

Appendix – Progress on Previous Council Motions	
Date and Text of Council Resolution	Progress Reported
<p>13 December 2004 – Introductory Tenancies</p> <p>The Council received a report together with an Appendix, copies of which were circulated at the meeting, detailing the progress on recent Notices of Motion. A request was made for a report on Progress on Introductory Tenancies to the next meeting of full Council. The report was then duly received and noted.</p>	<p>1. Councillor Palethorpe presented an update at the last Full Council on the progress of Introductory Tenancies.</p>
<p>8 November 2004 – Smoke Free Northampton</p> <p>Councillor Allen moved and Councillor Church seconded:- “This Council notes the results of the East Midlands Big Smoke Debate” involving 24,145 respondents. 88% of those respondents said they would prefer indoor public places to be smoke free.</p> <p>The Council welcomes the decision of Liverpool City Council to seek the early introduction of a ban on smoking in public places in Liverpool through a private bill in Parliament.</p> <p>This Council welcomes the work already done through the Northampton Local Strategic Partnership to promote smoke free working environments.</p> <p>This Council resolves to work with our partners to encourage local businesses to introduce a voluntary ban on smoking in indoor work places.</p> <p>This Council supports legislation to enable the Council to introduce compulsory ban on smoking in Indoor public places.”</p>	<p>1. On 1 December 2004 Northampton Borough Council and Northampton Primary Care Trust became the first signatories to the new Smoke-Free Northampton Charter. The Charter sets out how the partners will help to protect public places and workplaces.</p> <p>2. NBC are part of Northants “no smoking alliance” – NBC have signed up with PCT and are now implementing a voluntary scheme for ‘no smoking’ in food establishments. National developments may overtake</p>

Following some debate on the motion Councillor J Lill moved and Councillor Tavener seconded an amendment which deleted the second paragraph regarding Liverpool City Council and the final paragraph commencing “This Council supports legislation” and insert instead:

“This Council resolves to work with our partners to encourage local businesses to introduce a voluntary ban on smoking in indoor work places.

The Council resolves to work with the Primary Care Trust and the Smoke Free Northants Alliance to support smokers who want to quit and particularly to act as an example of an employer who has introduced smoke free policies into its work places.

The Council endorses the support proposed by the Executive to the Smoke Free Northampton Working Group in order to allow the full implications of the approach to be assessed.

The amendment was duly debated voted upon and lost.

The original motion was then voted upon and carried.

8 November 2004 – Northampton Citizen Awards

Councillor Glynane then moved and Councillor Church seconded:- “This Council wishes to recognise Northampton’s Citizens who have served this town over many years helping others making a difference in their communities or contributing to the overall development of Northampton.

This Council requests the Executive, in consultation with the Mayor and the party leaders, to prepare a plan to recognise such citizens at an annual event where their outstanding contribution can be formally recognised and celebrated”.

Councillor Miah then moved an amendment to the motion which was seconded by Councillor Lane:- This Council wishes to recognise the contributions of people who live and work in Northampton helping to make a sufficient difference in their communities as well as helping others and contributing to the wellbeing and development of our town.

This Council wishes to build on current events which recognise outstanding contributions in the town and seeks the support of the whole Council including the Mayor in organising an annual event that will be the highlight of our civic calendar.

This Council seeks the support of the Forums, Residents Associations, Area Partnerships and Local media and businesses including the Northampton Celebrate and Town Centre Partnership in seeking nominations and sponsorships for this flag ship event to reward achievements in a wide range of areas.”

1. Councillor Miah, along with two other Councillors are currently developing this concept via Scrutiny. The aim of the working party is to scope out options, visit other local authorities who operate such a scheme, involve two members of the youth forums and offer information to the Executive to inform their deliberations.
2. This will continue to be developed in accordance with the motion.

<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 Agency 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. There has been a significant set back in that Grose have moved to clear and release the building. Any replacement skateboard facility will now need to be in new premises with completely new ramps and facilities. Consequently, it is necessary to re-evaluate the feasibility of proceedings.
<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>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Steve Pointer met with Professor Hugh Matthews on 27 January 2005 and Professor Hugh Matthews has since sent in his proposals on how UCN might be able to help research youth needs and consult with young people. This matter was reported to the local LSP who are going to consider the matter further 2. The work will enable the Northampton Vision to be developed

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ensure that work of the Youth Forum be developed ➤ 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>	<p>further if needed to incorporate young peoples aspirations. The project will also ensure that young people have early input into the initial stages of reviewing the Community Strategy for which a project plan has been recently approved by the Local Strategic Partnership. Future Northampton funding is available for years 2004/5 and 2005/6 and therefore there is the possibility of carrying out both initial work and support future consultation activity.</p> <p>2. Preparations continue for the youth forum election process for 2005/06.</p>
<p>8 October 2004 – Illegal Traveller Encampments</p> <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"</p> <p>Councillor Glynane then moved and Councillor Church</p>	<p>1. An update has previously been presented by Cllr J Lill to the Full Council.</p> <p>The latest draft of Housing Act 2004, Oct 2004, Part 6 — Other provisions about housing, Chapter 5 — Miscellaneous state that:</p> <p>"Accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers"</p> <p>"Every local housing authority must, when undertaking a review of housing needs in their district under section 8 of the Housing Act 1985 (c. 68), carry out an assessment of the accommodation needs of gypsies and travellers residing in or resorting to their</p>

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 at 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 support for the early day motion.

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”

district.

Subsection (3) applies where a local housing authority are required under section 87 of the Local Government Act 2003 (c. 26) to prepare a strategy in respect of the meeting of such accommodation needs.

The local authorities that are the local housing authority must take the strategy into account in exercising their functions. Function includes functions exercisable otherwise than as a local housing authority.”

The outcome of the Early Day Motion is that it has not supported the requirement to provide sites and has resulted in the requirement to undertake an assessment of needs and prepare a strategy in respect of meeting those needs. This will be part of the Housing Act 2004.

<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>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> <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>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jacqui Cabey will be responsible for any future consultation for the Market Square. This will comply with the policy framework for consultation approved by Executive and currently being developed as a result. 2. The Client Group on met on 11th February; discussions are Continuing in relation to the options. Letts Wheeler (Architects) presentation to Market Traders at Their AGM on 30.3.05 <p>In the meantime, and in view of the continuing downturn of trade and traders on the Open Market, the stall layout is to be reduced by 60 stalls. Plans are being discussed with traders. The closure of the Market Hall discussed at the February Executive and mobile units for some traders wishing to re-locate onto the Open Market is being actioned.</p>
<p>24 April 2004 – Supporting FAIRTRADE</p>	

<p>Councillor Pritchard moved and Councillor Marriott seconded the motion</p> <p>“This Council recognises that FAIRTRADE is tackling poverty by enabling disadvantaged producers from poor countries to receive a better deal, through encouraging support for the FAIRTRADE mark.</p> <p>We therefore resolve to support FAIRTRADE by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve FAIRTRADE tea and coffee at our meetings and offices • Encouraging the use of FAIRTRADE products in our town in the local workplace and community organisations • Attracting support for FAIRTRADE in the media and in our own publications • Supporting the formation of a local steering group to ensure continued commitment to obtaining FAIRTRADE TOWN status”. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The sustainability resource within Environmental Health has been dramatically reduced within the last year. However, Environmental Health have agreed to support the subject through providing administration support. 2. In July 2004 a circular letter was sent to 418 food retail premises in the town that could sell fair trade products and encouraging them to do so. 3. FAIRTRADE tea and coffee is now used for all Council meetings
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<p>24 January 2005 – Housing Stock Options</p> <p>Councillor Mason moved and Councillor Roy seconded the motion</p>	<p>In the light of information made available the motion was withdrawn.</p>
<p>29 July 2005 – Closure of Housing Sector for 16 Weeks</p> <p>Councillor McCutcheon moved and Councillor Boss seconded: “This Council believes that operational decisions such as closure of the Housing section for 16 weeks impede the duty of elected members to ensure effective governance of Council in ensuring that high and fair standards of services are delivered to local constituents.</p> <p>The Council resolves in situations where there is this severe impact on governance on matters that affect core services of the authority that the issue should be brought to Executive for discussion</p>	<p>The Housing need Service was re-opened at the beginning of September 2004. During the period when the service was under review, there was no impact on front line service delivery because enquiries were dealt with by HAMAC who provided the same level of advice. They also ensured that emergency cases were picked up and dealt with</p>