# NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



# **COUNCIL**

Monday, 12 March 2018

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE GUILDHALL NORTHAMPTON ON MONDAY, 12 MARCH 2018 AT 6:30 PM WHEN THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS IS PROPOSED TO BE TRANSACTED

- 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
- 2. APOLOGIES
- 3. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS
- 5. MEMBER AND PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
- 6. CABINET MEMBER PRESENTATIONS
- 7. APPOINTMENT OF A PERMANENT CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND HEAD OF PAID SERVICE
- 8. CHANGES TO OUTSIDE BODY APPOINTMENTS
- 9. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS
- 10. OPPOSITION GROUP BUSINESS

Councillor Russell to make a statement on: "Unitary Status".

#### 11. NOTICES OF MOTION

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

"This council recognises that sexual harassment happens where there are imbalances of power and can happen in Local Authorities at Member level and staffing levels.

This council therefore commits to developing a sexual harassment policy for Members and staff in consultation with representatives of both, and in consultation with the voluntary sector services that support victims of sexual harassment."

ii) Councillor Davenport to propose and Councillor Haque to second:

"This council recognises that more can be done to encourage recycling. Working with the new contractors and to this end, we will look at a Danish model for recycling cans and bottles. This is a model where can crushers are made available in central locations. This encourages young people to collect and recycle cans and bottles for a small remuneration. This strategy educates, entertains and encourages recycling."

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

"This council recognises that there is a public dissatisfaction around the delivery of an efficient and safe bus service for the residents of Northampton from Northgate Bus Station.

This council therefore commits to commissioning an independent Health and Safety inspection to look at the Bus Station in terms of pedestrian safety, congestion in the surrounding street, air quality and turning circle requirements."

iv) Councillor Hadland to propose and Councillor Nunn to second:

The administration has always been committed to enhancing and promoting the heritage of our town.

Never was this more clearly demonstrated than with the opening of Delapre Abbey to the public next weekend for the first time in 900 years after a multi-million pound restoration programme.

The Abbey takes its place as a jewel in the crown of our historic town, a fitting tribute to all those organisations and individuals who have supported the project.

The administration has maintained its commitment as difficulties arose and were overcome, creating and working with the Delapre Abbey Preservation Trust to ensure that we have something to make us all proud.

This Council congratulates and thanks everyone who has been involved, and wished the Trust and its volunteers every good wish for an exciting and successful future."

v) Councillor Hallam to propose and Councillor Larratt to second:

"This Council recognises that our town has been let down by the current Environmental Services provider. According to the biggest and most successful consultation that this Council has ever undertaken, a higher quality of cleanliness delivering cleaner streets and a

cleaner environment, and quality grounds maintenance are top priorities for residents of our Borough.

This Council is therefore delighted that our new contractor won the bid primarily due to the quality of service it was offering. This Council is making a significant additional investment in this contract and looks forward to working with Veolia to raise the standard of cleanliness and grounds maintenance right across Northampton – something that our town has long been crying out for.

This Council also very much welcomes the new Enforcement Contract and the zero-tolerance approach to littering and fly-tipping. We call on our enforcement provider to continue to strenuously enforce legislation with regard to littering and fly-tipping, especially through using fixed penalty notices for those people who litter our streets.

With the help, hard work, and commitment of our community volunteers, this Council will continue to provide local communities with clean, well maintained and safe open spaces. Council therefore proudly commits to provide continued support to community groups, initiatives and projects, including Residents Associations, Parish Council's, Summer Bloom, Green Flag and Friends of Parks Groups."

12. 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 <a href="https://www.northampton.gov.uk/site/scripts/download\_info.php?fileID=1919">www.northampton.gov.uk/site/scripts/download\_info.php?fileID=1919</a> 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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