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Date of meeting **Wednesday, 2nd September, 2015**
Time **7.00 pm**
Venue **Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, Merrial Street,
Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, ST5 2AG**
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Economic Development and Enterprise Scrutiny Committee

AGENDA

PART 1 – OPEN AGENDA

- 1 Apologies**
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
 1. To receive declarations of interest from Members on items included in this agenda
- 3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** **(Pages 3 - 10)**

To agree as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 1st July 2015.
- 4 ASPIRE HOUSING LETTING SYSTEM** **(Pages 11 - 20)**

Aspire Housing Customer Services Manager will carry out a presentation and answer any concerns/issues raised by Members.
- 5 Newcastle Housing Advice Contract Monitoring - Quarter One** **(Pages 21 - 22)**
- 6 Newcastle Town Centre Partnership - Quarter One** **(Pages 23 - 28)**
- 7 KIDSGROVE TOWN CENTRE PARTNERSHIP**

An update to be provided by the Portfolio Holder for Town Centres, Business and Assets.
- 8 PORTFOLIO HOLDER QUESTION TIME**

Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing will be in attendance to provide Members with an insight into work objectives and priorities relating to the portfolio and to answer any issues/concerns raised by Members
- 9 WORK PLAN** **(Pages 29 - 32)**

To discuss and update the work plans to reflect current scrutiny topics
- 10 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.

11 URGENT BUSINESS

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

12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 2nd December 2015, 7.00pm in Committee Room 1.

Members: Councillors Burgess, Hambleton, Holland, Huckfield, Johnson, Loades, Matthews, Northcott, Stringer (Chair), Stubbs and Williams (Vice-Chair)

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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.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 1st July, 2015

Present:- Councillor David Stringer – in the Chair

Councillors Burgess, Hambleton, Holland, Huckfield, Johnson, Loades, Stubbs and Williams

Portfolio Holder for Town Centres, Business and Assets
Councillor Mrs Bates (Kidsgrove Town Centre Representative)

Officers Paul Chatwin (Superfast Broadband)
Executive Director, Regeneration and Development
Head of Housing and Regeneration
Democratic Services Manager (for item 8 only)
Scrutiny Officer

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Northcott and Matthews.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest stated.

3. **MINUTES OF A PREVIOUS MEETING**

Resolved:-

Councillor Sweeney to be added present at the meeting as substitute for Councillor Loades.

4. **SUPERFAST STAFFORDSHIRE PROJECT**

The Chair welcomed Paul Chatwin, Project Manager for Superfast Staffordshire to the meeting.

It had been twelve months since the project commenced with 270 cabinets completed within the project intervention area. Approximately 50,000 premises had gained access to the fibre network with a further 40,000 to be provided with access by mid-2016.

Approximately 66 cabinets would be upgraded in the Newcastle-under-Lyme district by 2016.

Recently the project received an additional £1.68m from Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) to extend the current Phase 1 project. After going out to tender the contract was awarded to British Telecom to deliver a further 4,000 premises with an estimated 90,000 to be completed by 2017. The contract would commence when the existing one terminates.

This would see the Newcastle-under-Lyme district 96.6% connected, compared to 95% across the County, leaving 2,000 premises in the district requiring additional funding to be upgraded.

The following questions were raised by Committee and answers provided by Mr Chatwin:-

Q1: Would the shortfall be reduced over the last twelve months?

A1: The final 5% would be at the end of the intervention.

Q2: Would the government claw the £1.68m back if Staffordshire County Council were unable to match fund?

A2: Every endeavour would be undertaken to secure additional funding. There would not be a penalty if government were to receive it back.

Q3: Why had there been an award to install Broadband over two years?

A3: The onus was on the developer to install the infrastructure.

The Executive Director, Regeneration and Development informed Committee that there would be a whole section in the forthcoming Local Plan in relation to infrastructure and this could include such matters provided that it would be viable for developers.

Q4: Was there an estimation of how many premises within the rural areas would not benefit?

A4: Approximately 2,000 and these were included in the 5%.

It was asked for clarification on the following acronyms within the report:-

FTTC – Fibre to the contract

FTTP – Fibre to the premises, exchange only.

PCP – Primary connection point.

Resolved:-

That Committee received the report.

5. ASPIRE HOUSING LETTING SYSTEM

Committee were informed that Sue Davies, Customer Services Manager from Aspire Housing will be attending the next meeting on Wednesday 2nd September 2015 to provide an account of how Aspire Housing letting system operates.

Resolved:-

That Sue Davies from Aspire Housing is invited to attend the next meeting on Wednesday 2nd September 2015.

6. KIDSGROVE TOWN CENTRE PARTNERSHIP

The Head of Housing and Regeneration Services presented Go Kidsgrove Update July 2015.

The Go Kidsgrove CIC AGM was held on 25th March 2015 where achievements in the past year two topics were discussed.

Christmas

Go Kidsgrove funding would be used to provide a power source to the bed in which the Christmas tree would be located; £1,000 had been allocated. The Council's Engineering Manager had been tasked with arranging this with E-on.

Other areas within Kidsgrove town centre being installed with Christmas lights were Liverpool Road, King Street and The Avenue.

In terms of partnership working Go Kidsgrove and the Town Locality Action Partnership (LAP) were working together.

There had been no meeting since January 2015 between Kidsgrove Town Council and the CIC but hopefully one would be arranged in the near future.

The Executive Director, Regeneration and Development Services advised that at the last meeting information was shared of a District Deal with Staffordshire County Council. The next version had been signed and includes reference to the preparation of the master plan for Kidsgrove. This would provide the opportunity to clarify roles and responsibilities of the various organisations, along with the activities that they are leading.

Signage

An application for £10,000 had been submitted to Heritage Lottery Funding for an interactive map for the canal noticeboard.

Other Expenditure

Go Kidsgrove had agreed to fund ten lamp column planters and had also secured some private sector sponsorship for a further four to be erected and maintained by the Borough Council. Due to no feedback being received from Staffordshire County Council until May this project had been carried over to next year.

Cash Flow

Confirmation was awaited of the HLF funding.

There were ongoing issues with the supplier of the website. It was agreed that the Board would write to the supplier with a deadline for the functionality to be resolved by.

Colleagues were reminded that Newcastle Borough Council had invested £10,000 to pump-prime the CIC's work. Over the last twelve months there had been projects put forward and these were summarised in a Business Plan for the 2015/2016 financial year.

It was asked why the investment had gone to the CIC Company and not to Kidsgrove Town Council.

A Member advised that it had been a learning lesson. Within the District Deal 2 there would have to be a lot of partnership working to bring appropriate projects forward.

Resolved:-

- (a) To advise the Go Kidsgrove CIC that within the next six months a market strategy should be produced and the website functionally working.

7. NEWCASTLE TOWN CENTRE PARTNERSHIP

The BID Business Plan was launched on the 19th May 2015 by Newcastle Town Centre Partnership. The closing date for votes was the 16th July 2015.

Recent Events

- The Limelight Festival was very popular, with good media coverage, but was dampened by the weather.
- Newcastle Jazz and Blues. Good feedback was received. The Council funding had been reduced by £3,000.
- The Homecoming. This was replicated on last year's format and included four key events.
- Music and Dance Performance Events. Thanks to a grant from Awards for All there was a procession through the town with music, costumes and artistic creations with a theme dubbed Midsummer Wakes.

Visitor Survey

This was for information. The KPIs would be presented to the next Committee meeting.

Concern was raised of the loss of seating around the market stalls. The Executive Director, Regeneration and Development Services advised that when the market was consolidated the space available for seating was limited.

Resolved:-

That the KPIs are presented at the next meeting.

8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PEER REVIEW OF DECISION MAKING ARRANGEMENTS

The Democratic Services Manager presented the report which was considered by the Finance, Resources and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee on the 15th June 2015. The Committee had resolved that each Committee be asked to consider the proposals made by the LGA Peer Review and the draft report to Council in as far as they relate to that particular Committee and to feedback these comments.

The following observations were noted:-

- Information items to be received electronically and not presented to Committee for discussion.
- More notice of proposed developments prior to being submitted to Committee.
- The start times of meetings to be more flexible and to look at consolidating meetings to the day.

Resolved:-

That Committee receive the report.

9. LAND ASSET DISPOSAL

It was resolved at Council on the 15th April 2015 that a cross party scrutiny working group is set up to listen to the concerns of local residents before any green space was sold for development. Members considered a summary report in this matter.

The Executive Director, Regeneration and Development advised that the Asset Management Strategy was refreshed annually and presented to this Committee, as well as submitted to Finance, Resources and Partnerships Scrutiny. Presently the Green Space Strategy was being updated.

The following questions were presented to Committee:-

1. How do members envisage that any scrutiny working group will interface with the various Cabinet Panels that are being established to address capital programme expenditure and income?
2. How do members envisage that any scrutiny working group will both influence and enable delivery of future Asset Management Strategies (including the identification of future sites for disposal)?
3. What do members consider need to be the key terms of reference?
4. Is it anticipated that this group would review the previously-approved disposals (Appendices 1, 2 and 3 of the current Asset Management Strategy)?
5. Do Members consider they have sufficient information in order to balance private interest with the wider public interest?
6. Are members satisfied with the consultation arrangements set out in the current Asset Management Strategy?

The Chair advised the sites for disposal had been called-in three times and he had confidence that the process was correct.

The consultation exercise was taking place over a six week period involving Ward Councillors being notified prior to the start of the process. All owners/occupiers adjacent to the site would then be sent a consultation letter along with the Parish/Town Council, if applicable, and any known Resident Associations.

The Chair presented Members with an alternative option; once the consultation period was over it was proposed to invite stakeholders, Ward Councillors, Parish Councillors, Resident Groups and Officers to a meeting for the findings to be presented.

Members felt this could unfairly raise residents' expectations.

A vote took place for a Cross Party Working Group to be formed:-

3 in favour, 5 against.

A Member wished for it to be minuted that, at Council on the 20th May 2015, the motion was submitted 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 was sold for development.

Resolved:-

That the approved consultation process be followed once an area of land was identified as having a potentially alternative use.

10. NEWCASTLE HOUSING ADVICE CONTRACT MONITORING QUARTER 4

The Head of Housing and Regeneration presented a second progress review of the Newcastle Housing Advice Service following the first year operations of the contract period.

Quarterly statistical meetings were held, with the performance areas reported at appendix to the report.

It was asked if children, who were in foster care, get to have a Council house, as once they reached the age of eighteen they were moved out of the system.

The Head of Housing and Regeneration advised that through Arch single homeless people do have access to private rented accommodation.

Resolved:-

That Committee receive the report.

11. HIGH SPEED 2

A discussion took place regarding the strategic rail connectivity and the resurrection of the High Speed 2 working group.

Members felt residents, who were environmentally affected, still had a duty of care.

Resolved:-

(a) That the High Speed 2 working group reconvene and be called Strategic Transport.

(b) That the working group investigate the environmental and economic advantages of the High Speed 2.

(c) That the new working group Members to be Councillors Stringer (Chair), Loades and Stubbs.

12. RYECROFT REGENERATION AND REDEVELOPMENT

The Executive Director, Regeneration and Development tabled an update/ briefing on the Ryecroft and Civic Hub projects.

The scheme objective was to achieve a retail-led, mixed use redevelopment scheme on the sites of the former Sainsbury's and Civic Offices. Objectives were presented to Council in a report in November 2013.

Based upon the financial parameters set by the joint clients the scheme had evolved into its present form:-

- 470 student beds
- 60,000 square feet
- 212 parking spaces

Forecast regeneration outcomes:-

- Over 500 construction-related jobs; 350 operational jobs arising from the scheme; £8.6m Gross Valued Added (GVA) benefit to the economy from the operational jobs and £5.1m (GVA) from the construction sector.

Resolved:-

That Committee received the report.

13. **WORK PLAN**

Resolved:-

That the following items are added to the work plan:-

Wednesday 2nd September 2015

- Building Control - Progress made in implementing the Action Plan agreed by the Council in response to the report of the Planning Peer Review Team – Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing to be invited.
- Newcastle Town Centre Partnership KPIs.

Wednesday 2nd December 2015

- Kildgrove Town Centre Market Strategy

14. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

15. **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no Urgent Business.

16. **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 2nd September 2015, 7.00pm in Committee Room 1

COUNCILLOR DAVID STRINGER
Chair

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Aspire Housing - Allocations

Sue Davies

Customer Service Manager

2nd September 2015

Our stock



- **8340** rental properties in Newcastle
- **186** in Cheshire and Stoke
- Manage **517** homes in Stoke
- **44** in Rugeley
- New build homes
- **994** re-lets and first lets 14/15

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Nomination Arrangements

- 75% arrangement with NBC
- 3 out of 4 properties allocated via NBC's CBL scheme and Allocation policy – Homes Direct
- 25% allocated via Aspires own scheme and lettings policy

Policy Aims

- Fair, efficient and easy
- Let our homes quickly
- Offer choice
- Facilitate transfers and promote mobility and exchange schemes.
- Develop balanced and sustainable communities

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Aspires Lettings Policy

- Local connection – but not essential
- References where possible
- Homeowner – equity assessed
- Pre tenancy training
- Affordability
- Room eligibility according to welfare reform
- Community Contribution

Community Contribution*

- Is currently in employment for a minimum of 16 hours a week and has been in regular employment for the past three months or more or
- Is volunteering for 6 or more hours a week for a recognised organisation and has done so for at least 6 months* or
- Is undertaking work preparation training on a regular basis (e.g on going attendance at Job Clubs, Employment focused workshops and training) or
- Is an approved foster carer who needs to move to a larger home in order to accommodate a looked after child

*APPLIES TO GENERAL NEEDS PROPERTIES ONLY

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Band A



BAND A - transferring tenants of Aspire requiring an emergency move:

BAND B - transferring tenants of Aspire with a defined housing need with top priority awarded to those with Community Contribution

BAND C - Non Aspire tenants with top priority awarded to those with Community Contribution



- Customer registers with HOMEHUNT
- They get an email every time Aspire uploads a property that matches their needs
- See something they like - express an interest
- Aspire assess their application according to policy
- Shortlist - A, B, C

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Thank you for your time

Any Questions ?

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NHA Performance Q1 Apr - June 2015/16 Report to EDE Scrutiny September 15

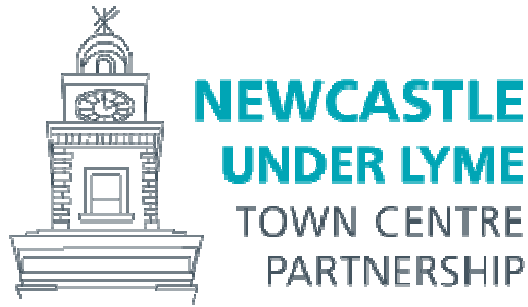
Performance Area	Q4 (14/15)	Q1
1) NHA Activity		
Calls to service	1948	2137
Housing Options enquiries @ reception	397	347
Housing Register enquiries @ reception	696	654
Emergency out of hours calls	13	7
Interviews - appointments	152	139
Interviews – walk ins/emergency	24	17
Homelessness applications	31	24
Decisions Homelessness (100% within 33 day target)	19	11
Preventions	95	152
Temporary Accommodation	4	3
2) Service Standards		
Letters received and responded to within 10 days (100% on target)	1	5
Emails received and responded to within 10 days	367	372
Total Housing Register applications received	656 WL 435 Transfer 221	632 WL 438 Transfer 194
Housing Register Appeals (100% on target)	5	5
Homelessness Decision Appeals	1	0
Complaints	0	0
Medical Applications (100% on target)	60	40
3) Housing Register and Lettings		
Waiting List Applicants	993	1157
Transfer Applicants	444	555
Total Applicants	1437	1712
BME Applicants	55	72
Lettings	116	114
Nominations (All RP's) %	62.5	58
Exclusions	11	5

Aspire Nominations 15/16

2015-2016	Nominations	Total Lets	% Nominations (Target 75 %)
Quarter One	124	103	55

Meetings are arranged with Aspire Housing to discuss performance and a representative from Aspire will be attending the Scrutiny meeting to discuss their nominations process. (Other Registered Providers met the nominations target).

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Newcastle Town Centre Partnership Report to Scrutiny September 2015

Business Improvement District

Within quarter 1 the TCP has been focussed on delivering the Business Improvement District which resulted in a successful ballot. This is fantastic news for the town centre and gives the local businesses the opportunity to plan and invest in projects to improve the town centre for the next 5 years.



The BID Steering Group with the support of the consultant has been working hard to create the new company and establish procedures to ensure that the company can become operational. This has included agreeing baseline documents for key services with the Borough Council and a Memorandum of Understanding with the County Council. Alongside these an Operating Agreement has been established to ensure that the Borough Council; as the authority responsible for collection of the BID levy operates within the terms agreed and that all businesses receive the correct invoice for the levy.

As part of the BID progression programme we have met up with Staffordshire Place Senior Management Team. The personnel introduced were Darryl Evers (Director for Place), Janene Cox (Commissioner for Tourism and County Cultural), Clive Thomson (Commissioner for Transport and the connected County), Mark Hewitt (District Commissioning Lead), Trish Caldwell (Business Support Manager), Jonathan Vining (Economic Growth Manager), James Bailey (Commissioner for Highways and the Built County), Ian Benson (Commissioner for the Sustainable County), Ian Turner (Head of Place Delivery), Ian Wykes (Commissioner for the Rural County), and Pam Rushton (Business Support Manager). The group showed a great deal of interest in the Newcastle BID enterprise. This I am sure will enable us to set up vital collaborative links in areas of interest that BID will want/need to get involved with to deliver relevant germane projects.

The group has stated its intention to maintain engagement with our BID and will seek to make its own representation on it and also to assist with ideas which could lead to the BID leveraging in external funding through European business funding and indeed any other suitable opportunities.

The TCP/BID are mindful of the Government's intention to implement some changes to Local Business Improvement Districts which briefly include the following:

- Provide the opportunity for BID groupings to run local authority services by adding them to the list of relevant bodies that can challenge to run local authority services under the right to challenge.
- Increase involvement of BIDs in planning, by encouraging a bespoke approach to consultation.
- Guidance to encourage local authorities to involve BIDs contribution at planning committees on relevant applications and ensure their views are heard.
- Set out in Community Infrastructure Levy Guidance the importance of Local Authorities working with BIDs when developing Community Infrastructure Levy Charges and identifying appropriate infrastructure.
- Ensure transparency for all BIDs to have strong accountability and quality, for example by requiring they publish annual report and accounts.
- Mandating the use of a Standard Service Level Agreement for BIDs and local authorities to use that could cover a number of issues in order to encourage closer working.
- Amending the guidance to local authorities to ensure they carefully consider exempting from the late night levy, and eligible BIDs that are already funding night time economy measures.
- Updating Compulsory Purchase Order Guidance to ensure that local authorities properly consider a request from a BID group to use Compulsory Purchase Order powers and provide a formal response.

Publishing guidance and best practice to cover the package of measures outlined above. The guidance could also: highlight examples of good partnership working between BID groups and local authorities; set out the benefits to local authorities of BIDs (including the increased investment they can deliver); suggest approaches to encourage closer working; and include an explanation of the regulations.

Key Performance Indicators for Quarter 1

Vacancy rate

	Jul-15		
	Vacant	Total	%
Total	39	326	11.96

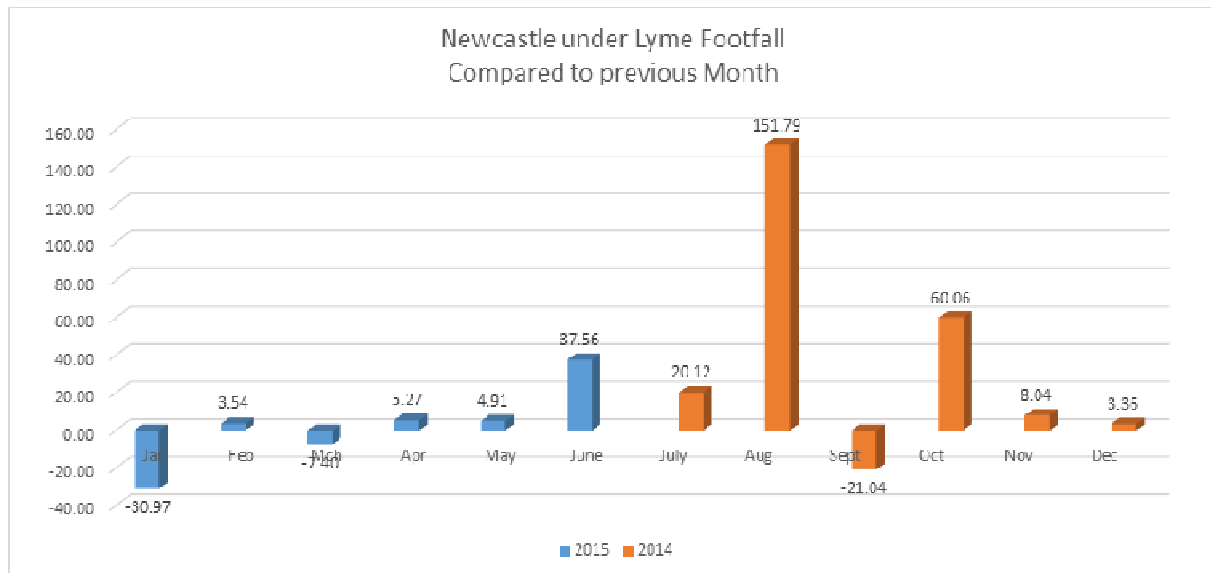
The vacancy rate continues to reduce with it down from 12.3% in Quarter 4. There has been an overall 4% drop in the vacancy rate since the inception of the TCP.

Retail Index Scheme

Data has not been collected in quarter 1 as the TCP was focussed on engaging with local businesses about the BID prior to the ballot.

Footfall

There are approximately 30,000 people walking past the footfall counter in the Ironmarket each week. This varies across the year with particular high numbers of visitors during summer events totalling over 52,000 visitors.



These footfall figures are compared to the previous month. You will notice that month on month there has been an increase in footfall with June seeing an impressive increase of 37.56 % compared to May.

Lymelight Festival – Saw a total of 15,270 visitors over the 4 day period (a 2.22% decrease compared to the previous week this could partly be attributed to the week before being payday week and the poor weather during the event) .

Jazz & Blues Festival - Saw a total of 25,272 visitors during 22nd & 25th May (a 33.9% increase compared to the previous week).

Homecoming - Saw an increase of 103.85% compared to the last year's event.

Web users

The website is attracting between 250 and 300 hits every day, with greater interest on event weekends.

Website Linkage:

We will be looking at improving website linkage between our website and the Council Website. We have nominated a person to attend the launch of the NBCs new website. We note the recent cancellation of the website launch event.

Ryecroft Development

We consider this development as a game-changer that will revitalise the Town and attract further essential inward investment. We are assured that the business sector will be kept closely informed as to its continuing progress.

Events

The Homecoming event was really successful and built on last year's event promoting the modern circus. This year has seen increased joint working with the New Vic and the Appetite programme, enabling the TCP to deliver a seamless and well promoted circus-performance-led event which is summed up very well by the video which can be accessed at <https://vimeo.com/133653579>

The Homecoming demonstrates our active growing successful involvement with the Arts Council.

Harvest Festival Event:

The TCP are in discussions with a company called Market Square Group in running a Harvest Moon Festival. This may run on 2nd to 4th October in the Ironmarket, with a Harvest Supper and folk music, food making workshops, harvest giving of food to those less fortunate hopefully working in conjunction with the local food bank, food and craft stalls.

Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign:

The TCP provided strong support through our events group for the Breast Cancer Campaign "Pink Week". Newcastle have raised a staggering £46,000.00.

'Castle Uncovered History Hub opening:

We have provided light touch support for this event which invited locals to share their memories of using the Town Centre and market for work, shopping or leisure.

Britain in Bloom:

We will be looking at ways and means to provide collaborative ongoing support for this NBC showpiece.

Xmas lights:

We are exploring a number of options which will enable us to assist NBC with this project. Matt Taylor the TCP manger will be tasked to present a proposal for consideration very soon.

Planning for the associated Christmas event is well in hand.

Student Night Initiative

The TCP has relaunched the joint working with the bars and food operators, including new energy from 2 recently opened bars. This group is being supported with some small seed funding from the

TCP to get started then there is an intention to operate on a self funding basis. This will be a great opportunity to attract new students into the town centre at the start of the new academic year.

Purple Flag Accreditation Scheme

We will be seeking closer collaboration with the NBC Purple Flag Project Co-ordinator.

Liaison with Market Traders.

Having due regard to the aspiration to become the County's Best Market Town, the Town Centre Manager has been tasked to encourage Market Traders to establish a resilient operational relationship with TCP/BID. We accept the complex difficulties this presents but that must not deter us from the declared aim to improve the "Market Offer". The current TCP Chairman and the Town Centre Manager have met up with a group of market traders and plans are afoot to form a credible operational/strategy grouping that will enable NBC Market Managers and TCP staff to work collectively for the benefit of each other, thus enabling us to project a positive modern image to all who visit and use the Market Stall services. We are under no illusions as to the enormity of the task that confronts us but we feel that the time is now absolutely right to set out on a declared dedicated course of action.

CCTV Monitoring Volunteer Project.

In the BID business plan, mention is made of the desirability to assist the PABC (Newcastle Partnership against Business Crime) to achieve 5 day volunteer CCTV monitoring coverage on behalf of NBC, to assist with the expansion of the existing radio network and with a proposed improved input contribution to the County Criminal Intelligence Hub. We see this as a way of enhancing support to the Police, given the cutbacks we are currently experiencing. We will be inviting PABCIS (Partnerships against Business Crime in Staffordshire) to submit details of their proposals.

Newcastle PABC has recently commissioned PABCIS to undertake all day to day management duties on behalf of Newcastle PABC. The Chair of Newcastle PABC sits on the PABCIS Steering Group.

Newcastle is now also a member of PABCIM (Partnerships Against Business Crime in The Midlands).

This triple alliance will encourage all Town Partnerships against business Crime to play their part not only in identifying local criminal activity but also those people travelling to commit crime.

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Members: Stubbs, Mrs Burgess,
Hambleton, Holland, Loades, Matthews,
Northcott, Wilkes and Huckfield

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN



**Chair: Councillor Stringer
Vice Chair: Councillor Mrs Gill Williams**

**Portfolio Holder(s) covering the Committee's remit:
Councillor John Williams (Town Centres, Business and Assets)
Councillor Bert Proctor (Planning and Housing)**

Work Plan correct as at: Friday 21st August 2015

Remit:

Economic Development and Enterprise Scrutiny Committee is responsible for:

- Building Control
- Design and Heritage Champion
- Economic Development
- External Regeneration Funding
- Housing and Homelessness
- Inward Investment/Marketing
- Land and Property (Asset Management)
- Local Enterprise Partnership
- Planning Policy and Development Control
- Transport Strategy and Policy (Planning)

Date of Meeting	Item	Reason for Undertaking
1st July 2015 (agenda dispatch 19th June 2015)	Superfast Staffordshire Project	Paul Chatwin to be invited back to provide an update on proceedings
	Aspire Housing Letting System	Item to be kept on the agenda. The Customer Services Manager from Aspire Housing will be attending on the 2 nd September to provide an account of how their letting system operates
	Kidsgrove Town Centre Partnership	An update to be provided on developments
	Newcastle Town Centre Partnership	Quarter 4 performance statistics to be reported for information and any variances will be highlighted for consideration
	Local Government Association Peer Review of Decision Making Arrangements	To advise Members on the recommendations of the LGA Peer Review and to request feedback on the recommendations
	Land Asset Disposal	A potential cross party working group to be established to listen to the concerns of local residents before any green space is sold for development
	Newcastle Housing Advice Contract Progress	Quarter 4 performance statistics to be reported for information and variances highlighted for consideration
	High Speed 2	All Members, at the last meeting, were in agreement for the Working Group to continue, as once a decision was made on a preferred route, to optimise the economic benefits
	Ryecroft Regeneration and Redevelopment Project	A verbal update on proceedings to be provided by the Executive Director Regeneration and Development
	Work Plan and Scrutiny Topics for 2015/2016	To discuss the work plan and potential topics that Committee members would like to scrutinise over the forthcoming year
2nd September 2015 (agenda dispatch 21st August 2015)	Newcastle Housing Advice Contract Progress	Quarter 1 performance statistics to be reported for information and variances highlighted for consideration
	Aspire Housing Letting System	The Customer Services Manager from Aspire Housing to attend to provide an account of how their letting system operates
	Newcastle Town Centre Partnership	Quarter 1 performance statistics to be reported including key Performance Indicators listed below:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footfall monitoring • Property Vacancy Rate • Trading Figures

Date of Meeting	Item	Reason for Undertaking
	Portfolio Holder Question Time	An opportunity for the Committee to question the Portfolio Holder on their priorities and work objectives for the next six months and an opportunity to address any issues or concerns that they may currently be facing. It is also an opportunity for the Portfolio Holder to flag up areas within his remit that may benefit from scrutiny in the future
	Work Plan and Scrutiny Topics for 2015/2016	To discuss the work plan and potential topics that Committee members would like to scrutinise over the forthcoming year
2nd December 2015 (agenda dispatch 20.11.15)	Kidsgrove Town Centre Partnership	A market strategy to be produced as agreed at the meeting on the 1 st July 2015
	Housing Strategy	To present to Members the Housing Strategy consultation draft. The strategic housing role is at the heart of achieving the social, economic and environmental objectives that shape a community and create a sense of place.
	Homelessness Strategy	To present to Members the Homelessness Strategy consultation draft. The Strategy acknowledged the need to deliver quality services that will both prevent homelessness and alleviate the effect of homelessness when it occurs.
	Newcastle Housing Advice Contract Progress	Quarter 2 performance statistics to be reported for information and variances highlighted for consideration
	Asset Management Strategy	To seek Committee Members views on the finance and resource implications of the draft Asset Management Strategy 2014-2017
	Newcastle Town Centre Partnership	Quarter 2 performance statistics to be reported for information and any variances will be highlighted for consideration
24th March 2016 (agenda dispatch 11th March 2016)	Newcastle Town Centre Partnership	Quarter 3 performance statistics to be reported for information and any variances will be highlighted for consideration
	Economic Development Strategy Year 4 Progress, Year 5 Action Plan	The Strategy Year 4 progress, Year 5 Action Plan sets out a number of actions which are planned to be taken over the coming 12 months in pursuit of the Strategy
	Newcastle Housing Advice Contract Progress	Quarter 3 performance statistics to be reported for information and variances highlighted for consideration
	Work Plan and Scrutiny Topics for 2015/2016	To discuss the work plan and potential topics that Committee members would like to scrutinise over the forthcoming year

Task and Finish Groups:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Transport
Future Task and Finish Groups:	
Suggestions for Potential Future Items:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Infrastructure Levy • Superfast Broadband • Ryecroft Redevelopment – an update report to be provided on the final scheme
DATES AND TIMES OF CABINET MEETINGS:	Wednesday 10 th June 2015, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1
	Wednesday 22 nd July 2015, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1
	Wednesday 16 th September 2015, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1
	Wednesday 14 th October 2015, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1
	Wednesday 11 th November 2015, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1
	Wednesday 9 th December 2015, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1
	Wednesday 20 th January 2016, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1
	Wednesday 10 th February 2016, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1
	Wednesday 23 rd March 2016, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1
	Wednesday 8 th June 2016, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1