delivery of the Authorities statutory billing, collection, enforcement and benefits service to the newly formed Revenues and Benefits Joint Committee and the appointment of the Cabinet Member for Finance to the Committee.

Councillor Patel seconded the proposal

### **RESOLVED:**

That Council approves:

1. That the delegation of the Councils statutory billing, collection, enforcement and benefits service to the newly formed Revenues and Benefits Joint Committee be approved and that the change be amended in the NBC constitution.
2. That Councillor Brandon Eldred, Cabinet Member for Finance be appointed to represent the Council on the Revenues and Benefits Joint Committee.

## **10. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL**

Councillor Nunn proposed a report which sought Councils approval to amend the Council's current Scheme of Members' Allowances to take into account the recommendations received from the Council's Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP). He noted that the Chair of the IRP would elaborate on the report.

Councillor Larratt seconded the report.

Mr John Cade (Chair of the IRP) explained that the panel had met on a number of occasions with various Councillors and noted a questionnaire had been sent out to all Councillors for comments and feedback. He commented that Northampton Borough Council was not a typical Borough Council and that this should be recognised.

Councillor Stone questioned why Group Whips received no remuneration which Mr Cade explained was a valid but political role and therefore not awarded an allowance. She further commented that it would be insensitive for Councillors to receive an increased allowance as tax payers were hard hit by austerity measures and front line services had also been impacted on as well as some Council workers.

The Leader commented that he was aware of some Councillors who were suffering from financial hardship and that some of the roles that were being undertaken by Councillors could be considered full time and noted that the allowances they received were less than some officers on an hourly rate basis. He stated that the reason the Labour Group were not in favour was due to their manifesto pledge.

Councillors Beardsworth and B Markham concurred that the last time an Independent Remuneration Panel had made considerations was back in 2008 and that whilst they recognised the hardship faced by some residents, the commitment and hours

dedicated by Councillors should be recognised.

Councillor Marriott commented that the Labour Group would oppose the changes as they did not recognise the need to increase allowances. He stated that it had been a manifesto pledge and that the group would be standing by their promises. Councillor Smith echoed the sentiments of Councillor Marriott and commented that the group were remaining by their principles.

Councillor Meredith commented that the Labour Group were using the report politically and reported that it was an independent review and commented that it should not be referred to as a pay rise, but an increase in allowances. He commented that he, like others Members, were on-call to residents up to 20 hours a day and urged Council to agree to the recommendations.

Councillor Oldham commented that there was never a right time to increase allowances and noted that all of the concerns that he initially had and raised with the panel had been answered and were addressed in the report. He noted that he would take the increased allowance but would donate his increase to the Mayor's Charity.

Councillor Nunn thanked the members of the IRP for their hard work and specifically thanked the Chair of the IRP for his attendance at the meeting.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the following recommendations received from the Council's Independent Remuneration Panel, as detailed in the Report at **Appendix 1** and the supplementary Report of the Panel at **Appendix 2 (of the report) be considered**, that:

- a) the Basic Allowance, of £6,692.26 per annum, remains unaltered;
- b) the Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) for the Leader of the Council is set at £17,227.74 per annum;
- c) the annual SRAs for positions receiving an SRA be maintained at the same percentage level of the Leader's SRA:
  - Deputy Leader (60%)
  - Cabinet Member (55%)
  - Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (35%)
  - Leader of the Main Opposition Party (35%)
  - Chair of the Planning Committee (30%)
  - Chair of the Licensing Committee (30%)
  - Leader of the Third Group (20%)
  - Councillors appointed to the West Northants Strategic Planning Committee (10%);
- d) the Special Responsibility Allowance for the Chair of Standards Committee be set at 15% of the Leader's SRA;
- e) the Co-Optee allowance for the Independent Chair of Audit

Committee is set at £4306.94 per annum;

- f) any Independent Members or Parish Councillor Members co-opted onto the Standards Committee receive a co-optees allowance of £500 each per annum;
- g) all the allowances as recommended are indexed at a rate of 1% for 2017/2018;
- h) the recommended Basic Allowance, Special Responsibility Allowances and Co-optees' Allowances be index linked to any salary increases for Northampton Borough Council Officers at grade 5 of the organisation's Pay Scales and that such indexation continues until the next review of the IRP, or for a period of four years, whichever is the sooner;
- i) the Constitution is amended to reflect the policy that, where Councillors hold more than one position of special responsibility, only one SRA (the higher amount) may be claimed;
- j) the Councillors' Travelling Allowance, Guidance for Members, draft version 4, February 2017 (as at **Annex B of Appendix 1**) be approved;
- k) no change is made to the Dependants' Carers Allowance Scheme; and
- l) these recommendations take effect from **May 2017**.

2.2 That the Council's Members' Allowances Scheme be amended to reflect the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel as detailed in its reports at **Appendix 1** and **Appendix 2 of the report**.

2.3 That authority be delegated to the Borough Secretary and Monitoring Officer to:

- a) make the necessary changes to the Members' Allowances Scheme in the Council's Constitution to reflect Council's decision, to include the full schedule of rates and allowances and terms and conditions; and
- b) make arrangements for the publicity that the Council is required to undertake in accordance with Regulation 16 of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.

## **11. INDEPENDENT CHAIR OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Councillor Nunn proposed a report which sought Council's approval for an Independent Chair to be appointed to the Audit Committee. This would take into account the recommendations received from the Council's Audit Committee.

Councillor Larratt seconded the report.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the composition of the Audit Committee be altered to provide that the Chair of Audit Committee would be an independent, non-voting, co-opted member and would be in addition to seven elected Members, and that the necessary amendments be made to the Council's Constitution.
2. That authority be delegated to the Borough Secretary & Monitoring Officer the powers needed to determine a recruitment process in consultation with Members, necessary to enable it to co-opt an independent person onto the Audit Committee so as to enhance its performance of its functions.

**12. NOTICES OF MOTION**

- i) Councillor Smith accepted an alteration to the original motion as published on the agenda. The altered motion was seconded by Councillor Birch.

Council agreed to the altered motion which was debated below:

“This council will mark the centenary of women gaining the right to vote by honouring Margaret Bondfield as the first ever Woman MP for Northampton. Afterwards she became the first female cabinet minister, and the first woman to be a privy counsellor in the UK, when she was appointed Minister of Labour.

The women's forum will be asked to consider a commemoration event in the Guildhall.

The Council further commits to honouring Margaret Bondfield by commissioning a statue of her to be placed in the Courtyard of the Guildhall during the next financial year.

This Council notes that 2018 is the centenary of the year in which women won the same voting rights as men. This gave propertied women aged 30 and over the right to vote for the very first time. Universal suffrage for both men and women followed 10 years later.”

Members debated the motion.

Upon a vote, the motion was carried.

- ii) Councillor Stone accepted an alteration to the original motion as published on the agenda. The altered motion was seconded by Councillor Ashraf.

Council agreed to the altered motion which was debated below:

“This Council notes the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government made a recent speech to the Local Government Association where he recognised

'there is a serious shortage of decent affordable housing' and went to talk about the stark inequalities in housing and said he was willing to listen to proposals from ambitious councils to try to address these issues.

In Northampton we have recognised for some time there is a desperate need for more social housing and have stated our aim to address this. We are an ambitious council and agree that members and officers will continue to work together to develop a proposal to finance and build new social housing locally. The proposal will be submitted to government for their support and approval."

Members debated the motion.

Upon a vote, the motion was carried.

Mr Huffadine-Smith addressed Council on motion iii) and commented that held concerns about the number of HIMOs and the associated problems such as on-street parking, feral cats and refuse issues and commented that there were some landlords who were motivated by greed and the consequence was a loss of family homes. He hoped that the Council would extend the area that Article 4 Directive was proposed to cover.

- iii) Councillor Davenport accepted an alteration to the original motion as published on the agenda. The altered motion was seconded by Councillor Culbard.

Council agreed to the altered motion which was debated below:

This Council notes that some parts of the town have increasing numbers of HIMOs.

This Council further notes that in recent times it has introduced tougher restrictions with Article 4 directives in certain areas of town restricting the concentration of HIMOs to 15 per cent in a 50 metre radius.

This Council believes it now needs to review the current policy, using evidence to assess the extent and impact of HIMOs in relation to their impact on existing localities and communities, including reviewing the concentration of Class C4 (Houses In Multiple occupation), and mixed C3/C4 use or sui generis Houses in Multiple Occupation use (more than six people sharing) uses within the 50m radius.

Members debated the motion.

Upon a vote, the motion was carried.

- iv) Councillor Beardsworth accepted an alteration to the original motion as published on the agenda. The altered motion was seconded by Councillor B Markham.

Council agreed to the altered motion which was debated below

“This Council recognises the burden of special expenses and how they impact on parished areas of Northampton and the residents thereof.

In order to relieve the burden special expenses have on parish taxpayers, this Council is working closely with parishes to encourage them and afford them the opportunity to take on the freehold of premises and open spaces within their areas. This will lead to special expenses not being charged for transferred premises and land.

We are also reviewing the designation of our parks and open spaces in order to ensure that in parish areas special expenses apply appropriately”

Members debated the motion.

Upon a vote, the motion was carried.

v) Councillor Beardsworth proposed and Councillor Meredith seconded:

“The use of Bed and Breakfast to provide temporary emergency accommodation for homeless people, in particular families, should always be a last resort. B & B is particularly unsuitable and disruptive for families and at a time of growing homelessness and represents poor value for money within a stretched budget. We believe that it is time for the authority to follow Reading Council and others and use prefabricated units to create a stock of temporary emergency housing to provide homes for families while they are waiting authority-owned or other social housing”.

Members debated the motion.

Upon a vote, the motion was lost.

vi) Councillor B Markham accepted an alteration to the original motion as published on the agenda. The altered motion was seconded by Councillor Beardsworth.

Council agreed to the altered motion which was debated below

“This council believes that motions passed by a majority vote are important and that the public would expect them to be acted on.

There should we believe be a report-back process on action taken and where appropriate results.

To ensure that the proper process exists, it needs to be enshrined in the Constitution of this authority and Council resolves to address this as a part of a Constitution review in the very near future”.

Members debated the motion.



Upon a vote, the motion was carried.

Mr Huffadine-Smith addressed Council on motion vii) and commented that the Council needed to provide for travellers as the amount of places they could dwell had diminished and urged Councillors to read the DCLG 'Guidance on Gypsy and Traveller sites' and commented that this could reduce the cost of preventing travellers from accessing public spaces.

vii) Cllr Hallam proposed and Councillor King seconded:

This Council recognises the value of its parks and open spaces that are well used by residents and visitors. Therefore, it shares the community's concern about illegal encampments occupying our parks and open spaces as well as private areas across the Borough.

Councillors and Officers have been in continual contact with local residents during the periods of many illegal encampments throughout this year, and have been extremely concerned by the reports of anti-social and threatening behaviour, as well as fly-tipping and damage to parkland around the encampments.

Northampton Borough Council (NBC) subscribes to the Countywide Traveller Unit (CTU), a joint initiative between councils, and led by Northamptonshire County Council. NBC also delegates its powers under sections 77 and 78 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 to the CTU. For several years this has proven to be the most effective way of dealing with illegal encampments. We recognise that the legal process is lengthy and can cause a good deal of inconvenience and anxiety to the local residents.

NBC seeks to achieve a balance between actively discouraging illegal encampments and maintaining access for residents, recognising that it is not possible to completely secure parks from those who are determined to set up illegal encampments without affecting residents' rights of access to their local parks and open spaces. Bollards and posts can be an effective means of preventing unauthorised access to our parks and open spaces. The bollards are designed to prevent any motorised vehicles gaining access as they all have the potential to damage green spaces, and more importantly, put the people who use our parks at risk. Therefore, NBC has last month again started the installation of bollards and posts around our town's green spaces.

While most people respect the signage we have in place, installing bollards is one of the ways we can make sure that our parks can be maintained to a high standard for everyone to enjoy.

This Council resolves to:

- 1) Call on the police to make use of all powers at their disposal to remove as soon as possible any illegal encampments from our parks and open spaces, bearing in mind the legal duties placed on the council to assess the welfare needs of relevant groups

2) Investigate further legal opportunities to prevent / deter illegal encampments;

3) Continue to work closely with the CTU and the police to increase efficiency and identify ways of speeding up the eviction process whilst continuing to abide by all the legal requirements.

Members debated the motion.

Upon a vote, the motion was carried.

viii) Councillor King proposed and Councillor Larratt seconded:

“The Keep Safe Scheme aims to support people with learning disabilities to keep safe and get help in an emergency when out and about in Northamptonshire. Keep Safe, together with Safe Places, works under the Safe Places Organisation, which unites all the Safe Place (and Keep Safe) schemes by having all the information in one place so everyone can see it.

Northampton Borough Council recognises the importance of the Keep Safe Scheme and will be training all new staff at the one stop shop during their induction.

Northampton Borough Council aims to be a Keep Safe place, accessible to all”.

Members debated the motion.

Upon a vote, the motion was carried.

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

There were no matters of urgency to be considered.

The meeting concluded at 9:49pm

**Question for Full Council Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**

**Question 1**

**Question to Cllr Hadland from Cllr Haque**

How much money has been spent on the Market Square in the last five years, including staffing and is the amount considered value for money?

**Response**

Staffing Costs	£ 826,976
Maintenance Costs	£ 174,584
NNDR	£ 364,427
Vehicle Costs	£ 50,097
Supplies & Services	£ 251,170
Total Spend	£1,667,254
Income	£1,466,319

Net Spend of £ 200,935

The market square is an iconic feature of the town and the town's market is over 800 years old and attracts around 6 million visitors annually.

The council considers the investment to be acceptable when taking into consideration the economic, employment and tourism aspects associated with the market.

Councillor Hadland

**Cabinet member for Regeneration, Enterprise & Planning**

## **Question for Full Council Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**

### **Question 2**

#### **Question to Cllr Hallam from Cllr Haque**

There is some research that shows in-house services are more responsive to changing need and better value for money. In light of this will the Administration reconsider going out to private tender for environmental services?

#### ***Response***

No. A very robust options appraisal was undertaken through which the various options available to the council for the delivery of environmental services were evaluated with the assistance of industry experts, Eunomia. The process was subsequently endorsed by PWC, the council's internal auditors.

Outsourcing clearly emerged from the options appraisal as the best option for the council and on that basis Cabinet took the decision to undertake an OJEU procurement process, which is now well underway and making progress in accordance with the agreed programme.

I remain fully confident in the council's decision to outsource environmental services and I was further reassured in my view by the very positive report to Cabinet of Overview and Scrutiny last month.

Councillor Hallam  
**Cabinet member for Environment**

## **Question for Full Council Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**

### **Question 3**

#### **Question to Cllr Hadland from Cllr Ashraf**

Please can we have an update on the plans to link up St James Mill Road?

#### ***Response***

The acquisition of land from Network Rail is scheduled in the next couple of months, following the completion of Network Rail's disposal process. The Council has instructed the final feasibility and design of the road. Construction is programmed for 2018 subject to planning.

Councillor Hadland

**Cabinet member for Regeneration, Enterprise & Planning**

## **Question for Full Council Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**

### **Question 4**

#### **Question to Cllr Hadland from Cllr Ashraf**

When will the permanent car park at Castle Railway Station be built?

#### ***Response***

The council continues to work through the feasibility of the carpark. A final decision cannot be taken until the new franchisee West Midlands trains have reached agreement with the Department for Transport. This is scheduled for December 2017.

Councillor Hadland

**Cabinet member for Regeneration, Enterprise & Planning**

## **Question for Full Council Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**

### **Question 5**

#### **Question to Cllr Hadland from Cllr McCutcheon**

The Conservative manifesto on page 12 says

“A re-elected Conservative administration will ensure all planning applications for Houses of Multiple Occupancy are automatically brought before the Planning Committee for decision to protect local residents and communities.”

This is an excellent idea. When will this be implemented so councillors do not have to go through the bureaucratic process of doing a call-in?

#### ***Response***

The process for determining all planning applications is set out in the Councils Constitution. When determining applications, the Council has a duty to do so as promptly as possible, providing a timely decision for the applicant, and its performance in doing so is measured against nationally set targets. At present, only major applications are automatically referred to Committee, and members can request that certain applications are called in to ensure they are considered in public. Requiring all HIMO applications to go to Committee would, in cases where the proposal complies with policy, cause unnecessary delays for applicants, potentially impact on the Councils performance figures and take up Committee time.

Councillor Hadland

**Cabinet member for Regeneration, Enterprise & Planning**

## Question for Full Council Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2017

### Question 6

#### Question to Cllr Hadland from Cllr Choudary

In a recent Chronicle and Echo article,

<http://www.northamptonchron.co.uk/news/special-report-crazy-golf-bowling-alley-and-a-bigger-cinema-at-northampton-s-sol-central-all-on-hold-because-of-greyfriars-1-8187765>

It was suggested that the report recommending a cinema on the Greyfriars site was “not impartial”. How do you respond to that suggestion?

#### ***Response***

The report commissioned by Northampton Borough Council, the connection between the author and The Light cinema chain is declared within it in a deliberately transparent manner.

Given the niche nature of cinema consultancy, it would be very difficult to find a firm with the required specialist knowledge which did not have links with one or more cinema chains. The report was just contribution to the assessment of options.

Councillor Hadland

**Cabinet member for Regeneration, Enterprise & Planning**



# Question for Full Council Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2017

## Question 7

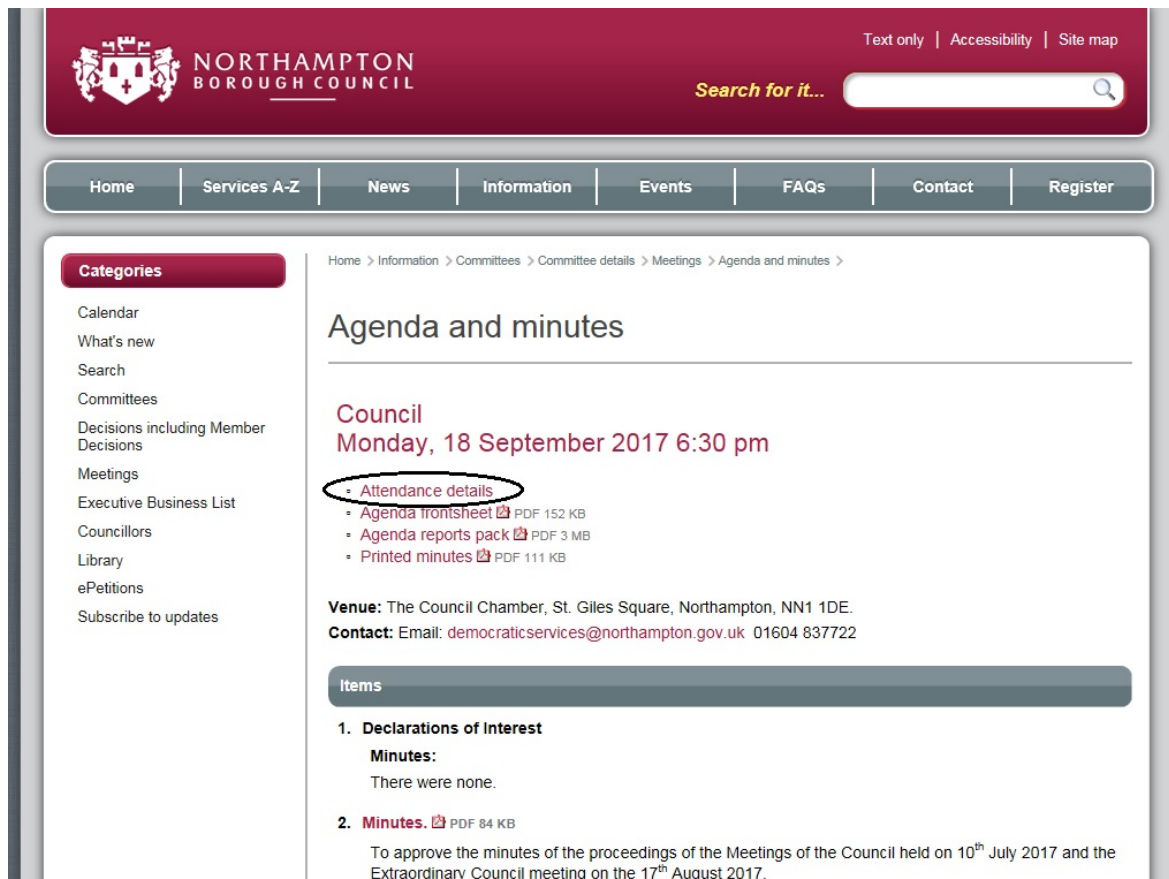
### Question to Cllr Larratt from Cllr Stone:

Your Conservative Manifesto on page 9 said “a re-elected Conservative administration will continue to publish the record of attendance for all councillors and monitor attendance of councillors”. When will this be done?

### Response

We remain committed to being open and transparent with regard to Member attendance at Council and Committee meetings by having attendance details published on the NBC website. We do not wish to laden our staff with additional work in collating and providing additional reports on attendance. Therefore, a feature has been enabled on Modern.gov that provides public access to all Member attendance records at Council and Committee meetings. Those without internet access can visit the One Stop Shop, where staff can help them access the information.

Example:



The screenshot shows the Northampton Borough Council website. The header includes the council logo, name, and navigation links like 'Text only', 'Accessibility', and 'Site map'. A search bar is present. The main navigation menu includes 'Home', 'Services A-Z', 'News', 'Information', 'Events', 'FAQs', 'Contact', and 'Register'. The left sidebar lists 'Categories' such as 'Calendar', 'What's new', 'Search', 'Committees', 'Decisions including Member Decisions', 'Meetings', 'Executive Business List', 'Councillors', 'Library', 'ePetitions', and 'Subscribe to updates'. The main content area shows the breadcrumb trail: 'Home > Information > Committees > Committee details > Meetings > Agenda and minutes >'. The title is 'Agenda and minutes'. Below it, the meeting details are: 'Council Monday, 18 September 2017 6:30 pm'. A list of documents is provided: 'Attendance details' (circled in red), 'Agenda frontsheet' (PDF 152 KB), 'Agenda reports pack' (PDF 3 MB), and 'Printed minutes' (PDF 111 KB). The venue is 'The Council Chamber, St. Giles Square, Northampton, NN1 1DE.' and the contact email is 'democraticservices@northampton.gov.uk' with phone number '01604 837722'. An 'Items' section follows, listing '1. Declarations of Interest' with 'Minutes: There were none.' and '2. Minutes.' (PDF 84 KB) with a sub-point: 'To approve the minutes of the proceedings of the Meetings of the Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and the Extraordinary Council meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017.'

Councillor Phil Larratt  
Deputy Leader of the Council

## **Question for Full Council Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**

### **Question 8**

#### **Question to Cllr Eldred from Cllr Stone**

How much money do we make on parking fees?

#### ***Response***

The income figures for car parking are as follows

2016/17	£3,118,413
2017/18 to September	£1,747,958

Councillor Eldred  
**Cabinet member for Finance**

## **Question for Full Council Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**

### **Question 9**

#### **Question to Cllr Hadland from Cllr McCutcheon**

The Conservative Manifesto page 8 says [A re-elected Conservative] “will remain opposed to plans by neighbouring authorities to impose housing developments around the town”. Had any success with this?

#### ***Response***

The Borough Council has continued to assess planning applications for development around the Borough boundary, and has raised concerns where it is considered that these would impact on Northampton residents.

Councillor Hadland

**Cabinet member for Regeneration, Enterprise & Planning**

## **Question for Full Council Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**

### **Question 10**

#### **Question to Cllr Eldred from Cllr Birch**

When is Universal Credit being be rolled out in Northampton and what measures are being put into place to deal with the financial hardship caused by a six week wait for the benefit payments?

#### ***Response***

The current timetable is for Universal Credit to be rolled out in Northampton during July 2018. The Council will continue to support customers with Discretionary Housing Payments as this scheme has been extended to include Universal Credit, and NPH also have alternative payment arrangements in place with the DWP for hardship cases, where rent element of UC is paid direct after the 8 week period. Whilst this won't speed up the processing times, it will have the opportunity to reduce unnecessary chasing and the additional pressures this would cause.

Councillor Eldred

**Cabinet member for Finance**

## **Question for Full Council Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**

### **Question 11**

#### **Question to Cllr Hibbert from Cllr Davenport**

When will the Social Lettings Agency become fully operational?

#### ***Response***

Having recently completed the recruitment of the Social Lettings Agency Team, we are now actively encouraging landlords and investors to lease and let their properties to the Social Lettings Agency.

Over the next couple of months, we will be taking over the day-to-day management of 36 privately rented homes that are currently being managed, on the Council's behalf, by Northampton Partnership Homes.

Although it is important that our roll-out of services is carefully managed, it is hoped that the Social Lettings Agency will become fully operational (and able to provide tenants and landlords with the full range of services) by February 2018.

Councillor Hibbert

**Cabinet member for Housing & Wellbeing**

## Question for Full Council Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2017

### Question 12

#### Question to Cllr Eldred from Cllr B Markham

The Cabinet authorised the purchase of Albion House in November 2014 for £500K which was above the market value at the time.

3 years on the building is unoccupied and has an unkempt appearance.

1. Will portfolio holder advise the council of the cumulative costs to the Council since acquiring this strategic asset?
2. Can he also advise what rental income has been received from letting the building to a tenant in the 2017 / 18 financial year?

#### **Response**

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|---------------|----------|
| 1. Total Cost | £178,913 |
| 2. Total      | £29,973  |

Councillor Eldred  
**Cabinet member for Finance**

## **Question for Full Council Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**

### **Question 13**

#### **Question to Cllr Hadland from Cllr Beardsworth**

The Cabinet report in November 2014 described Albion House as a strategic acquisition which the authority would use to support the objectives of the Waterside Enterprise Zone.

In April 2016 the Cllr Hadland confirmed to the Council that the £500,000 purchase price paid was above the market value and that the authority planned to demolish the property but could not give a timescale at the time

As there does not appear to be any progress to bring this strategic site into productive use can the portfolio holder advise what steps are being taken to prevent this building becoming a White Elephant?

#### ***Response***

Officers are refreshing previous feasibility and valuation work at Albion house so to inform an options appraisal on the property and site. The options to be considered are likely to include an extension to St John's MSCP and also disposal for residential and/or commercial uses.

Councillor Hadland

**Cabinet member for Regeneration, Enterprise & Planning**

## **Question for Full Council Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**

### **Question 14**

#### **Question to Cllr Hibbert from Cllr Beardsworth**

I have heard that the plans to build 100 new council homes as part of the Dallington Grange development have been delayed yet again.

Can the Cabinet Member for Housing and Wellbeing tell the council what is the current situation with this much needed scheme and whether the continuing delays affect the council's bid for Growth Deal funding?

#### ***Response***

We are still awaiting a response from the DCLG and Treasury to our request for a further variation of the conditions attached to the Local Growth Fund award.

However, as the Government has now indicated that it would welcome proposals from individual local authorities on what assistance and flexibility they require in order to support new housing development in their areas, we are preparing a proposal that, if accepted, will enable the Council to withdraw from the LGF without any adverse effect on the Council, the Housing Revenue Account or the construction of the 100 council homes on the Dallington Grange site.

Councillor Hibbert

**Cabinet member for Housing & Wellbeing**



# Agenda Item 7

## Report of the Leader of the Council

### Northampton Borough Council

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017



Firstly, I would like to welcome to the council Cllr. Luke Graystone and Cllr. Paul Joyce, following the Nene Valley and Eastfield by-elections.

Since my last report to Council, I have continued to work with the Cabinet, Members, Directors, and Officers across all areas of the council. Specific items include those below.

#### **Interim Chief Executive & Staffing**

I am delighted to report (although Members will I am sure have seen for themselves) that our Interim Chief Executive has quickly got to grips with the role, and has made a positive impact on many areas of the council. These areas include two of those which I have mentioned in reports to council in the past; the need to build strong partnerships with other key organisations around the town, both public organisations and private, to drive the town ahead, and the need to make the working environment one in which our staff colleagues feel inspired to contribute ideas to deliver the best possible service we can for our residents. The recent Customer service week was a great opportunity to celebrate many of the ways in which individuals and teams deliver great service, and I enjoyed the tremendous positivity that the events around it generated.

#### **Unitary Status**

To move Deloitte's work on this towards completion, a range of risks and 'what if' scenarios have been explored in more depth, which means that the work is mostly done but not quite complete.

However, I am glad to report that Deloitte now feel that they are in a position to deliver a Member workshop to familiarise Members with what they have done, and their analysis of the options and impact of Unitary Authorities in Northamptonshire. Members will therefore be receiving notice of the workshop, which is likely to take place at the end of November or in Early December.

#### **Governance**

Our Auditors have expressed the view that our Governance procedures may now be due for review. Most particularly, as part of the Governance Action Plan, a significant number of formal groups and boards have ensured that the council adheres to good governance as a priority, and these groups and boards have also ensured that good governance has become better engrained in the council, but it is now important to ensure that our procedures are not inefficient or adding additional layers to progress. With a strong background in Monitoring and Governance, and seeing our processes with fresh eyes, our Interim Chief Executive is well placed to undertake a review of this, and so is now beginning that review.

#### **Infrastructure**

Following my previous updates on this, our full submission has now been made to the National Infrastructure Commission. The step in this process is that our submission will be considered, and we will then have the opportunity to open a dialogue with the consultants that the NIC have engaged to challenge and strengthen the case that we have put forward.

I have also been involved in meetings with other leaders from SEMLEP area Councils and the region, in shaping our plans for infrastructure across the wider region.

### **History & Heritage Project**

Our Historians Group has met again, and we are making good progress with our work on identifying those historical assets that we might best promote to increase the visitor economy.

### **Traveller Encampments**

We have met with the Countywide Traveller Unit and the Police on two occasions now regarding this issue, and progress is being made on new ways of dealing with problems that arise as a result of encampments, including the use of a wider range of regulations and legislation.

### **Other Activity**

Our St. James Mill Business Group is progressing well, with a further meeting held on 20th September including briefings and speakers from the Police, about enhancing Broadband facilities, and regarding local infrastructure.

I was pleased to attend the Town centre BID AGM, and have had additional meetings with the BID, and also met with a number of businesses who are new to the town, as well as other potential investors.

It was a pleasure to meet recently with our Youth Forum, whose opinions and involvement is, like all our Forums, important to help us in shaping what we do for the town, and I was glad to be present for the commemoration of the Zeppelin bomb in St. James, which I felt to be a fitting tribute to those who lost their lives through this, but also a celebration of the wartime resilience of Northampton people. The Leisure Trust's Northampton Sports Awards, and the Northampton in Bloom Awards were both wonderful occasions, and great illustrations of the participation and involvement that goes on in the town, and in which the council has an important role to play.

Meetings regarding the Enterprise Zone have included the recent EZ Board meeting, and also meetings regarding specific projects.

I have also been pleased to meet with Northampton Partnership Homes, and to attend their AGM, and engagement with other key partners has included meetings with the County Council and the University.

**Councillor Jonathan Nunn  
Leader of the Council**



## Cabinet Member Report for Deputy Leader of the Council

Northampton Borough Council

6 November 2017

As Deputy Leader of the Council, I have been continuing to support the Leader and Cabinet colleagues across a variety of areas within the council, and can report on some of my specific responsibilities as below.

### Market

The market has benefitted from some major improvements during September / October. The covered aisle towards the east of the market has been made wider by removing eight stalls. It has also been uncovered, making it lighter and more appealing to customers and traders. In addition to this every stall cover across the market has been replaced, refreshing the look of the market throughout.

This has been well received, although there are some concerns about the untidy appearance of some areas of the market and we're looking to address this.

I am concerned about the anti-social behaviour and other activities that appear to be occurring on the market in the evenings and I'm meeting with relevant officers to discuss this and investigate how the issues can be addressed.

The next meeting of the Market Advisory Group is scheduled to take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> November when the Healthcheck Report we commissioned through the National Association of British Market Authorities (NABMA) will be discussed.

As previously reported, Traders are very keen to modernise and have lock up stalls / units. Norwich market has lock stalls / units, and I hope to visit this market in due course.

### Councillor Training

The next meeting of the Councillor Development Group is to take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, after the publication of this report.

Councillor Development and Briefing Sessions already scheduled are as follows:

- **07/11/17 – Councillor Briefing Session - S106 and CIL** open to all Councillors. Two identical sessions, one at 2.00 pm and one at 6.00 pm in the Jeffery Room. To be delivered by the Head of Planning.
- **29/11/17 – Advanced Safeguarding Training** – Open to all Councillors. Two identical sessions, one at 2.00 pm and one at 6.00 pm in the Jeffery Room. To be delivered by the Head of Housing and Wellbeing.
- **12/12/17 – Benefits Briefing** - Open to all Councillors. One session focussing on Housing Benefits and the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme from 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm in the Jeffery Room. To be delivered by the Partnership and Development Officer.
- **12/02/18 – Data Protection Training** open to all Councillors. Two identical sessions, one at 2.00 pm and one at 6.00 pm in the Jeffery Room. To be delivered by the Senior Information Governance Officer.
- **01/03/17 – Personal Safety Training** – This training is to be delivered by an external trainer. It is limited to 15 Councillors and is already fully booked. Should there be further demand for this training, a further session will be considered.

Further details regarding these sessions can be obtained from Tracy Tiff.

Members are asked to register to attend these events with Tracy Tiff as soon as possible.

Efforts are continuing to be made to arrange an information / briefing session regarding FGM. Officers have been in contact with Safeguarding at Northamptonshire County Council about providing this and we await their response

First Aid Training is continuing to be offered to Councillors as and when spaces become available on courses.

Training proposed by the Standards Committee will continue to be arranged.

Specific Training will be arranged for Members of the Audit, Planning and Licencing Committees as required.

### **Scrutiny**

On 18<sup>th</sup> October Cabinet considered an interim report on the Scrutiny activity undertaken by the Overview and Scrutiny Working Group regarding the decision of Cabinet to re-provision the Environmental Services Contract. A further report will be considered in due course.

At the same meeting Cabinet gave its response to the Recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Review of Homelessness.

### **Web Casting**

I am due to meet officers to discuss the ongoing procurement of the equipment and services required to enable the Web Casting of Council and Committee Meetings in the near future and I will provide a more detailed update in my next report.

### **Street Lighting**

The Working Group continues to oversee progress and the delivery of the recommendations of the Scrutiny Panel.

The Officer / Member Working Group met on 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Notes of the meeting will be available in due course.

We are close to resolving which lights this Council will take over responsibility for from Northamptonshire County Council (NCC), although they have tried to add more at the last minute. Officers are investigating and considering these. As previously reported, most of these lights are in our Park & Open Spaces and Housing Areas and on certain footpaths / cycle tracks.

The Working Group has considered the specification of the survey of our complete lighting stock that will be undertaken once the transfer from NCC has been resolved. This will shortly be tendered.

We have been advised by NCC that the installation of the heritage lighting on St Giles Square, George Row, Mercers Row, Wood Hill and Fish Street will be completed on 6<sup>th</sup> November, when the heritage lanterns on the already installed heritage columns will be fitted.

Once the final details of the transfer of lights from NCC is resolved, we'll have a complete and accurate asset register of NBC / NPH owned street lights. Also, all our lighting columns will finally be plotted on a map of the Borough in preparation for them to be added to our interactive mapping service

The Working Group is continuing to pursue the issue of lights on South Bridge. Designs have been seen and we're waiting to see a drawing as to how they will look on the bridge.

**Councillor Phil Larratt  
Deputy Leader of the Council**



## Cabinet Member Report for Community Engagement & Community Safety

Northampton Borough Council

Monday 6 November 2017

### **Councillor Community Fund**

Since the beginning of April 2015, a total of £265,372 has been spent on local projects that have been supported through the Cllr Community Fund.

### **Partnership Support**

End of year monitoring for the grants from 2016-17 have now been received. There are a number of positive outcomes that have been achieved.

### **Forums**

An initial questionnaire developed through NBC's Youth forum, looking into the attitudes and behaviour of young people in Northampton, was well received at the Community Action for Responsible Gambling meeting in April. YGAM (National Youth Gambling Trust) identified this as an important piece of work and invited those involved to present the project at the YGAM symposium in September.

The Youth Forum supported with the Guildhall Heritage Tours, which were a great success, 66 people went on the short tours with the youth forum, fantastic feedback received from all that attended.

Hate crime awareness week was delivered 14<sup>th</sup> October-21<sup>st</sup> October. We worked closely with eight local organisations to deliver a range of local events to educate residents about the different types of hate crime and the best ways to report it.

### **Events**

The council has supported the Diwali Lights and parade on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October which attracted thousands of visitors into the town centre; the Street Fair on the Market Square and Abington Street between Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October and the Oktoberfest in Midsummer Meadow on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October.

The biggest event of the year was the annual Fireworks Display on the Racecourse on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November where over 14,000 visitors watched a wonderful display and enjoyed the stage entertainment, rides and the variety of food concessions on offer.

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November the Remembrance Parade will be held in the town centre attracting thousands of visitors.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November sees the start of the council's Christmas programme with the Christmas Light Switch-On in the Market Square at 5.00pm and stage entertainment from 2.00pm. Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December we will have the Frost Fair on the Market Square with stage entertainment alongside the Christmas parade from the top of Abington Street to the Market Square at around 1.00pm and will include panto stars and Father Christmas. There will be Christmas stage entertainment on the Market Square on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December and more. The igloo cinema will also open for the Christmas period on 3<sup>rd</sup> December in the Grosvenor Centre.

## **Culture & Heritage**

Heritage Open Day tours of Abington Park Museum were fully booked attracting 46 adults and a tour of Abington Park was attended by 10 adults.

During September, a symposium 'The Concealed Revealed: The Magic of Shoes' attracted 45 attendees.

Three Over 60s talks during September and October took place in the newly refurbished Function Room at Abington Park Museum and were attended by an audience of 210.

A two day Autumn Food Fair was held at Abington Park Museum in October and was very well attended. The visitors enjoyed the regional food and drink stalls throughout the museum.

Autumn themed October workshops were held during half term week and were well attended.

A series of 5 Art History Lectures are taking place during October and November.

Two weddings have been booked at Abington Park Museum in 2018. Further marketing activity is planned.

A number of sneakers were on loan to the Out of the Box exhibition that toured the USA and Australia earlier in the year. The exhibition received 411,327 visitors in the USA and Australia.

## **Museum Expansion Project**

Plans for the museum expansion have been submitted to Planning. Exhibition Designers have completed the Concept designs for the new exhibition galleries. These have been signed off and work has begun on the Detailed Design stage. Museum Expansion Project has moved from Concept to Detail Design Stage. The planning application for the museum extension has been submitted, with a decision expected late November or December.

## **Customer Services**

This year's National Customer Service week and 'National Get On Line week' was a huge success. We led on many events including the Customer and Partner Coffee morning in the Court yard. We had many customers arranging support and training with our partners who included:

Dementia Action, Working Links, Northamptonshire Domestic Abuse, Hope Centre, First for Wellbeing, Barclays Digital Eagles, Job Centre work coaches and The Royal British Legion.

Customer Services received excellent feedback and praise from our Customer Excellence accreditation external assessor. We passed our third year assessment and retained our Compliance plus in the following areas:

- Community work
- Performance
- Partnership working
- Training and Quality

This means that our Customer Service is best practice and an exemplar in those areas.

## **Community Safety**

Community Safety Plan 2017-2020, has been produced and signed off by the Community Safety Partnership. The next stage will involve ensuring there is a robust action plan in place.

Week of Action in Semilong, took place during the last week of September, good engagement from the local community and environmental works were undertaken during the week.

A Community Protection Warning and Community Protection Notice policy has been drafted and adopted, to ensure staff are fully aware of the processes involved in issuing both the notices. This will allow a more effective response in dealing with anti-social behaviour.

PSPO for Marble Arch has received cabinet approval. Planning permission is now being sought to support the closure, this is due to the positioning of the gates, a decision is expected imminently.

**Councillor Anna King**  
**Cabinet Member for Community Engagement & Community Safety**



## Cabinet Member Report for Housing and Wellbeing

Northampton Borough Council

6<sup>th</sup> November 2017

### Northampton's Rough Sleepers Count

Preparations are well underway for November's Count and, with the help and support of dozens of volunteers, we will again be in a position to cover all of the Wards in the borough.

As this is the first Rough Sleepers Count we have organised since Northampton's Emergency Nightshelter opened its doors 9 months ago, the Count will assist our understanding of the reasons why people are sleeping rough in Northampton.

I am becoming increasingly concerned about the number of homeless people who have no local connection with Northampton but are being encouraged to come here by local homelessness charities and statutory organisations. This is undermining 'TOGETHER we change lives' (our multi-agency strategy for ending the need for people to sleep rough) and putting people's lives at risk.

### SWEP (Severe Weather Emergency Protocol)

Arrangements are in hand to provide homeless people with emergency shelter, in the Hope Centre, when the temperature is forecast to fall below freezing for at least 3 consecutive nights.

Although the Council will continue to co-ordinate SWEP and provide funding and volunteers, its priority is to ensure Northampton's Emergency Nightshelter remains fully staffed and operational.

The Hope Centre has agreed that, during the winter of 2017/18, it will host SWEP and take the lead in ensuring that everything runs smoothly on the nights that emergency shelter is required.

### Housing Advice for Students at University's Freshers Fair

On 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017, Environmental Health Officers from the Council's Housing Enforcement Team joined colleagues from the Northampton Student Landlord Network (NSLN) and the DASH Landlord Accreditation Scheme at the University of Northampton's Freshers Fair.

Along with the University of Northampton and the Students' Union, the 3 organisations are part of a Multi-Agency Student Housing Hub that the Council has set up to improve the quality of student housing, encourage good practice and identify landlords and letting agents who are operating licensable HMOs without a licence and /or renting out substandard and unsafe housing.

Over the next 12 months, members of the University's Multi-Agency Student Housing Hub are planning a series of co-ordinated campaigns that are designed to improve students' awareness of their housing rights and responsibilities and encourage them to seek help as soon as they need it.

### Northampton Landlord Forum

On 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017, Scott Richards (Community Protection Manager at the Northamptonshire Fire & Rescue Service) talked about Fire Risk Assessments and explained why it is essential that they are completed properly and are fit for purpose.



Linda Cobb (DASH Services Manager) provided the Forum with an overview of recent government announcements affecting the private rented sector and described the ways in which DASH is helping Northampton's landlords to provide good quality, well managed, profitable housing.

### **Homelessness Reduction Act 2017**

The Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 increases local authorities' duties to prevent and relieve homelessness, and comes into effect in April 2018.

In January and February 2018, the Housing & Wellbeing Service will be holding a couple of half day workshops for local services and organisations, to talk about the Homelessness Reduction Act and agree on how everyone can work together to tackle, prevent and reduce homelessness in Northampton. Members will also be briefed on the Act's likely implications for the Council.

### **Northampton Partnership Homes**

Once every 2 years, Northampton Partnership Homes (NPH) carries out a "STAR" survey, on the Council's behalf, to capture the views of tenants and residents on the performance of their housing provider. This year's "STAR" survey has now been completed and, although we have yet to receive the full, detailed report from the consultants, we have received the first draft of the survey findings and are delighted to see that, since NPH has been managing and maintaining the housing stock, tenant and resident satisfaction has increased in every category.

I am delighted to report that Northampton Partnership Homes has won the "Best Procurement Consultancy Project of the Year" category in this year's CIPS (Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supplies) awards for its procurement of a 10-year partnership contract to deliver investment works. The contract, based on open book accounting and clear cost visibility, is designed to deliver best value, cost savings and improved performance throughout the contract.

Planning applications are progressing for environmental improvements in Spring Boroughs and Kings Heath, and work is due to start soon on the construction of Lakeview House, a brand new 45-bedroom older persons' housing scheme that NPH is building for the Council.

As a result of the previously reported rent reduction of 'minus 1%' for 4 consecutive years, NPH has now completed a restructure to reflect the reduced budget and the efficiency savings that it has generated through changes to its ways of working. I welcome the Prime Minister's recent announcement that, starting in 2020, rents will be increased annually by 'CPI + 1%' for 5 years.

**Councillor Stephen Hibbert**  
**Cabinet Member for Housing and Wellbeing**



## Cabinet Member Report for Environment

Northampton Borough Council

6 November 2017

### Environmental Services Re-Provision

The Environmental Services Re-provision project has recently completed two strategic milestones.

Negotiation meetings with bidders took place between 19<sup>th</sup> September and 18<sup>th</sup> October. The meetings addressed key commercial, technical, legal and financial aspects of the bidders' solutions and the outcome has been successful.

The Invitation to Submit Final Tenders was issued as planned. Bidders are expected to submit their final tenders by 17<sup>th</sup> November. Evaluation will follow and it is currently anticipated that the recommendation to award the Environmental Services Contract to the preferred bidder will be discussed at a Cabinet meeting in January 2018.

### Parks and Open Spaces Improvements

- Working in partnership with the Police, Northampton Borough Council has funded a project to curb anti-social behaviour under the arches at Millers Meadow, Semilong. The work carried out involved some dredging of the neighbouring riverbank and the installation of palisade fencing to the rear of the Super Sausage Café and across a section of the bridge on Spencer Bridge Road.
- At Kingsthorpe Recreation Ground, bollards and a gate have been installed to stop unauthorised vehicles from accessing the park; improving the safety of park users.
- At Milverton Pocket Park, a new small child's double swing has been installed to complement the rest of the relatively new play area.
- New or improved play areas are also being planned for Aberdare Green Space, Far Cotton Recreation Ground and the Racecourse.

### Environmental Health

The Environmental Enforcement procurement process is currently in progress and we will soon be making an announcement about the contractor who will be working with us to deliver this service.

Work is progressing to finalise the low emissions strategy for adoption and to progress the declaration of the town centre air quality management area.

**Councillor Mike Hallam**  
**Cabinet Member for Environment**



## **Cabinet Member Report for Regeneration, Enterprise & Planning**

**Northampton Borough Council**

**Monday 6 November 2017**

### **Town Centre Operations**

For the period April to September 2017 in our multi-storey car parks the Saturday free parking figures show 219,565 customers, and for the two hour free parking offer for the same period there were 517,723 customers, with the Mayorhold and Grosvenor being the most popular car parks.

Overall parking figures for the period 1 April – 30 September 2017 show 1,361.172 visitors using the council's multi-storey and surface car parks.

The footfall figures for September show 1,076,820 visitors, workers and shoppers in Abington Street and Market Square which is a fall of 4.8% in comparison with the same month in 2016. Single month figures depend on a number of factors, weekends, holidays etc. Overall footfall figures for April – September 2017 exceed 10 million.

### **Planning**

#### **Northampton Local Plan Part 2 - sites consultation**

The consultation started on 2<sup>nd</sup> October and finishes on 13<sup>th</sup> November. This is a vital step in shaping our town's future, and I urge all members encourage as many people as possible to respond.

#### **Development Control**

The S106 agreement was completed and planning permission issued on 20<sup>th</sup> September for application N/2016/1138 for the development of 60 residential units and two restaurant/cafes at St Giles Clinic, 67 St Giles Street.

Planning applications N/2017/1144 and N/2017/1145 for the change of use and alterations to provide student accommodation at Belgrave House, Greyfriars has recently been received.

Planning application N/20171091 for the conversion and extension of former council offices building to student accommodation, restaurant and hot food takeaway at 14 Fish street has been received in September.

A planning application has now been submitted for a new extension which will help breathe life into the expanded Northampton Museum and Art Gallery

## **Enterprise**

### **Business Incentive Scheme**

- 16 Businesses Supported to date 2017-18 financial year
- Creating 52 jobs
- Leveraged over £880k private sector investment

### **App for Northampton Castle**

The new app provides a fun way to learn about the Castles rich history, and to take part in virtual events that would have taken place in the 13<sup>th</sup> Century. This is a major step forward in promoting our Town

### **Delapre Abbey**

- Roofing and external repairs to the Lodge are progressing well, and are due to complete before Christmas.  
The construction of the new North Car Park is progressing to programme.

Remedial works internally to the abbey, including defective electrics, are underway as per programme

### **Queen Eleanor Cross**

Repairs to this nationally important are now under way.

### **St Crispins Community Centre**

The Formal opening event is scheduled for Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October

### **Mounts Baths**

- Agreements are complete and should be signed within the next 2 weeks- Sports England and NBC
- NBC and Northants Leisure Trust agreements have been prepared
- NBC and Geakins Wear agreements have been prepared

### **Abington Museum Improvements**

- All works complete to programme and budget (Completed September)
- Museum is fully open

**Councillor Tim Hadland  
Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Enterprise & Planning**



## **Cabinet Member Report for Finance**

### **Northampton Borough Council**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

#### **Finance**

In recent years the Council has set a balanced budget and also contributed to reserves. However, Council will be aware of the financial challenges that face local government over the medium term, and this council is no different with a projected annual funding gap of £5m by 2021. To ensure the Council manages this financial challenge cabinet members and senior officers have been developing options over recent months to ensure the continued financial viability of the Council. The cabinet meeting in October agreed a set of principles which the Cabinet will use in proposing a draft Budget 2018/19. The draft budget will be considered by Cabinet in December, prior to a period of consultation before the Budget is approved in February 2018.

The Council has been working jointly with all other councils in the county to submit a bid to Government to be a pilot for 100% Business Rates Retention for 2018/19. The Government has stated this will be a competitive process and our bid will be competing against others from across the country. If our bid is successful it would mean additional resources for Northampton and an opportunity to work with Government to shape how 100% Business Rates Retention could work in the future.

#### **Revenues and Benefits**

The Revenues and Benefits service has continued implementing and analysing the new target operating model, First Point Resolution (FPR) in Northampton. FPR for Council Tax has ensured the service has met its call answer rate and collection rate over the last 2 months. In addition, it has also ensured that the outstanding workloads are significantly lower than when compared to 2016. This level of performance is being sustained throughout October as well.

The service is also continuing to ensure all other KPIs are met and has commenced an outbound call trial to improve the Business Rates collection figure.

**Councillor Brandon Eldred  
Cabinet Member for Finance**

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**NORTHAMPTON**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

**COUNCIL**  
**6<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

**Agenda Status: Public**

**Directorate: Borough Secretary**

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Appointment of representative to the East West Rail Consortium</b>
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**1. Purpose**

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- 1.1 To seek Council’s approval to join the East West Rail Consortium and appoint a representative of the Council to be appointed to the East West Rail Consortium.

**2. Recommendations**

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- 2.1 That the Borough of Northampton be appointed to the East West Rail Consortium and that Council appoint a Councillor to the Consortium.

**3. Issues and Choices**

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**3.1 Report Background**

- 3.1.1 East West Rail is a major project whose aim is to establish a strategic railway network connecting East Anglia with Central, Southern and Western England.
- 3.1.2 Networkrail are working to identify a route to extend the western section of the East West rail to Cambridge which would allow it to connect with the East Coast Mainline and enable trains to operate between Oxford and Cambridgeshire, through to Norfolk and Suffolk and would provide will provide infrastructure to support Local Authorities ambition for sustainable economic growth based on the creation of new private sector plans and the development of major areas of new housing
- 3.1.3 The project is being promoted by the East West Rail Consortium – a group of local authorities and businesses formed in 1995 with an interest in improving access to and from East Anglia and the Milton Keynes South Midlands growth area.

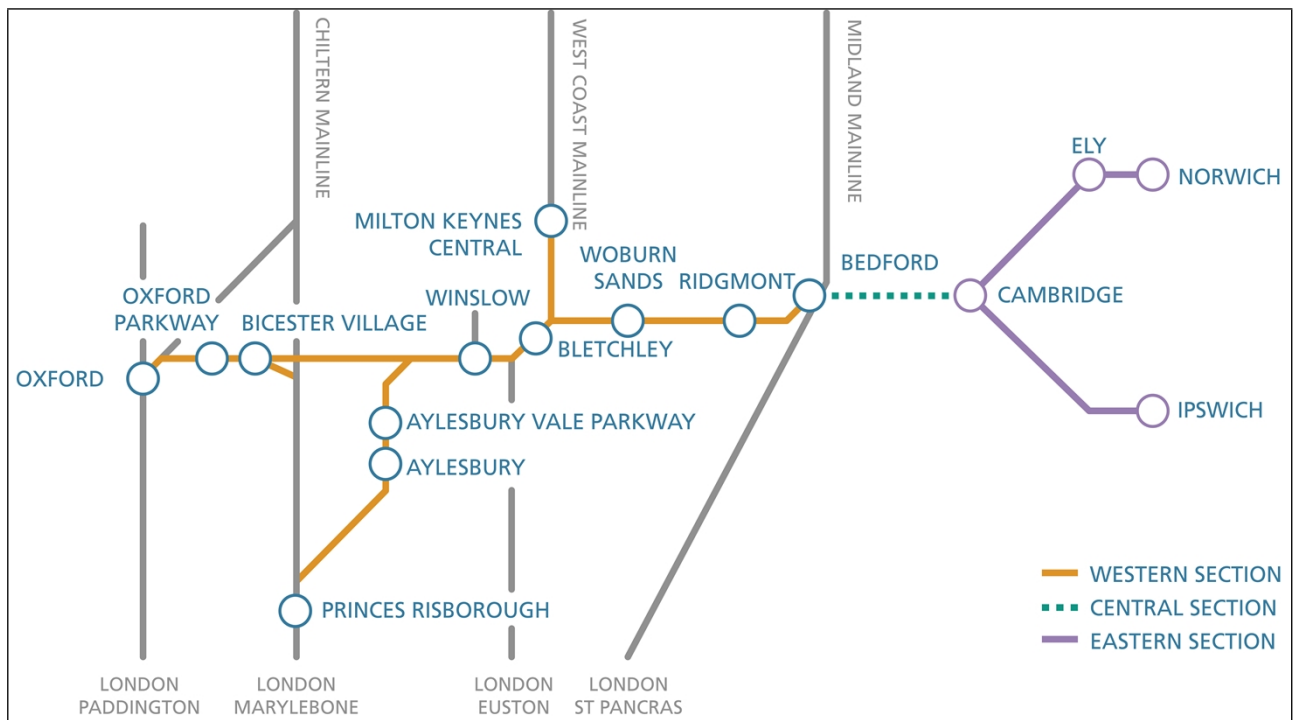
3.1.4 Northamptonshire is considered to be within the 'Middle corridor' alongside neighbouring authorities which include Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire as outlined in the map at 3.1.7 of the report. The East West Rail Consortium would allow for a representative from Northampton to be consulted and informed of changes and developments that are to be considered alongside other local authorities within the footprints of the South East Midlands and Buckinghamshire Thames Valley Local Enterprise Partnerships.

3.1.5 The Consortium membership is currently comprised of the following local authorities:

- Aylesbury Vale District Council
- Bedford Borough Council
- Buckinghamshire County Council
- Cambridgeshire County Council
- Central Bedfordshire Council
- Cherwell District Council
- East Suffolk Councils
- Hertfordshire County Council
- Ipswich Borough Council
- Luton Borough Council
- Milton Keynes Council
- Norfolk County Council
- North Hertfordshire District Council
- Norwich City Council
- Oxfordshire County Council
- Stevenage District Council
- Suffolk County Council
- West Suffolk Councils
- Wycombe District Council

3.1.6 Northampton, as a District, has a population of 220,000 and is one of the main urban areas in the corridor and is only marginally smaller than Milton Keynes and currently larger than both Oxford and Cambridge cities. It is therefore considered appropriate that they be represented on a body of this nature. Officers are currently seeking clarification on the exact Terms of Reference of the Consortium to establish in what capacity the appointed Members' status will be.

3.1.7 The map indicates the location of the East West Rail Network



### 3.1 Decision details

3.1.2 Full Council is recommended to consider the information in the report and therefore:

- a) Nominate a Councillor to represent Northampton Borough Council on the East West Rail Consortium
- b) Agree to appoint the Member to represent the Council

## 4. Implications (including financial implications)

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### 4.1 Policy

4.1.1 The report does not have any policy implications.

### 4.2 Resources and Risk

4.2.1 There are none specifically arising from the report

### 4.3 Legal

4.3.1 There are no specific legal implications

### 4.4 Equality

4.4.1 There are no specific equality and health implications arising directly from this report.



## **4.5 Other Implications**

4.5.1 There are none

## **5. Background Papers**

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5.1 Correspondence internally and externally

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**NORTHAMPTON**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

**COUNCIL**  
**6<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

**Agenda Status: Public**

**Directorate: Chief Executive's**

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Changes to the appointments to Committees</b>
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**1. Purpose**

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1.1 To confirm the changes to the appointment to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Licensing Committee.

**2. Recommendations**

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2.1 That the appointments to the Overview and Scrutiny and the Licensing Committee be confirmed.

**3. Issues and Choices**

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**3.1 Report Background**

3.1 Following the by-election held on the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017 in the Ward of Eastfield, the Labour representative Mr Paul Joyce was elected as the ward Councillor.

3.2 The previous ward Councillors had been appointed to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the proposed appointment is a like for like swap as both Councillors were both members of the same group. The proportionality of Committees is not affected by this appointment. Therefore, Council are asked to agree that:

- Councillor Joyce be appointed to the overview and Scrutiny Committee

Members are also being asked to agree that:

- Councillor Graystone be appointed to the Licensing Committee to replace Councillor Parekh

3.3 Appointments to all other Committees agreed by Council remain unchanged.

**4. Implications (including financial implications)**

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**4.1 Policy**

4.1.1 N/A

**4.2 Resources and Risk**

4.2.1 N/A

**4.3 Legal**

4.3.1 There are no legal implications

**4.4 Equality**

None

**4.5 Other Implications**

4.5.1 N/A

**5. Background Papers**

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5.1 None

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# **COUNCIL**

**6<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

**Agenda Status: Public**

**Directorate: Borough Secretary &  
Monitoring Officer**

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>CHANGES TO THE APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES</b>
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## **1. Purpose**

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- 1.1 To seek to the removal of one Council-nominated Director of Northampton Partnership Homes Ltd.

## **2. Recommendations**

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- 2.1 One Councillor be removed as the Council-nominated Director of Northampton Partnership Homes Ltd.

## **3. Issues and Choices**

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### **3.1 Report Background**

- 3.1.1 The Council is required to make nominations in order to maintain the balance in the Board between Directors nominated by Tenants, Employees or the Council, and Independent Directors.
- 3.1.2 At the general meeting of Northampton Partnership Homes Limited on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017 a special resolution was passed that changed the Articles of Association. Section 15 of the Articles of Association prescribes the number of Board Members which was changed.
- 3.1.3 The Council are now required to reduce its nominations from 5 Directors of Northampton Partnership Homes to 4. Subject to Article 15 the Council shall have the power to appoint four persons as Council Board Members and shall have the power to remove from office any Council Board Member.
- 3.1.4 Council are therefore being asked to agree to the removal of one Councillor as a nominated Board Member of NPH.

3.1.5 The remaining Board Member will remain the same as those nominated at Annual Council less the one Councillor whose nomination is removed by Full Council.

#### **4. Implications (including financial implications)**

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##### **4.1 Policy**

4.1.1 None

##### **4.2 Resources and Risk**

4.2.1 None

##### **4.3 Legal**

4.3.1 The Councillor removed by Full Council from Northampton Partnership Homes will very likely need to resign their position as Director unless another position is made available by Northampton Partnership Homes Ltd under other categories.

##### **4.4 Equality**

4.4.1 None specifically.

##### **4.5 Other Implications**

4.5.1 None

#### **5. Background Papers**

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5.1 The Companies Act 2006 - Change of Articles of Association, Northampton Partnership Homes

**Francis Fernandes**  
**Borough Secretary & Monitoring Officer**