

**Appendix – Progress on Previous Council Motions**

<b>Text of Council Resolution</b>	<b>Progress Reported</b>	<b>Latest Position</b>
<p><b>7 June 2004 – Market Square Enhancement</b>                      “That this council reaffirms the following from the motion passed by the Council on 23 June 2003:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To consider the alternative options that retain the square as open space</li>   <li>2. To ensure that the brief for the architectural competition is as wide as possible.</li>   <li>3. To ensure a comprehensive level of public consultation is carried out culminating in a public vote on the final options</li> </ol> <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 on 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>	<p>Reported to June Council that Letts Wheeler prepared costings. Costings have been received and the public consultation material has been prepared.</p>	<p>Public consultation will start in the near future.</p>

**7 March 2005 - Post Office**

Councillor Barron moved and Councillor Marriott seconded the following motion:-

“This Council deplores the proposal to convert the Northampton Crown Post Office in St Giles Street to a franchise operation from August 2005. This franchise could see the loss of a Crown Post Office in Northampton if in the future the private operator decides to cease trading.

This Council believes that the recent Post Office Urban Network Reinvention Programme has already had a detrimental effect on local communities and is alarmed to hear that independent research published recently acknowledges that privatised offices offer worse customer services.

Furthermore this Council recognises the excellent services offered to the whole community by Northampton Post Office and the value it adds to the commercial success of the Town. The Town area, its citizens and businesses should continue to be served by a directly managed Post Office and therefore the Council resolves to call upon Post Office Ltd to withdraw their plans to convert St Giles Street Post Office to a private operator.

Following some debate the motion was voted upon and carried.

NB Councillor Barron declared an interest in respect of the above and did not vote upon the motion.

Reported to June Council that Executive were asking a number of questions of the Post Office and the possibility of seeking the listing of the building as a Building of Special Architectural or Historical Interest.

Letter received from Post Office (attached) by way of response.

<p><b>7 March 2005 – Skateboard Facility</b></p> <p>Councillor Mason moved and Councillor Patterson seconded the motion.</p> <p>“This Council appreciates the need for a skateboard park in Northampton East and following extensive consultation and scrutiny of the proposal will ensure that the building of a Skateboard Park is completed by the end of June in time for the summer holidays.”</p>	<p>Reported to June Council that the supplier had advised that they intended to commence installation on 11 July with an anticipated completion for 29 July. It was anticipated that an official opening date could therefore be arranged for early August.</p>	<p>Now open. Work was completed on schedule. Official opening was Sat 13 Aug.</p>
<p><b>27 June 2005 – Housing Options Appraisal</b></p> <p>Northampton Borough Council re-affirms its commitment to the democratic process and a policy in which the final decision on the future of the landlord service of the Council’s Housing Stock will reside with the council tenants and that the Council will continue to develop a housing asset management structure to deliver high quality improvements to the current council housing stock.</p> <p>In pursuing the policy of seeking to meet the future needs of the people of Northampton and in reaching a decision on the future of the Housing Landlord service, Northampton Borough Council has taken the following into account.</p> <p>(i) All aspects of the Northampton Borough Council Housing Options Appraisal as required by Government policy</p>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) Northampton Borough Council Stock Condition Survey 2003</li> <li>(iii) Northampton Borough Council's current position as a "recovering council"</li> <li>(iv) Northampton Borough Council's projected financial position 2006-2010</li> <li>(v) ODPM determination that there is no "fourth option" for Council Housing</li> <li>(vi) A meeting with the Town's MP's and Minister on 9 June 2005</li> </ul> <p>That the Chief Executive inform the Government Office of the East Midlands (GOEM) that having taken all of the factors into consideration the decision of the Council is for Stock Retention whilst further work is conducted, with full involvement of tenant representatives, into how improvements above that of the basic Decent Homes Standard can be achieved in future and into options that encourage and provide greater tenant involvement in the management of the Council's housing stock.</p> <p>The amendment was then voted upon and carried to be become the substantive motion.</p> <p>The substantive motion was then voted upon and carried.</p>		<p>Following the motion and meeting with the appropriate Minister Yvette Cooper, Officer meetings have been held with the Chief Exec of Wakefield District Housing. Cross party meetings will be arranged in the near future to discuss delivery of Decent Homes in Northampton.</p>
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**27 June 2005 – Firework Display**

Councillor Barron moved and Councillor Wire seconded “This Council recognises the statement from the Round Table in that they no longer feel able to organise the annual Firework Display in Becketts Park. This Council places on record its appreciation for all that has been done by the Round Table in raising funds for charity.

In addition this Council also recognises the thousands of families who enjoy the annual event and regret that no organisation is committed to continuing with the firework display. Of particular concern is the prospect of unofficial firework displays taking place across the town which are not stewarded or controlled by the correct authorities.

Taking this into account this Council agrees to approach other agencies and authorities with a view to managing the firework display in Becketts Park to ensure a large family event continues. In addition the Roundtable will be able to continue with bucket collections for raising money for worthy causes.

The motion was carried.

This years firework display in Becketts Park will be organised by Explore Northamptonshire on Sunday 6 November.

**27 June 2005 – Community Wardens**

Councillor Patterson moved Councillor Boss seconded “The Labour Group are dismayed and disappointed that extra Community Wardens have failed to materialise so far this year. The Labour Group calls on the new cabinet member responsible for Community Safety to deliver more swiftly than his predecessor”.

On the 23 May 2005 the Executive agreed the roll out of new Neighbourhood Wardens across the Borough over the next three years. The roll out was agreed with and compliments the expansion of the Community Policing Services of the Northamptonshire Police.

Due to the restructuring and root and branch review of the Council it was evident there may be some existing posts within the Authority which would be at risk. In order to comply with legal restrictions and ensure that “at risk” people could be given maximum opportunity to retrain it was decided that recruitment of this year’s ten new wardens would be restricted to internal applicants only. An initial recruitment drive commenced in June, at first this did not generate a high level of interest. Additional effort has subsequently been put into promoting an interest in these posts and has now resulted in a reasonable number of internal applicants. These will be interviewed during October and training/placement on wards will begin as soon as possible after this but will be dependent on the individual circumstances of each applicant.