

MINUTES

OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE GUILDHALL, NORTHAMPTON, ON Thursday, 18 May 2017 AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

PRESENT: HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR Councillor G Eales (in the Chair).

COUNCILLORS: Malpas, Ansell, Ashraf, Aziz, Beardsworth, Birch, Bottwood, Caswell, Culbard, Davenport, Duffy, G Eales, T Eales, Eldred, Flavell, Golby, Gowen, Hadland, Hallam, Haque, Hibbert, J Hill, M Hill, Kilbride, King, Lane, Larratt, B Markham, M Markham, Marriott, McCutcheon, Meredith, Nunn, Patel, Russell, Sargeant, Kilby-Shaw, Smith, Stone and Walker

1. ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

Councillor Russell proposed and Councillor M Markham seconded "That Councillor Gareth Matthew Eales be elected Mayor of the Borough of Northampton for the ensuing year".

The motion was carried and Councillor G Eales 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 MAYORESS

Councillor M Hill proposed and Councillor Stone seconded; "That the thanks of the Council be given to Councillor Malpas and Mrs Lynne Malpas for the able and courteous manner in which they have discharged their duties as Mayor and Mayoress".

The motion was carried.

3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor Lane proposed and Councillor Meredith seconded "That Councillor Anthony John Gerald Patrick Ansell be appointed to the office of Deputy Mayor".

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

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

5. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Choudary, Chunga, Oldham, Parekh and Walker.

An apology for absence was also received from Councillor Cali; Council congratulated Councillor Cali on the arrival her baby boy.

6. LONG SERVICE

The long service of the employee Angela Lawrence was noted with appreciation.

7. LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE CONSERVATIVE GROUP

Councillor Lane announced that Councillor Nunn had been appointed Leader of the Conservative Group and that Councillor Larratt had been appointed deputy Leader of the Conservative Group.

8. LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION GROUP

Councillor Russell announced that Councillor Stone had been appointed Leader of the Labour Group and that Councillor Birch had been appointed deputy Leader of the Labour Group.

9. LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP

Councillor B Markham announced that Councillor Beardsworth had been appointed Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group and that Councillor Meredith had been appointed deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group.

10. COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Mayor announced that the Annual Meeting of the Council would take place on 17th May 2018 and that other meetings of the Council would take place 19th June, 10th July, 18th September, 6th November, 11th December 2017, 22nd January, 26th February, 12th March, 23rd April, 4th June and 9th July 2018.

11. COMMITTEE PROPORTIONALITY

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

Councillor Larratt 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

12. CABINET

Councillor Nunn announced the appointments made to Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet for 2017/18 as set out in the report.

13. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

Councillor Nunn proposed a report which sought approval for the appointment to Committees for the ensuing year. An amendment had been included that Councillor T Eales be replaced by Councillor Russell on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Larratt seconded the report and the amendment.

RESOLVED:

That the appointments to Committees for 2017/18 set out in the report with the above amendment, was confirmed.

14. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Nunn proposed a report which sought approval for the appointment to Charities and Outside Bodies for 2017/18. An amendment had been included that Councillor Lane be appointed to the Sir Thomas Whites Charity.

Councillor Larratt seconded the report and the amendment.

RESOLVED:

That the appointments to Charities and Outside Bodies, including the amendment, was approved.

15. CONSULTATION APPOINTMENTS

Councillor Nunn proposed the Consultation Appointments as set out at Item 15 of the agenda

Councillor Larratt seconded the adoption of the Consultation Appointments.

RESOLVED:

That the Consultation Appointments, as set out in the report, was agreed.

The meeting concluded at 12.16pm