

MINUTES

OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE GUILDHALL, NORTHAMPTON, ON Thursday, 19 May 2016 AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

PRESENT: HER WORSHIP THE MAYOR Councillor Flavell (in the Chair).

COUNCILLORS: Malpas, Ansell, Ashraf, Aziz, Beardsworth, Birch, Bottwood, Cali, Caswell, Choudary, Chunga, Culbard, Davenport, Duffy, Eales, Eales, Eldred, Golby, Gowen, Hadland, Hallam, Haque, Hibbert, Hill, Hill, Kilbride, King, Lane, Larratt, Lynch, Markham, McCutcheon, Meredith, Nunn, Oldham, Parekh, Patel, Russell, Sargeant, Shaw, Smith and Stone

1. ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

Councillor M Hill proposed and Councillor King seconded: "That Councillor Christopher John Malpas be elected Mayor of the Borough of Northampton for the ensuing year".

The motion was carried and Councillor Malpas was appointed Mayor and accepted office by making and delivering, to the Chief Executive, the Declaration of Acceptance to Office.

The Mayor then took the Chair.

2. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE OUTGOING MAYOR AND MAYOR'S CONSORT

Councillor Larratt proposed and Councillor Markham seconded "That the thanks of the Council be given to Councillor Flavell and Mr Michael Flavell for the able and courteous manner in which they have discharged their duties as Mayor and Mayor's consort".

The motion was carried.

3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor Russell proposed and Councillor Larratt seconded "That Councillor Gareth Matthew Eales be appointed to the office of Deputy Mayor".

The motion was carried and Councillor G Eales was appointed Deputy Mayor and accepted office by making and delivering, to the Chief Executive, the Declaration of Acceptance to Office.

4. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Marriott and Councillor Walker

5. LONG SERVICE

The long service of the employees shown in paragraph 5 of the agenda was noted with appreciation.

6. LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE CONSERVATIVE GROUP

Councillor Lane announced that Councillor Markham had been appointed Leader of the Conservative Group and Councillor Nunn had been appointed Deputy Leader of the Conservative Group.

7. LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION GROUP

Councillor Russell announced that Councillor Stone had been appointed Leader of the Opposition and that Councillor Birch had been appointed Deputy Leader of the Opposition.

8. LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP

Councillor Meredith announced that Councillor Beardsworth had been appointed Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group and that he would be the Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group

9. DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND CABINET

The Leader of the Council announced the following appointments:

Councillor Nunn	Deputy Leader of the Council
Councillor Bottwood	Cabinet Member for Environment
Councillor Hibbert	Cabinet Member for Housing
Councillor King	Cabinet Member for Community Engagement
Councillor Hadland	Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning
Councillor Hallam	Cabinet Member for Community Safety
Councillor Eldred	Cabinet Member for Finance

10. COMMITTEE PROPORTIONALITY

Councillor Patel submitted a report that sought Council's approval of the group proportionality of seats of each Committee.

Councillor Oldham seconded adoption of the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the number of seats on each Committee as set out in the report be approved.

2. That the representation of the political groups be as set out in this report be agreed.

11. COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Mayor announced that the next Annual Meeting of the Council to take place on 18th May 2017 and that other meetings of the Council takes place on 6th June, 18th July, 19th September, 7th November, 12th December 2016, 23rd January, 27th February, 13th March, 24th April, 5th June and 10th July 2017.

12. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

Councillor Markham submitted a report that set out the detailed appointments to Committees for 2016/17.

Councillor Nunn seconded the report.

RESOLVED:

That the appointments to Committees for 2016/17, as set out in the report, be confirmed.

13. APPOINTMENTS TO CHARITIES AND OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Markham submitted a report that sought the confirmation of Council to the appointments to Charities and Outside Bodies for 2016/17.

Councillor Nunn seconded adoption of the report with the above amendment.

RESOLVED:

That the appointment to Charities and Outside Bodies, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, was confirmed.

14. CONSULTATION APPOINTMENTS

Councillor Markham proposed the Consultation Appointments as set out at Item 14 of the agenda.

Councillor Patel seconded the adoption of the Consultation Appointments.

RESOLVED:

That the following appointments be made:

Civic Matters (Chief Executive)

The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, The Immediate Past Mayor, the Leader, Councillors M Hill and McCutcheon.

Community Enabling Fund Advisory Panel (Chief Executive):

Councillors Flavell (Chair) and Councillors Walker, Sargeant, Birch and Cali

Constitution Review Working Party (Borough Solicitor)

Councillors Oldham, Larratt, Culbard, Russell and Beardsworth

Markets Advisory Panel

Councillor Nunn, Hadland and G Eales

Northamptonshire Police and Crime Panel

Councillor Hallam (Cllr King – Substitute)

Councillor Stone (Cllr Birch - Substitute)

Discretionary Housing Payments Review Panel (Chief Executive)

Councillor Eldred and Hibbert

Councillor Ashraf and Davenport

Councillor Beardsworth

The meeting concluded at 11:47