Date of meeting Wednesday, 12th November, 2014

Time 7.00 pm

Venue Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Merrial Street,

Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, ST5 2AG

Contact Julia Cleary

Cabinet

AGENDA

PART 1 – OPEN AGENDA

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of interest from Members on items included in the agenda.

2	Financial and Performance Management Report to end of Quarter Two (July-September, 2014)	(Pages 3 - 14)
3	Draft Council Plan Summary 2015-20	(Pages 15 - 20)
4	Planning Peer Review	(Pages 21 - 44)
5	Applications for Discretionary Rate Relief	(Pages 45 - 50)
6	Hardship Relief - Business Rates	(Pages 51 - 56)
7	Customer Service and Access Strategy and Customer Promise	(Pages 57 - 68)
8	Review of Allotments Service	(Pages 69 - 76)
9	Asset Disposals	(Pages 77 - 104)
10	Council Response to Newcastle-under-Lyme and Stoke-on- Trent Joint Local Plan- Call for Sites	(Pages 105 - 154)

11 URGENT BUSINESS

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

12 EXCLUSION RESOLUTION

To resolve that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Appendix A and Appendix B to the Irrecoverable Items report because it is likely that there will be a disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 3 in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

14 ATTENDANCE AT CABINET MEETINGS

Councillor attendance at Cabinet meetings:

Any Newcastle under Lyme Borough Councillor is entitled to attend Cabinet meetings and any Members of the Council may also speak with the permission of the Chair of the Cabinet. There are no limits on the time Councillors will be allowed to speak for. In addition, the respective Chairs of each of the Council's Scrutiny Committees will be permitted to attend and speak at Cabinet meetings, as will the mover(s) of motion(s) referred to the Cabinet

Public attendance at Cabinet meetings:

Any member of the public is entitled to attend meetings of the Cabinet (including press). If a member of the public wishes to speak, they may do so in the form of a question which should be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive of the Council at least two days prior to the meeting taking place. The Chief Executive will share questions with the Chair of Cabinet, who will assess whether the question(s) is/are permissible. The Chair's decision is final on this matter. A maximum of three such questions can be asked at any one Cabinet meeting and no right of reply from the questioner or any other member of the public is permitted, nor any follow up questions. Each questioner can ask one question at any one meeting. A maximum of three minutes will be allowed for the questioner to ask their question or make any other statement, and questions deemed to be repetitious or vexatious will not be admitted.

Members: Councillors Mrs Beech, Kearon, Turner, Stubbs (Chair), Williams,

Mrs Shenton (Vice-Chair) and Hambleton

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Meeting Quorums :- 16+= 5 Members; 10-15=4 Members; 5-9=3 Members; 5 or less = 2 Members.

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