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FORWARD PLAN

FOR THE PERIOD 1 FEBRUARY 2006 TO 31 MAY 2006



NORTHAMPTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Forward Plan sets out the Key Decisions which are to be taken by the Cabinet, Individual Portfolio Holders, Improvement Board * or officers during the period covered by the Plan. The Plan is updated each month and is available from The Guildhall and on www.northampton.gov.uk. A Key Decision is one which is likely to result in significant expenditure or savings for the service concerned, or to have significant effects on those living or working in an area comprising two or more wards of the Borough. Consideration of issues may be deferred and ongoing and consequential matters may arise within the period of the Plan to which this notice also extends, details in respect of which will repeat those set out in the original listing.

Members of the public are welcome to comment on any item on the Forward Plan and to attend meetings of the Cabinet, Individual Portfolio Holders or Improvement Board. Cabinet meetings are held at the Guildhall on Mondays and start at 6 pm. During the period of this Plan meetings will be held on: 6 March, and 8 May 2006

Improvement Board Meetings are held on Thursdays at 4.00pm and will during the period of this plan be held on:
2 & 16 February, 2, 16 & 30 March, 3 & 27 April, 11 & 24 May 2006

Meetings of Individual Portfolio Holders will be advertised seven days before the meeting is due to take place.

The Members of the Executive and their areas of responsibility are:

Councillor Philip Larratt – Leader of the Council
Councillor Tim Hadland – Financial Strategy and Performance
Councillor David Palethorpe – Business Intelligence People Support and e Govt
Councillor Yousuf Miah – Residential Operations
Councillor Penny Flavell and J Lill (joint) – Local Environment

Councillor John Caswell –Economy and Infrastructure

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The Council has one Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Committee's role is to contribute to the development of Council policies, to scrutinise decisions of the Cabinet, Individual Portfolio Holders or Improvement Board and to consider any matter affecting the area of Northampton or its citizens. The scheduled meetings during the period of this Plan are at 7.00 p.m. on 22 February and at 6.00pm on 6 April 2006:

For more details, please contact Frazer McGown, Meetings Services at The Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton NN1 1DA, 01604 837101; E-mail: fmcgown@northampton.gov.uk. Alternatively, you can register your interest in receiving a copy of a report, once available, by e-mailing meetingsservices@northampton.gov.uk

* By Cabinet members or the Chief Executive (delegated powers) sitting on the Improvement Board.

Councillor P Larratt, Leader of Northampton Borough Council

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Subject	Decision to be Made	Expected Date of Decision	Who Will be consulted	How will they be consulted	Report expected to be available/Portfolio holder/Contact Officer
General Fund Revenue Budget 2006/07 - 2008/09 Cabinet	To make a recommendation to Council upon a budget for 2006/07- 2008/09.	16 Feb 2006	Businesses, external partners, general public	Meetings, questionnaires	08.02.05 Cllr Hadland Bill Lewis, Finance Manager blewis@northampton.gov.uk
Housing Revenue Account 2006/07 - 2008/09 Cabinet	To agree a Housing Revenue Account Budget for 2006/07- 2008/09.	16 Feb 2006	Tenants	Meetings, questionnaires	08.02.06 Cllrs Hadland & Miah Alison Betts, Technical Finance Manager abetts@northampton.gov.uk
Future Events Management (including Balloon Festival) Cabinet	To consider future options for future management and delivery of community events and to make any necessary decisions	6 Mar 2006	Trades Unions, Explore Northamptonshire	Meetings, negotiations	24.02.06 Cllr Larratt Peter Field pfield@northampton.gov.uk
Local Development Scheme Cabinet	To adopt a revised draft local development scheme.	6 Mar 2006	Authorities, bodies and stakeholders	Invitation to comment	24.02.06 Cllr Caswell Steve Pointer, Team Leader (Policy) spointer@northampton.gov.uk
Joint Core Strategy Document Cabinet	To consider a draft joint Core Strategy Document and make any necessary decisions.	6 Mar 2006	Other authorities, bodies and stakeholders	Invitation to comment, discussions	24.02.06 Cllr Caswell Steve Pointer, Team Leader (Policy) spointer@northampton.gov.uk

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Race Equality Scheme and Equality Standard Cabinet	To review the Council's scheme and procedures in relation to Race Equality and to make any necessary decisions.	6 Mar 2006	Council for Racial Equality, Race Equality Forum	Meetings, discussions	24.02.06 Cllr Larratt Lindsey Cameron, Equalities Officer lcameron@northampton.gov.uk
Growth Area Funding Cabinet	To consider Growth Area Funding approved by West Northamptonshire Development Corpn., and to make any necessary decisions.	6 Mar 2006	None	None	24.02.06 Cllr Caswell Chris Garden, Assistant Head of Planning cgarden@northampton.gov.uk
Enforcement Policy Cabinet	To approve the revision of current Council enforcement policy in light of recent planned changes in enforcement mechanisms, Hampton Report and the Better Regulation Executive.	6 Mar 2006	Legal, Street Care, Development Control, Community Safety	Negotiations, meetings	24.02.06 Cllr J Lill Steve Elsey, Environmental Health Manager sdelsey@northampton.gov.uk

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<p>Statute Authorisations - Environmental Health/Accredited Council Officers</p> <p>Cabinet</p>	<p>The revision of the procedural mechanism for the authorisation of employees and extension of authority to accredited personnel external to the Council.</p> <p>The delegation of powers to authorised employees under;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. for the purposes of Section 40, Anti Social Behaviour Act 2003; and 2. the Proper Officer arrangements, Public Health (Control of Diseases) Act 1984; Public Health (Control of Diseases) Regulations 1988 and National Assistance Act 1948 	6 Mar 2006	Legal, Licensing, Community Safety	Negotiations, meetings	24.02.06 Cllr J Lill Steve Elsey, Environmental Health Manager sdelsey@northampton.gov.uk
<p>Area Partnership and Forums - Review</p> <p>Imp Board</p>	To review the operation of the Area Partnerships and the consultative forums and to make any necessary recommendations to Council.	2 Mar 2006	Members of the partnerships and forums and the wider community	Meetings, discussions	21.02.06 Cllr Larratt Sean Silver, Community Leadership Manager ssilver@northampton.gov.uk
<p>Local Area Agreement</p> <p>Imp Board</p>	To endorse the Local Area Agreement	2 Mar 2006	Community groups, stakeholders	Discussions	21.02.06 Cllr Larratt Thomas Hall, Corporate Manager, Citizen Engagement

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Security Monitoring Service (CCTV) Cabinet	To review the security monitoring position and make any necessary decisions.	6 Mar 2006	Police, stakeholders	Discussions	24.02.06 Cllr Palethorpe Debbie Ferguson, Community Safety Manager communitysafety@northampton.gov.uk
Sheltered Housing Review Cabinet	To review the Council's sheltered housing provision and to make any necessary decisions.	6 Mar 2006	Key stakeholders, partners	Discussions	24.02.04 Cllr Miah Madeline Spencer, Housing Services Manager mspencer@northampton.gov.uk
Homeless Prevention/Spend to Save Strategy Cabinet	To consider a homelessness prevention spend to save strategy	6 Mar 2006	Key stakeholders, partners	Discussions	24.02.06 Cllr Miah Madeline Spencer, Housing Services Manager mspencer@northampton.gov.uk
Property Maintenance Review of Staff Structure Imp Board	To make any necessary decisions as part of the root and branch review with regard to the Property Maintenance Section.	2 Mar 2006	Employees, Trades Unions	Negotiations	21.02.06 Cllr Flavell Carl Grimmer, Corporate Manager, Streetscene cgrimmer@northampton.gov.uk

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Local Development Framework- Adoption of Statement of Community Involvement (EI) Cabinet	To adopt a Statement of Community Involvement	6 Mar 2006			24.02.06 Cllr Caswell Steve Pointer, Team Leader (Policy) spointer@northampton.gov.uk
Implementation of the Housing Act 2004 Cabinet	To agree a policy, licence fees for HMOs and an approach towards the Student Accommodation Accreditation Scheme.	6 Mar 2006	Landlords Association	Discussions	24.02.06 Cllr Miah Steve Elsey, Environmental Health Manager sdelsey@northampton.gov.uk