

Appendix – Progress on Previous Council Motions

Date and Text of Council Resolution	Progress Reported
<p>8 October 2004 – Closure of Radlands Skateboard Facility</p> <p>Councillor Glynane then moved and Councillor Church seconded a motion of regret:</p> <p>“That this council regrets the news that Radlands is due to close on 10 October. This council recognises that Radlands provides a unique indoor facility for Northampton, and resolves to work with users to find a way of maintaining an indoor skateboard and BMX facility in Northampton. This Council requests the Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To explore all options to ensure that the facility continues to be provided 2. Work with users to ensure that they are consulted and involved in those options 3. Work with other local bodies providing leisure facilities for young people 4. Work with Northampton Co-operative Development Association to consider a users co-operative Development Association to consider a users co-operative venture” <p>The motion was duly debated, voted upon and carried unanimously.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Councillor Glynane and Councillor Tavener reported on progress to the Executive on 1 November 2004 under item 15. The Councillors had been helping skaters to meet the right people so as to allow the project to move forward. A group of skaters had now formed a steering group and were developing a business plan. 2. Joint meeting of Stakeholders (including NBC, NCC and Radlands) chaired by Councillor Tavener met on 15th October and 29th October. Key activity of that group is the assessment of the option of a Community Business being established to run the provision.
<p>8 October 2004 – Work of the Youth Forum</p> <p>“That this Council welcomes the ‘Making your Mark’ focus of local democracy week (18-24) October this year in a background of reducing percentages of young people voting. This Council believes that the young people of this town are one of the most valuable resources in the community. This Council believes it essential to engage young people to be a recovering and effective authority. This Council believes that to do this we need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ensure that work of the Youth Forum be developed 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A new Area Partnerships and Forums Co-ordinator is due to commence with the authority on 8 Nov 2004 and will be able to support the further development of our involvement with young people. 2. The Recovery Project (C13) on the Engagement Strategy will be the strategic means of improving involvement with the whole range of stakeholders, this motion will be considered by that Project Board.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Encourage young people to play an active part in their forthcoming conference given the focus on Northampton's future ➤ Consult with young people to seek the views of young people on lowering the voting age to 16" <p>Councillor Glynane then moved and Councillor Simpson seconded an amendment to the motion with the following addition:</p> <p>"That the Council seeks to engage more with sixth formers, college students and those young people not at school by seeking the creation of additional forums and through promoting the establishment of a local youth parliament linked to the National Youth Parliament"</p> <p>The amendment was duly debated, voted upon and carried to become the substantive motion.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Work with young people is already undertaken in partnership with NCC and the Connections Service and arrangements to extend provision would benefit from that partnership approach as well. 4. The Local Strategic Partnership are considering a piece of work with young people concerning The Vision document, in collaboration with the Children and Young People's unit at UCN. 5. The Youth Forum held a special meeting during Local Democracy Week in conjunction with Connexions and the Youth Service which centred on a consultation exercise using 'Who wants to be a millionaire' type voting paraphernalia.
<p>8 October 2004 – Staff Assess the Need and Priority for Tree Work</p> <p>Councillor Patterson moved and Councillor Evans seconded:</p> <p>"When staff assess the need and priority for tree work an additional and important consideration should be the light levels in neighbouring properties and the disabilities the occupants of those properties have"</p> <p>The motion was carried and stood referred to the Executive.</p> <p>Councillor Wire moved and Councillor Evans seconded "That procedural rules be suspended to enable the following motion to be debated"</p> <p>The motion was carried.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Councillor Patterson addressed the Executive on 1 November 2004 under item 15. It was resolved that consideration of the issues raised form part of the consideration of a Tree Policy.
<p>8 October 2004 – Illegal Traveller Encampments</p>	

“This Council condemns the amount of illegal traveller encampments which have increased over the last twelve months. The comments of the Leader of the Council who heaps the blame on the County Traveller Unit are unproductive, when many of his Conservative colleagues in other District Authorities have signed up to the Unit and are working effectively. His party’s claim to a zero tolerance policy is now in tatters. We call on the Executive of this Council to develop a policy, which is achievable. This policy should clearly show approaches in the long, medium and short term and be presented at the first full Council of 2005”

Councillor Glynane then moved and Councillor Church seconded an amendment to the motion with the following addition:

“This Council endorses the following House of Commons Early Day Motion No 79 on traveller accommodation sponsored by Labour MP Kevin McNamara and signed by 117 Mps of all three main parties”

“That this House is deeply concerned that the shortfall of traveller sites is causing severe hardship for the gypsy and traveller community and is leading to a deterioration in relations between the traveller and settled community; notes that the Institute for Public Policy Research has produced proposals for traveller sites entitled “Moving On” which has received widespread support, further notes that the ODPM Select Committee Report on the draft Housing Bill has called upon the Government to introduce a statutory duty on local authorities to provide and facilitate gypsy and traveller sites; calls upon the Government to ensure that mechanisms are urgently put in place to provide and facilitate a sufficient number of travellers sites; and further note such action is supported by the Institute for Public Policy Research, Local Government Association, Shelter, Children’s Society, Traveller Law Reform Coalition and Commission for Racial Equality.

This Council requests the Acting Chief Executive to write to our MPs urging them to support this motion and to Kevin McNamara MP and the relevant Government Minister informing them of this Council’s

1. The Director of Strategic Resources reported to Executive on 1 November 2004 under item 15 that he had written letters asking for support for this motion to the towns two MPs, namely Sally Keeble and Tony Clark and to Kevin McNamara MP and to the Minister with responsibility for traveller accommodation issues, namely The Rt Hon Keith Hill.
2. Councillor Larratt reported that he and Councillor J Lill had attended a County Traveller Unit Board meeting with amendments to the service plan to get as a priority for 2005 the identification of new sites within the constituent local authority areas. This amendment along with a number of others had been accepted by the CTU Board.

<p>support for the early day motion.</p> <p>This Council requests the Executive to work with the other Councils in the County Traveller Unit in order to provide and facilitate suitable traveller sites in the County to which unauthorised traveller encampments can be directed”</p> <p>Councillor Wire as moved with the original motion accepted the amendment. The amendment was duly debated, voted upon and carried to become the substantive motion. A vote was taken upon the substantive motion and carried.</p>	
<p>8 October 2004 – Support for the Continuation of the British Grand Prix being held at the Silverstone Race Circuit</p> <p>“This Council requests the Acting Chief Executive to write to Bernie Ecclestone, to the British Racing Drivers Club (the owner of the Silverstone Circuit) and to Max Moseley, the President of the FIA informing them of the Council’s strong support for the Grand Prix remaining at Silverstone”</p> <p>The motion was agreed unanimously.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Letters were sent expressing support for this motion by the Acting Chief Executive to those listed within the motion and to the Chief Executives of Daventry District Council and South Northamptonshire Council.
<p>7 June 2004 – Market Square Enhancement</p> <p>“That this council reaffirms the following from the motion passed by the Council on 23 June 2003:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To consider the alternative options that retain the square as open space 2. To ensure that the brief for the architectural competition is as wide as possible 3. To ensure a comprehensive level of public consultation is carried out culminating in a public vote on the final options <p>This Council regrets that the requirement of this policy has not been met.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Three options were presented to Overview and Scrutiny Committee 4 on 7 October 2004. The meeting resolved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ That this awaited response to the previous Scrutiny report be brought to the Executives attention ➤ That the Executive is advised that Scrutiny’s recommendations, already accepted, need to be taken account of and implemented in the progression of the three options ➤ That the Executive seek advise from the Public Relations and Marketing Manager regarding the membership of the client group ➤ That the progress of the three options and the process for a public voting process should be developed in tandem

<p>This Council recognises the urgent need to sustain the economic viability of the market and to regenerate the market square as a public space. To achieve this Council called for a public vote between two costed plans for the market square at least one of which retains the whole square as an open space.”</p> <p>Councillor Barron proposed and councillor Marriott seconded that the word “two” be deleted from the final sentence of the final paragraph of the motion. Councillor Church accepted this amendment.</p> <p>The amended motion was duly debated, voted upon and was carried.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ That the report on the Consultation Strategy by presented to Community Leadership Scrutiny Committee for consideration
<p>7 June 2004 – Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG)</p> <p>“The affordable housing SPG in rapidly changing times is due to be reconsidered. The policy should be revised to allow more developers to make contributions to affordable housing needs, and to allow the Authority to influence the location as well as the quantity of the affordable housing so provided.</p> <p>The Council would therefore expect the revised SPG to carry policies which would include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lowering or even removing thresholds regarding relevant sites ➤ Increasing the percentage contribution of affordable housing on these sites ➤ Introducing an option of commutable sums for smaller sites to enable this Authority to act as an enabling agent in the provision of affordable housing <p>The Authority should aim to have this new SPG in place by 1 January 2005 at the latest”.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A final report for approval of the policy will be taken to Executive on 6 December 2004.