

**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>	<p>Public consultation has been delayed due to root and branch.</p>

## **27 June 2005 – Housing Options Appraisal**

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.

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.

- (i) All aspects of the Northampton Borough Council Housing Options Appraisal as required by Government policy
- (ii) Northampton Borough Council Stock Condition Survey 2003
- (iii) Northampton Borough Council's current position as a "recovering council"
- (iv) Northampton Borough Council's projected financial position 2006-2010
- (v) ODPM determination that there is no "fourth option" for Council Housing

<p>(vi) A meeting with the Town's MP's and Minister on 9 June 2005</p> <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 Executive of Wakefield District Housing. Cross Party Meetings will be arranged in the near future to discuss delivery of Decent Homes in Northampton.</p>	<p>Following the meetings with Wakefield as reported previously we have had a series of meetings regarding Asset Management and the implications for delivering decent homes by 2010. These meetings are being followed up with the production of an agreed strategy which is estimated for completion by April 2006.</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.

Bonfire held successfully  
cooperation of NCC and NBC  
through delivery vehicle of Explore  
Northamptonshire.

**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”.

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.

The interviews were held and 5 jobs offers have now been made to internal candidates but still leaves 6 vacant posts and continue to advertise internally on weekly basis. Permission to advertise externally not given.