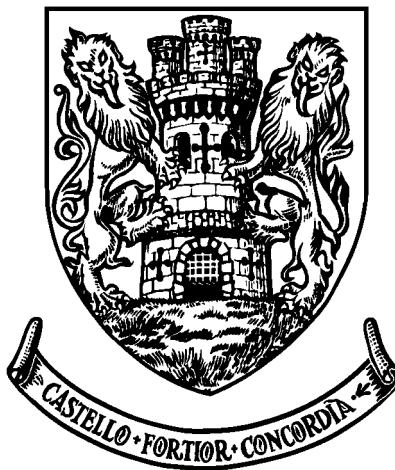


NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



COUNCIL

Monday, 16 September 2019

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE GUILDHALL NORTHAMPTON ON MONDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2019 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 22nd July 2019.

3. APOLOGIES.

4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS

6. MEMBER AND PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

7. CABINET MEMBER PRESENTATIONS

8. OPPOSITION GROUP BUSINESS

Councillor Ashraf to make a statement on “Cleaner, Greener and safer Northampton”.

9. TERMS OF REFERENCE TO THE WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE JOINT COMMITTEE

(Copy herewith)

10. UPDATE ON CARRIED MOTIONS

(Copy herewith)

11. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2018/2019

(Copy herewith)

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

- i) Councillor Joyce to propose and Councillor Smith to second:

“We are concerned that the borough council, local organisations and residents are, generally speaking, using non-renewable energy suppliers, incurring high bills, and using up precious resources.

We agree that a Big Switch to a green energy company would be much better for the environment and help reduce bills.

We therefore commit the Borough Council to a BIG SWITCH. We will research the best green company using renewable energy sources, and lead a campaign asking local organisations and residents to switch with us.”

- ii) Councillor Roberts to propose and Russell to second:

“This council is aware of the Government proposal to create a Children’s Trust for the provision of Children’s Services in the Northamptonshire area, serving two Unitary Authorities.

For Children’s Services to improve there needs to be a return to multi agency locality working.

There needs to be a focus on early help and prevention.

We therefore commit to modelling how this could work in two areas of Northampton, Briar Hill and St David’s.

The modelling will involve a needs analysis of the families and young people in the area. This will be a desk top exercise looking at income, health, housing, education, employment, life expectancy, crime rates and other influencing factors.

The modelling will look at community and voluntary sector resources that can be utilised to provide the network of support needed in conjunction with statutory services, particularly housing, adult social care, and health.

The modelling will identify gaps in provision.

The results will go to the West Northants joint committee and the West Northants Shadow Board.”

- iii) Councillor Hallam to propose and Councillor Kilby-Shaw to second:

“Council notes the excellent work of the "Save our Street Trees" Group in Far Cotton and the work they have done in bringing both NBC and NCC together with the Woodland Trust to look at a trial project for re-instating street trees in Northampton.

Council notes the work of the former Mayor of London Boris Johnson in re-instating 20,000 of street trees to our Capital during his time as the Mayor and the benefit that can give to the wider environment and efforts to combat climate change. He also delivered his pledge to create 100 rejuvenated spaces as part of his pocket parks programme in 26 London boroughs, with more than 25 hectares of community land across the capital having been converted into new enhanced green areas.

Northampton Borough Council calls for a transformation of underused urban spaces across our town. Trees deliver huge benefits such as cleaning the air and storing carbon. To ensure future generations receive these benefits and Northampton grows sustainably, we all need to protect existing trees and plant new trees.

Therefore, this Council requests on the initial work to form a joint plan for wider scale reinstatement of street trees as part of the move to Unitary.”

iv) Councillor B Markham to propose and Councillor Meredith to second:

“This Council discussed “Declare a Climate Emergency” at its meeting on the 3rd June 2019.

Over the August Bank Holiday weekend DEFRA declared at their Northampton Monitoring Station the Highest Pollution figures across the country had been recorded.

This Council has yet to publish *“the adjusted Air Quality Readings for 2018”* which the administration has said are the only figures that it is prepared to use to initiate correct action to protect the health of Northampton residents.

Councillors are concerned that adhering to this approach will result in a similar delay in 2020 waiting for the 2019 adjusted Air Quality Figures to be verified by the DEFRA.

In support of the declared Climate Emergency this Council calls upon the administration to publish *“provisional adjusted Air Quality Readings”* as soon as adjustments have been applied by NBC Environmental Health Department and to take action to address any areas of concern.

The Council believes that this approach will demonstrate that it is taking action at the earliest possible time to protect the Health of Northampton residents.”

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

“This Council has expressed its concern in debates in this chamber at the growing signs of poverty across Northampton but it has also recognised that local action requires a multi-agency approach.

Councillors believe that the Borough Council is in a unique leadership position to bring about multi-agency working to improve the distribution of collection points across the town to help the voluntary organisations maintain the flow of stock that is vital to help struggling families.

The Council requests that the Portfolio Holder for Community Development approaches the Business Improvement District and the local Voluntary sector organisations, to encourage a joint initiative to develop an enhanced network of collection points for food donation across the town centre.”

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

“The County Council is responsible for on street parking charges in the Town Centre and the Borough Council is responsible for the parking charges in the car parks that it operates.

This Council believes that Car Parking charges are a factor in the vitality and prosperity of the Town Centre.

The County Council has initiated consultation with the Public and Stakeholders regarding the increases that it is proposing but it unfortunately ends on the 5th September.

This council believes that it should formally respond to the County Council consultation and request that they accept a late submission from the Borough Council.

The council agrees that it wishes to express concern and opposition to the proposed increases as it believes that it will have a detrimental effect on the Town Centre economy at a time when this council is trying to address the downturn in footfall and look for ways of investing in the Town Centre in support of its long term prosperity.”

13. 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

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, 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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