

**NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

Your attendance is requested at a meeting to be held at

on Tuesday, 7 June 2011

at 6:00 pm.

**D Kennedy  
Chief Executive**

**AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Minutes**
- 3. Declarations of Interest**
- 4. Deputations / Public Addresses**
- 5. General Purposes Committee Terms of Reference**
- 6. Matters of Urgency which by reason of special circumstances the chair is of the opinion should be considered**
- 7. Exclusion of Public and Press**

THE CHAIR TO MOVE:

“THAT THE PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FROM THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING ON THE GROUNDS THAT THERE IS LIKELY TO BE DISCLOSURE TO THEM OF SUCH CATEGORIES OF EXEMPT INFORMATION AS DEFINED BY SECTION 100(1) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS LISTED AGAINST SUCH ITEMS OF BUSINESS BY REFERENCE TO THE APPROPRIATE PARAGRAPH OF SCHEDULE 12A TO SUCH ACT.”

**Public Participation**

Members of the public may address the Committee on any non-procedural matter listed on this agenda. Addresses shall not last longer than three minutes. Committee members may then ask questions of the speaker. No prior notice is required prior to the commencement of the meeting of a request to address the Committee.

## Article 11 - The General Purposes Committee

- 11.1 General Purposes Committee:** The Council will establish a General Purposes Committee.
- 11.2 Membership:** The General Purposes Committee will be composed of nine Councillors.
- 11.3 Role and Terms of Reference:**
- 11.3.1 To consider proposals, to make, amend, revoke or re-enact byelaws, to promote or oppose hybrid or personal legislation and to make recommendations to Council and to advise the Council in relation to the making of byelaws in so far as these are not appropriate for consideration by another Committee or body.
- 11.3.2 To approve personnel, employment and training policies and strategies.
- 11.3.3 To monitor Health and Safety matters in the context of the Council as an employer.
- 11.3.4 To consider electoral matters not including those subject to Boundary Commission review.
- 11.3.5 To consider any matter referred to the Committee by Council or by the Cabinet.
- 11.3.6 To make recommendations to the Council for the adoption or revision of a scheme of allowances for Members.
- 11.3.7 To exercise the powers relating to the protection of important hedgerows and the preservation of trees set out in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and associated regulations and any relevant legislation and to exercise the function of considering objections to tree preservation orders and deciding whether or not to confirm such orders (with or without modification) where any such objections have been made and not withdrawn.
- 11.3.8 To exercise those functions which under the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 (the "Functions Regulations") or other relevant legislative provision, are not to be the responsibility of a local authority's executive; and which have not been made the responsibility of any other Committee of the Council and are not functions that only the full Council can exercise (whether by law or under any provision of the Constitution or because of a specific direction or election by Council to that effect).
- 11.3.9 To exercise all other functions referred to in Schedule 2 of the Functions Regulations (ie. "local choice" functions) not specifically allocated.