

**Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Wednesday, 15 October 2014**

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**Part A – Items considered in public**

<b>A2</b>	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	<p>(a) That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014 be agreed as a correct record.</p> <p>(b) That the briefing note relating to the Better Care Fund be distributed with the minutes.</p>
<b>A4</b>	Medium Term Financial Strategy	<p>(a) That the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2015/16 to 2019/20 be approved.</p> <p>(b) That the report be referred to the Finance Resources and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee for comment.</p>
<b>A5</b>	Funding the Council's Capital Programme	<p>(a) That the contents of the report be noted;</p> <p>(b) That Cabinet agrees with the principle that the Council, as a first resort, will seek to fund its future known capital programme needs through the annual asset management planning process by the identification of land or property in its ownership that is capable of, and appropriate for, disposal;</p> <p>(c) That officers report back to the next Cabinet meeting with a list of potential development sites to be used as the basis for a formal response by the Council as a land owner to the local planning authority's "call for sites" (as part of the Local Plan process) and used as a basis for programming future land/property disposals through annual Asset Management planning, beginning with the Asset Management Strategy 2015/16;</p> <p>(d) That the principle of engaging a development partner to bring forward the larger sites be agreed.</p>
<b>A6</b>	Newcastle Partnership Review	<p>(a) Note the report and its contents, including the background to the Partnership review; the</p>

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		<p>work already done in changing the Partnership since 2010 and the factors informing the 2014 review of the Partnership</p> <p>(b) Approve the recommendations set out in this report including developing the Partnership in order to deliver the appropriate actions set out in the Borough Council's Health and Well-Being Strategy and Economic Development Strategy and to develop closer links with countywide bodies such as the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and the Staffordshire Health and Well Being Board</p> <p>(c) Approve the continued development of the Partnership Hub, located in the Civic Offices in Newcastle under Lyme and involving a number of Borough Council officers from across different departments</p> <p>(d) Approve the inclusion of the Borough Council's Third Sector Commissioning budgets, where possible, within the pooled funding for the Partnership dedicated to delivering improvements in its key outcome areas</p>
<b>A7</b>	Locality Action Partnerships - Future Development	<p>(a) That Cabinet Notes the content of the report;</p> <p>(b) That Cabinet approves the approach outlined in the report of challenging LAPs to focus on the</p>

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		<p>key strategic issues facing the Borough Council and its partners, namely health and well-being; economic development; and stronger and safer communities and to further challenge LAPs to develop projects/areas of work in each of these areas;</p> <p>(c) That Cabinet requests that each of the Borough's nine LAPs produce a progress report setting out performance in each of these areas of work for consideration by the Borough Council and its partners towards the end of the 2014/15 municipal year.</p> <p>(d) That the minutes from the Parish and Town Council Forum minutes be distributed to all Members.</p>
<b>A8</b>	Update on the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Disorder Act, 2014	<p>(a) That cabinet approves the proposed 'Community Trigger' threshold and mechanism for use in the Borough;</p> <p>(b) That Cabinet recommend that Council approves the proposed changes to the Scheme of Delegation; and</p> <p>(c) That Cabinet recommend that Council approves the proposed fixed penalty fees as set out in this report, with these fees to be approved by Council in the first instance and to delegate to Public Protection Committee any further alternations to these fees</p>
<b>A9</b>	Statement of Community Involvement	(a) That Cabinet agree to approve the Draft Newcastle-under Lyme and Stoke-on-Trent Statement

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		<p>of Community Involvement 2014 for public consultation purposes.</p> <p>(b) That Officers in consultation with the portfolio holder for Planning and Assets be authorised to make minor editorial changes prior to the publication of the Statement of Community Involvement for public consultation purposes.</p> <p>(c) That Cabinet agree to receive a future report setting out the recommendations of the Planning Committee on the outcome of the public consultation before adoption of the SCI is considered.</p>
<b>A10</b>	Planning Peer Review	<p>a) That Members note the contents of the Peer Review Team's report and the recommendations therein.</p> <p>b) That Members agree with the proposal to prepare an Action Plan to address the said report's recommendations.</p> <p>c) That the Action Plan, referred to above, be reported to Cabinet for approval at the earliest opportunity.</p> <p>d) That officers write to the Peer Review Team thanking them for their report and confirming the Council's intended approach.</p>

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<b>A11</b>	Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Local Enterprise Partnership Planning Concordat	<p>(a) That the Cabinet ratify and enter into the Planning Concordat</p> <p>(b) That the portfolio holders for Planning and Assets and Economic Regeneration, Business and Town Centres be authorised to agree on behalf of the Council actions with respect to their portfolios which the Council will take to deliver its contribution to the Planning Concordat, and that such agreed actions be reported to the Planning Committee</p> <p>(c) That Cabinet, and the Planning Committee, receives a further report after the first annual review of actions and outcomes envisaged by the Planning Concordat</p>
<b>A12</b>	Duty to Cooperate	(a) That Cabinet note the action taken.
<b>A13</b>	Town Centre Car Parking	<p>(a) That Members note the delivery of the Nipper Parking and the planned introduction of cashless parking including the automatic number plate recognition in a number of our car parks.</p> <p>(b) That the Just The Ticket refund scheme continues to be supported.</p> <p>(c) That Members note the decision to offer free town centre parking after 3pm for the 5.4 weeks prior to Christmas and the use of the free parking day by the Town Centre Partnership for the Christmas Lights Switch on.</p> <p>(d) That the enhanced free parking days of 5 days to support town centre events and Christmas free parking equivalent to 5.5 weeks after 3pm are included in the calculation for the fees and charges for 2015/16 and budget setting process.</p>

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<b>A14</b>	Freehold Disposal - The Square, High Street, Newcastle under Lyme	<p>(a) That officers be authorised to take the necessary actions to dispose of the Council's freehold interest of The Square complex and car park on the terms as set out in the confidential report (at Part II of your agenda).</p> <p>(b) That steps be taken as part of the future budget-setting and MTFS processes to address the loss of annual rental income from the property.</p>
<b>A15</b>	Freehold Disposal of Hassell Street Shops & Offices and Brunswick Street Shops & Offices	<p>(a) That the Council dispose of the Council's freehold interest of 2-10 Hassell Street and 15-21 Brunswick Street (Including 17a Hanover Street), Newcastle subject to the offers being at values representing 'best consideration'.</p> <p>(b) That If no offers are received in response to the current marketing exercise or the offers are not considered to achieve 'best consideration', that your Officers are authorised to continue marketing the premises.</p> <p>(c) That subject to the outcome of recommendation 2 that officers, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder of Economic Regeneration, Business and Town Centres, be authorised to accept a future offer so long as this represents best consideration.</p> <p>(d) That steps be taken as part of the future budget-setting and MTFS processes to address the loss of annual rental income from the properties.</p>