

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



COUNCIL

Monday, 9 July 2018

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE GUILDHALL NORTHAMPTON ON MONDAY, 9 JULY 2018 AT 6:30 PM WHEN THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS IS PROPOSED TO BE TRANSACTED

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. MINUTES.

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3. APOLOGIES.

4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS

6. MEMBER AND PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

7. CABINET MEMBER PRESENTATIONS

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8. OPPOSITION GROUP BUSINESS

Councillor Birch to make a statement on "Crime and the Fear of Crime".

9. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT - 2017/2018

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10. HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

(Copy herewith)

11. CHANGES TO COMMITTEE PLACES

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12. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

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13. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

(Copy herewith)

14. CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER FOR THE COUNCIL

(Copy herewith)

15. NOTICES OF MOTION

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

“Whatever the boundaries of the new Unitary Councils, for Northamptonshire, those councils will take on responsibility for the care of older people in our community, from 2020.

A recent study estimated that 35% of inpatients in local hospitals were there simply waiting for suitable after care to be available (so called Bed Blocking).

We ask that this council, working with partners carry out an audit of Adult Social Care facilities in the area and future demand patterns, in order that the new Unitary Council is able to better plan for the needs of older people in the future”.

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

“Our town is famous for the boot and shoe industry and for leather works. The Central Museum hosts our famous shoe collection and we have a wonderful leather collection.

We note recent announcements on retail closures and the Northampton Chronicle’s current campaign. We know as a council we need to support the regeneration of our town, to increase footfall and to stimulate tourism. Leather and our world renowned shoe makers can play a key role in this.

This council therefore resolves to:

Invite interest from shoe manufacturers and leather good producers around the county to be included in a retail shoe and leather goods outlet in Northampton Town Centre. This plan would see the development of one of the vacant sites in the middle of town to show case and sell shoes and leather goods from our world class manufacturers. The vision being that the demand for our high quality shoes & leather, will make Northampton Town Centre an attraction for visitors into the town. This will aid regeneration and increase footfall.

To make this offer viable for the businesses concerned, this council will make whatever concessionary offers are within our gift for a defined period and play an active role in the deployment of what will be a mutual heritage and commercial concern.

This council will seek to include the University of Northampton to play a part in this initiative”.

iii) Councillor Joyce to propose and Councillor Ashraf to second:

There are four community libraries in the town that are under threat of closure. We recognise the value of libraries as community hubs and we therefore resolve to work with the friends of the libraries to insure the libraries remain open for community use”.

iv) Councillor King to propose and Councillor Hibbert to second:

“This motion calls for the Council to continue to promote mental health awareness and support to the Government’s Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health. The Concordat is intended to provide a focus for cross-sector action to deliver a tangible increase in the adoption of public mental health approaches across local authorities, the NHS, public, private and voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector organisations and others.

This Council is proud to actively support the campaign to make Northampton a ‘happy town’, including the launch of Northampton’s first ‘Happy Café’ in June. ‘Happy Cafés’ are being set up by supporters of the Action for Happiness movement in local communities, as a friendly and welcoming place to meet others with a shared interest in promoting happiness and well-being.

As well as the ‘Happy Café’ launch, there was also be a celebration of the publication of ‘50 Ways to Feel Happy’, a new illustrated children’s book which helps children build skills and develop healthy habits for their daily lives, promoting resilience, well-being, self-confidence and emotional stability.

This motion calls on the Council to further promote a prevention-focused approach to improving the public’s mental health, which makes a valuable contribution to achieving a fairer and more equitable society”.

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

George Candler – Chief Executive
The Guildhall
Northampton

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 at the Annual Council Meeting or other civic or ceremonial meetings.)

NOTES

- i. *Comments may be on one or more subjects but each person has no longer than three minutes to have their say.*
- ii. *The same person may make a comment and present a petition on different subjects. In such instances that person will have three minutes to make their comment and a separate three minutes to present a petition.*

2. Member and Public Questions

- 2.1 A member of the public (or business ratepayer of the Borough) may ask a maximum of two written questions at each meeting, each limited to a maximum of 50 words, on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers. Each question shall:

- be submitted in writing and delivered, faxed or e-mailed to Democratic Services no later than 10.00am seven calendar days before the day of the meeting; and
- include the name and address of the questioner and the name of the Cabinet member/Committee Chair to whom the question is put.

- 2.2 At the meeting, copies of all questions and the responses to them from the public and Members will be made available to the public and press. The Mayor may allow one supplementary question, without notice, that arises directly from the original question or response.

(Questions will not be taken at the Annual Council Meeting or at civic or ceremonial meetings or meetings called to deal with specific items of business.)

NOTES

In respect of paragraph 2.1 above, questions may be rejected on certain grounds that are set out on page 4-12 of the Council's Constitution and which may be viewed at www.northampton.gov.uk/site/scripts/download_info.php?fileID=1919 or by seeking advice using the contact details below.

3. Motions

- 3.1 A member of the public may register to speak to a motion under the 'Notices of Motion' item on the agenda. Registration to speak must be made to Democratic Services by 12 noon on the day to the meeting. Speaking to a motion is restricted to three minutes per person.

(The 'Notices of Motion' item will not be taken at the Annual Council meeting or meetings called for civic or ceremonial purposes.)

4. General

A member of the public may make a comment, present a petition, ask a question or speak to a motion at the same meeting subject to the restrictions set out above.

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