

Date of meeting Monday, 1st September, 2014

Time 7.00 pm

Venue Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, Merrial Street,
Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, ST5 2AG

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Finances, Resources and Partnership Scrutiny Committee

AGENDA

PART 1 – OPEN AGENDA

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive Declarations of Interest from Members on items included in the agenda

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 3 - 8)

To consider the minutes of the previous meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday 17 June 2014

3 FORMER KEELE GOLF COURSE

A report was submitted to Cabinet on Wednesday 23 July 2014 to provide Members with information about the outcome of a marketing exercise which sought to identify a range of potential options for the interim use of the former Keele Golf Course. The following resolutions were agreed:-

Resolved:

- a) That officers be authorised, in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder(s), to undertake a community consultation exercise (for the purpose of informing the master plan) for a period of 8 weeks for initial expressions of interest, this timescale could then be extended to enable these expressions of interest to be expanded upon. The aim of the consultation would be to establish the potential scope for some form of community recreation use of the site in whole or in part on the basis described in the report and that the outcome reported back to the earliest available Cabinet meeting.
- b) That in parallel with recommendation (a), officers be authorised to procure the most economically advantageous arrangement for short term grounds maintenance in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder.
- c) That officers be authorised to agree, in principle, the terms and scope of a brief with relevant land owners to commission a master-planning exercise in consultation with the relevant portfolio holder, and reported back to Cabinet for approval.
- d) That the financial resources required as the Council's contribution to the master-planning exercise be sought in accordance with current Financial Regulations.

4 UPDATE ON PARISH/TOWN COUNCILS - REVIEW OF CONCURRENT FUNDING TASK AND FINISH GROUP

A verbal update on progress to be provided by the Chair, Councillor David Stringer, of the Task and Finish Group

- 5 **FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT TO END OF QUARTER ONE (APRIL - JUNE) 2014** (Pages 9 - 22)
- 6 **UPDATE - RESPONSES TO COMMENTS FROM SCRUTINY ON THE QUARTER 4 (2013/14) PERFORMANCE REPORT** (Pages 23 - 30)
- 7 **UPDATE REPORT - AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT** (Pages 31 - 44)
- 8 **UPDATE REPORT - CASE STUDY OF ACTIONS TAKEN WHERE A FOOD BUSINESS RECEIVES A POOR HYGIENE RATING** (Pages 45 - 46)

A presentation will be carried out by the Environmental Health Team Manager describing the powers available to Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council Officers when they find hygiene conditions that risk public health

9 **PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) QUESTION TIME**

The Portfolio Holder for Communications, Policy and Partnerships will be in attendance to answer any questions raised by Members

- 10 **COUNCIL PLAN 2014-16** (Pages 47 - 66)

- 11 **WORK PLAN** (Pages 67 - 72)

To discuss and update the work plan to reflect current scrutiny topics

12 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Any member of the public wishing to submit a question must serve two clear days' notice, in writing, of any such question to the Borough Council.

13 **URGENT BUSINESS**

To consider any business which is urgent within the meaning of Section 100B (4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

14 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 5 November 2014, 7.00pm in Committee Room 1

Members: Councillors Fear, Mrs Hambleton, Huckfield, Jones, Mrs Peers, Rout, Stringer, Sweeney, Taylor.J, Wallace (Vice-Chair) and Waring (Chair)

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Officers will be in attendance prior to the meeting for informal discussions on agenda items.