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FORWARD PLAN

FOR THE PERIOD 1 DECEMBER 2006 TO 31 MARCH 2007



The Forward Plan sets out the Key Decisions which are to be taken by the Cabinet 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. 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: 4 December & 19 December 2006, 29 January and 5 March 2007

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

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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 and to consider any matter affecting the area of Northampton or its citizens. The scheduled meetings during the period of this Plan are at 6.00 p.m. on 12 December 2006, 31 January and 27 March 2007.

For more details, please contact Frazer McGown, Meetings Services Manager 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 mtgsservices@northampton.gov.uk

Councillor T Hadland, Leader of Northampton Borough Council

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Local Development Scheme	To approve a revised Local Development Scheme for submission to the Government Office.	Cabinet	4 Dec 2006	WNDC; adjoining councils	Meeting	22.11.06 Cllr Caswell Chris Cavanagh, Corporate Manager, Regeneration and Growth ccavanagh@northampton.gov.uk
Local Government White Paper "Strong and Prosperous Communities"	To consider a mechanism to respond to the Government White Paper on governance arrangements and other matters in local government.	Cabinet	4 Dec 2006	None	None	22.11.06 Cllr Hadland Nicci Marzec nmarzec@northampton.gov.uk
West Northamptonshire Development Corporation: Service Level Agreement	To consider future partnership arrangements with WNDC.	Cabinet	4 Dec 2006	None.	None.	22.11.06 Cllr Flavell Christine Stevenson, Corporate Manager, Planning, Leisure and Building Control cstevenson@northampton.gov.uk
Royal and Derngate Theatre Lease-Proposals	To agree, in private, a way forward in respect of a new lease for the redeveloped theatre complex.	Cabinet	4 Dec 2006	Northampton Theatres Trust Limited	Discussions	22.11.06 Cllr Hadland Ian Thompson, Interim Director for Finance IThompson@northampton.gov.uk
Regeneration Strategy	To consider a Regeneration Strategy including the use of the Council's landholdings and identification of priorities. (Some aspects may be considered in private)	Cabinet	4 Dec 2006	West Northamptonshire Development Corporation; East Midlands Development Agency.	Discussions.	22.11.06 Cllr Caswell Chris Cavanagh, Corporate Manager, Regeneration and Growth ccavanagh@northampton.gov.uk

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Progress of Grosvenor/ Greyfriars Project	To make decisions, in private, for negotiations of development agreement, programme, resources and project approvals.	Cabinet	4 Dec 2006	Legal and General; Stagecoach; West Northamptonshire Development Corporation; East Midlands Development Agency.	Discussions and negotiations.	22.11.06 Cllr Caswell Chris Cavanagh, Corporate Manager, Regeneration and Growth ccavanagh@northampton.gov.uk
Disposal of Land at Charter Gate to Redmonds of Northampton	To agree (in private) in principle to the disposal of public open space subject to the statutory advertising of the proposal.	Cabinet	4 Dec 2006	Redmonds; Northamptonshire County Council; English Partnerships	Discussions	22.11.06 Cllr Hadland Sue McFadyen SMcFadyen@northampton.gov.uk
Budgets and Forecasts	To consider Council budgets, including the Capital Programme and financial position 2006/07 onwards.	Cabinet	4 & 19 Dec 2006	None	None	22.11.06 Cllr Hadland Ian Thompson, Interim Director for Finance IThompson@northampton.gov.uk
Council Tax Base	To recommend to Council the Council Tax Base for the purposes of calculating the Council Tax for 2007/08.	Cabinet	4 Dec 2006	None	None	22.11.06 Cllr Hadland Ian Tyrer, Council Tax Manager ityrer@northampton.gov.uk
Appointment of Internal Auditors	To appoint the provision of an internal audit service.	Cabinet	19 Dec 2006	None	None	08.12.06 Cllr Hadland Ian Thompson, Interim Director for Finance IThompson@northampton.gov.uk

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Delapre Park Bund	To review actions and agree next steps in relation to Delapre Park Bund, following Council resolution in June 2006.	Cabinet	19 Dec 2006	Community representatives	Meetings	08.12.06 Cllr Hadland Ian Thompson, Interim Director for Finance lthompson@northampton.gov.uk
Tenant Involvement Strategy	To approve a new strategy and it's implementation.	Cabinet	19 Dec 2006	None	None	08.12.06 Cllr Miah Chris Cavanagh, Corporate Manager, Regeneration and Growth ccavanagh@northampton.gov.uk
Future Direction of Building Control	To consider options for the delivery of the Building Control Service.	Cabinet	19 Dec 2006	None.	None.	08.12.06 Cllr Flavell Christine Stevenson, Corporate Manager, Planning, Leisure and Building Control cstevenson@northampton.gov.uk
Property Asset Disposal Programme	To agree, in private, a programme of surplus property disposal in order to help fund major works to retain properties, as set out in principle in the Capital Programme.	Cabinet	19 Dec 2006	None	None	08.12.06 Cllr Hadland Ian Thompson, Interim Director for Finance lthompson@northampton.gov.uk
Procurement of a Performance Management System	To consider, in private, the choice of a preferred supplier to continue negotiations with.	Cabinet	29 Jan 2007	None	None	19.01.07 Cllr Palethorpe Dale Phillipson, Corporate Manager, Performance and Improvement dphillipson@northampton.gov.uk

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Approval of Pay and Grading Structure - Outcome of the Pay and Grading Review	To approve the pay structure and associated financial implications.	Cabinet	29 Jan 2007	Trade Unions / Staff	Joint Project Team (TUs); Ballot (staff)	19.01.07 Cllr Palethorpe Howard Crabtree, Corporate Manager, Human Resources hcrabtree@northampton.gov.uk
Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005	To agree the implementation of fixed penalty notices for situations allowed for by the Act.	Cabinet	29 Jan 2007	None	None	19.01.07 Cllr Flavell Christine Stevenson, Corporate Manager, Planning, Leisure and Building Control cstevenson@northampton.gov.uk
Sheltered Housing Review	To review the Council's sheltered housing provision and to make any necessary decisions.	Cabinet	29 Jan 2007	Key stakeholders, partners	Discussions	19.01.07 Cllr Miah Fran Rodgers, Corporate Manager, Housing and Residential Operations frodgers@northampton.gov.uk
Proposed Policy for the Occasional Disposal of Land at a Discount to Market Value	To agree a new policy and criteria for a discounted disposal of land to be considered by Cabinet.	Cabinet	29 Jan 2007	None.	None	19.01.07 Cllr Hadland Ian Thompson, Interim Director for Finance IThompson@northampton.gov.uk
Disposal of Recyclable Waste	To make a decision on a new contract for the disposal of recyclable waste.	Cabinet	29 Jan 2007	None	None	19.01.07 Cllr Flavell Carl Grimmer, Corporate Manager, Streetscene cgrimmer@northampton.gov.uk

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Asset Management Plan 2007	To adopt a new Asset Management Plan (to replace the 2003 version) that will link asset use to corporate priorities and set out actions to improve asset management.	Cabinet	29 Jan 2007	None	None	19.01.07 Cllr Hadland Sue McFadyen SMcFadyen@northampton.gov.uk
Budgets and Forecasts and Council Tax	To consider Council Budgets and financial position for 2006/07 onwards and to make recommendations to Council.	Cabinet	29 Jan 2007	Partners; Stakeholders; General Public	Meetings.	19.01.07 Cllr Hadland Ian Thompson, Interim Director for Finance IThompson@northampton.gov.uk
Capital Strategy	To make recommendations to Council on the Capital Programme and Strategy for 2007 onwards.	Cabinet	29 Jan 2007	None	None	19.01.07 Cllr Hadland Ian Thompson, Interim Director for Finance IThompson@northampton.gov.uk
Housing Revenue Account Rent Setting 2007/08	To set HRA rents in line with rent restructuring guidelines for 2007/08.	Cabinet	29 Jan 2007	None	None	19.01.07 Cllr Miah Ian Thompson, Interim Director for Finance IThompson@northampton.gov.uk
Introductory Tenancies	Following the conclusion of the trial period to approve the permanent use of Introductory Tenancies.	Cabinet	29 Jan 2007	None	None	19.01.07 Cllr Miah Fran Rodgers, Corporate Manager, Housing and Residential Operations frodgers@northampton.gov.uk
Housing Strategy	To adopt a Housing Strategy following review by Corporate Managers, consideration of draft strategy by the Government Office and further public consultation.	Cabinet	5 Mar 2007	External partners, Government Office	Letter, website, on going dialogue	23.02.07 Cllr Caswell Chris Cavanagh, Corporate Manager, Regeneration and Growth ccavanagh@northampton.gov.uk

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Allocations Policy Review	To review the Allocations Policy and to make any necessary decisions.	Cabinet	5 Mar 2007	None	None	23.02.07 Cllr Miah Fran Rodgers, Corporate Manager, Housing and Residential Operations frodgers@northampton.gov.uk