

MINUTES

OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE GUILDHALL, NORTHAMPTON, ON Thursday, 17 May 2018 AT SIX THIRTY O’CLOCK IN THE EVENING

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

COUNCILLORS: Malpas, Ansell, Ashraf, Aziz, Beardsworth, Birch, Cali, Choudary, Chunga, Culbard, Davenport, T Eales, Eldred, Flavell, Graystone, Hadland, Hallam, Haque, Hibbert, J Hill, Joyce, Kilbride, King, Lane, Larratt, B Markham, Marriott, McCutcheon, Nunn, Oldham, Parekh, Patel, Russell, Sargeant, Smith and Stone

1. ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

Councillor Larratt proposed and Councillor Beardsworth seconded “That Councillor Anthony John Gerald Patrick Ansell be elected Mayor of the Borough of Northampton for the ensuing year”.

The motion was carried and Councillor Ansell 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

Councillor Oldham proposed and Councillor Smith seconded; “That the thanks of the Council be given to Councillor Gareth Matthew Eales and Councillor Terrie Eales 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 Stone proposed and Councillor Birch seconded “That Councillor Nazim Choudary be appointed to the office of Deputy Mayor”.

The motion was carried and Councillor Choudary 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 Bottwood, Meredith, Kilby-Shaw, M Markham, Golby, Walker and Duffy.

6. LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE CONSERVATIVE GROUP

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

7. LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE LABOUR GROUP

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

8. LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP

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

9. COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Mayor announced that the Annual Meeting of the Council would take place on 16th May 2019 and that other meetings of the Council would take place on 4th June, 9th July, 10th September, 5th November, 10th December 2018, 14th January, 25th February, 11th March, 17th July and the 22nd July 2019.

10. COMMITTEE PROPORTIONALITY

Councillor Patel submitted a report which 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.

11. CABINET & CABINET MEMBER SPLIT

Councillor Nunn announced the appointments made to Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet for 2018/19 and proposed split of Cabinet Member responsibility for Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning as set out in the report.

12. APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES

Councillor Patel proposed a report which sought approval for the appointment to Committees for the ensuing year.

Councillor Oldham seconded the report.

RESOLVED:

That the appointments to Committees for 2018/19 as set out in the report be confirmed.

13. APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Patel proposed a report which sought approval for the appointment to Charities and Outside Bodies for 2018/19. An amendment had been included that Councillor Lane be appointed to the Sir Thomas Whites Charity.

Councillor Oldham seconded the report.

RESOLVED:

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

14. CONSULTATION APPOINTMENTS

Councillor Nunn proposed the Consultation Appointments as set out at item 14 of the agenda.

Councillor Larratt seconded the adoption of the Consultation Appointments.

RESOLVED:

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

The meeting concluded at 12.11pm