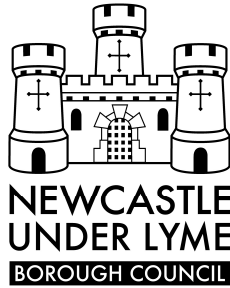


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Yours faithfully

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Chief Executive

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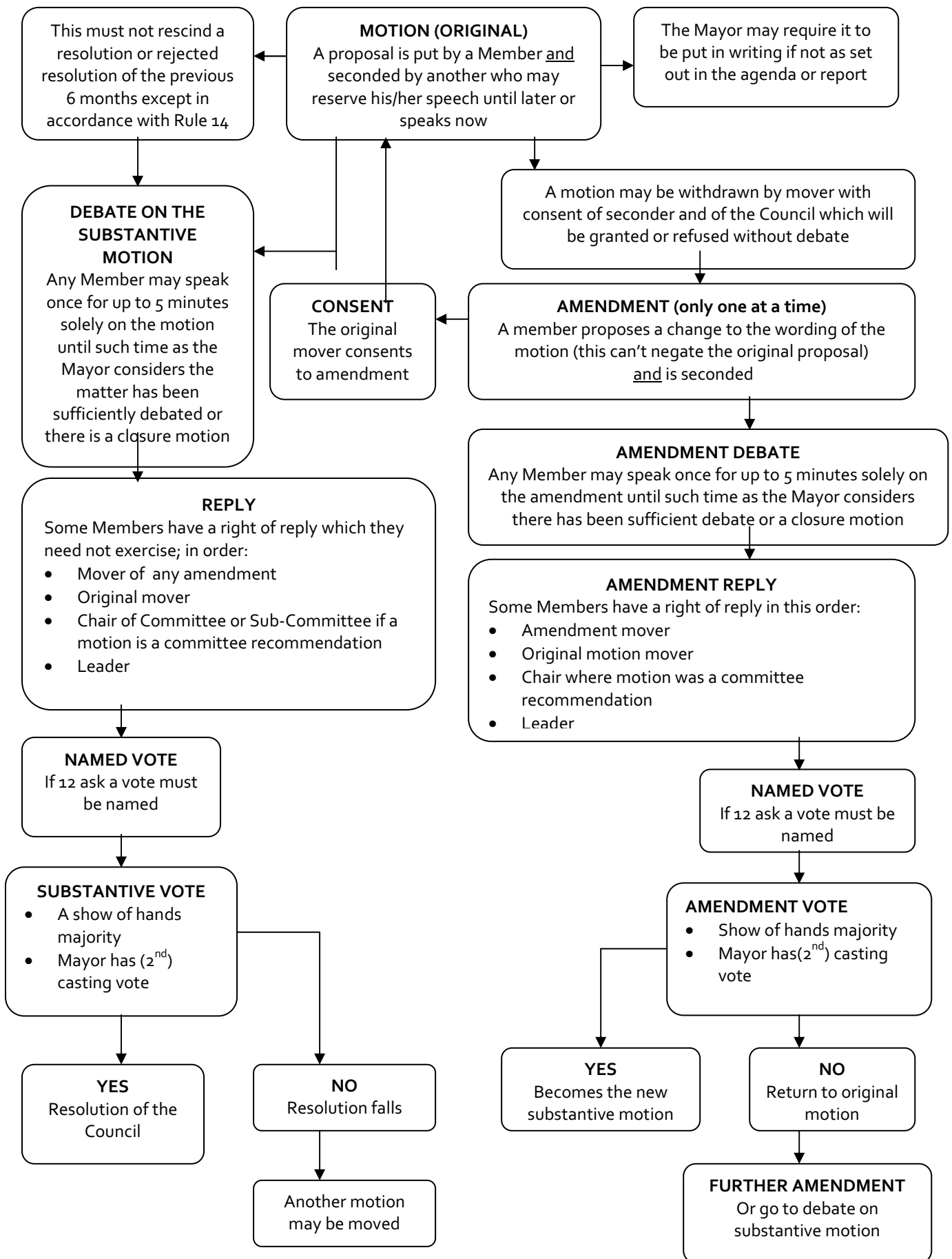
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### **4. Tea/Coffee**

Refreshments will be available at the conclusion of the meeting, or in the event of a break occurring, during that break.

### **5. Notice of Motion**

A Notice of Motion other than those listed in Standing Order 19 must reach the Chief Executive ten clear days before the relevant Meeting of the Council. Further information on Notices of Motion can be found in Section 5, Standing Order 20 of the Constitution of the Council.



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## **Cleaner Greener and Safer Communities Overview Scrutiny Committee.**

4/4/2015

Report from Elaine Moulton Development Management Team Leader.

Committee members had asked for a report on who is responsible for the siting of A Frames in the Town Centre.

Elaine explained it is the responsibility of Staffs Highways department who will only take enforcement action if it is a serious obstruction on the Highway. As Newcastle Borough has no powers to take action we agreed if it is a public safety issue all information should be passed on to Staffordshire Highways Dept.

Natalie Snell Senior Partnership Officer gave a excellent report on a New Anti-Social Behaviour Legislation update.

As of the 20th October 2014 N.B.C in line with new National Legislative changes had some amended and new powers introduced to provide a more stream lined approach to take action against individuals who are perpetrators of Anti-Social behaviour.

Natalie informed us these new powers are working well with already two cases on going.

Nesta Barker Head of Environmental Health gave a update on Air Pollution and Traffic Light Sequencing as requested by the committee.

We received an excellent very well informed report on the four declared air quality management areas in the Borough. Nesta Explained how Traffic Lights effect levels of pollution.

A lot of excellent work has been achieved over the year on this Committee and I would like to thank both officers and members for their time and hard work.

Chair Gill Williams.

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## **Economic Development and Enterprise Scrutiny Committee**

Report from the Meeting held on March 18th 2013

### **Kidsgrove Town Centre Partnership**

This section was attended by the Chair of the CIC. There was some concern expressed regarding the slow progress being made but it was felt that the project is worthwhile and should continue to be supported by the Borough. It was resolved that the CIC should narrow down its current wide-ranging aims and aspirations and concentrate on a limited number of strands that the CIC could really influence. It was also resolved that there should be a meeting of stakeholders in Kidsgrove to progress the wider aims and ambitions.

### **Newcastle Town Centre Partnership**

Information was given regarding the progress of the BID Business Plan and the progress made by new businesses that have set up in the Town Centre. It was pleasing to note that there had been a very positive response to trading during the run up to the Christmas period. It was also good to be informed that there is a mentoring process in place to assist those traders who are finding it difficult to make progress in the current High Street trading climate.

### **Newcastle Economic Development Strategy**

Year 3 was reviewed and the Year 4 Action Plan was introduced. Both received a clean bill of health. It was resolved that all Elected Members would receive written guidance on funding opportunities and contacts that would be available to those of their residents who may wish to follow the route of self-employment.

### **Newcastle Housing Advice Contract Progress**

It was decided to defer this to the next meeting in order that Quarter 4 statistics would be available.

### **Newcastle Housing Advice Contract Monitoring**

Quarter 3 statistics were reported and were approved by the Committee.

### **Joint Local Plan**

An informative update was presented to the Committee regarding the progress made in preparing the Joint Local Plan and the timetable to obtain key pieces of evidence.

### **Superfast Staffordshire Project**

The latest work programme was presented. This shows that some of the work has now been completed in Kidsgrove and the intention is that work within the Borough would be completed by 2016.

### **Work Plan**

A motion was passed that Cabinet should consider establishing a Cross-Party Working Group organised by the EDE Committee to examine the issue of Capital Management. This would replace the proposed Cabinet Panel.

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## **Health and Wellbeing Committee Meeting 11 March 2015**

The committee reviewed the minutes of the Staffordshire Healthy Select Committee, which included the Modernisation of Day Opportunities of People With Learning Difficulties Kidsgrove Consultation. This included the proposal to close the day centre. A member from Kidsgrove stated the Day Centre was trying to allocate other services and agencies to use the building which would generate remuneration. This was supported by the committee as a positive move from local residents.

There was a further discussion on the proposal from Staffordshire Healthwatch to hold an engagement event in Newcastle, which would enable the public to find out about the health and social care services in the area followed by a question and answer session with senior health providers. It was agreed it would be best organised in or close to the town centre. The Civic Centre was suggested as a possible venue, as Jubilee2 was not available.

The committee was given a presentation by Marcus Warne, Chief Operating Officer for the North Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (NSCCG), on Promoting Independence, Choice and Dignity: A New Model of Care in North Staffordshire. This is a joint venture by the NSCCG and the Stoke-on-Trent CCG who are considering commissioning community based services for patients who were currently admitted to hospital. The proposal was for more community based support for individuals in their own home or closer to home. The vision was to develop a 'step down' model of care which saw the patient's journey from the point of admission to discharge, supporting less transfers of care between multiple organisations and resulting in a reduction of delays. They would also develop a 'step up' model, which would see a diagnostic and assessment centre within the community and a continued increase in easy accessible home based services within the community, which would improve quality of care for all patients.

When reviewing the work plan, the issue of the NSCCG Board Meeting the previous week agreeing to cease funding hearing aids for people with mild hearing loss was raised. It was agreed a letter would be sent from the committee to the NSCCG, with a copy to the Chair of Staffordshire Healthy Committee, expressing its objection to this decision.

Cllr. Colin Eastwood

Chair Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

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## **Councillor Becket**

Taking into account that Trentham Gardens is now one of the major tourist attractions of the West Midlands what steps are the council taking to ensure that visitors are fully aware of the facilities in Newcastle, including accommodation and restaurants.

## **Cllr Sweeney**

Can the leader explain why after his promise at previous council meetings that the Leader's statement would be supplied well in advance that as of 14.30 Tuesday the statement was still not available.

## **Cllr Loades**

Can the leader confirm that the Parish Councils concurrent funding has been re-established for all Parish Councils and is not being held back?

## **Cllr Loades**

Can the Leader inform me why to date my supplementary question at last council (Asking that I be informed of the action taken over the last 3 years concerning the reporting of the 5 year housing supply compliance as required by the NPPF for our Borough). to which I was promised written reply, has still not been answered .

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## **Motion**

This council proposes that in the interests of transparency and open government a cross party scrutiny working group be set up to listen to the concerns of local residents before any green space is sold for development

Proposed by Councillor Sweeney

Seconded by Councillor Loades

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