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Part A – Items considered in public

A4	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2016/17 to 2020/21	1. That the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2016/17 to 2020/21 be approved.
A5	Financial and Performance Management Report to end of Quarter Two (July - September) 2015	1. That the contents of the report, attached to this agenda item be noted and the recommendation that the Council continues to monitor and scrutinise performance alongside the latest financial information for the same period, be agreed. 2. That the comments made through the Scrutiny process and the responses from officers and others to these comments be noted.
A6	Asset Disposals - Land at Sheldon Grove, Chesterton	1. Given the location of the land and the lack of suitable green space for community use in the area, any proposal for development will include the retention of a significant amount of accessible public open space suitable for children's play space – a kick about area etc. 2. That, as part of any sale, a covenant be placed on the public open space area – securing it for the community in perpetuity. 3. That officers facilitate the preparation of an outline design and bring it to a future Cabinet meeting for approval, prior to any disposal. 4. Any Planning application will be presented at a meeting of the Strategic Planning Advisory Committee where local Members will have the opportunity to comment on the plans.
A7	Asset Disposals - Land at Knype Way, Bradwell	1. That the disposal of the land at Knype Way be approved, subject to having first secured outline planning permission on this area of land. 2. That the procurement of specialist consultants, to prepare and submit a planning application in respect of this site, be approved.

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A8	Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk of Abuse and Neglect Policy	1. That the revised Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk of Abuse and Neglect Policy and the accompanying procedure for introduction and delivery in the Borough, be approved.
A9	Planning Peer Review	1. That the progress made be noted. 2. That, subject to a report coming forward on the Community Infrastructure Levy, no further reports on the Action Plan be required.
A10	Bill Payment Services Contract 2015/16 to 2020/21	1. That the contract for the Council's Bill Payment Service be awarded to allpay Limited for a five year period from 1 December, 2015.
A11	Applications for Discretionary Rate Relief	1. That, in accordance with Section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, Discretionary Rate Relief be either granted or refused in respect of the organisations and premises as detailed in the Appendix attached to the report on the agenda.
A12	Update on the Future of Kidsgrove Sports Centre	<p><i>With regard to a replacement Facility:</i></p> <p>1. That Cabinet agree to the consideration of a constant depth pool of modular construction as part of a new sports centre on the school campus as an option for the development.</p> <p>2. That officers be authorised to enter into detailed discussions with the Penda Partnership and a suitable pool supplier with a view to establishing a business case for the development of replacement swimming pool, fitness centre and studio on the school campus.</p> <p>3. That a Cabinet Panel be established to provide the leadership and governance required to bring such a scheme to fruition, chaired by the Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Culture and Localism.</p>

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		<p><i>With regard to extending the current agreement:</i></p> <p>4. That it be agreed to extend the current agreement with the school and County Council for the management of Kidsgrove Sports Centre until the school takes on operational responsibility for the new education super block and sports block.</p> <p><i>With regard to a Community Use Agreement for School Facilities:</i></p> <p>5. That officers be authorised to hold further detailed discussions with the Head teacher and Governing Body of the Kings School with a view to developing an agreement for the community use of the astro-turf pitch, natural grass pitch and new school sports hall.</p>
A13	Northern Gateway Development Zone	<p>1. That the information provided and the actions taken to date be noted.</p> <p>2. That the signing of a Concordat by the Local Enterprise Partnerships of Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire and Cheshire and Warrington be noted.</p> <p>3. That the Leader and relevant Portfolio Holders and officer be authorised to engage with the emerging Northern Gateway Development Zone initiative and the potential partnership that may arise.</p> <p>4. That officers report back on progress with the initiative at appropriate intervals.</p>
A14	Implementation of new Housing Legislation for the Redress Scheme and smoke/carbon monoxide alarms	<p>1. That the new duty placed on Local Authorities under both 'The Redress Schemes for Lettings Agency Work and Property Management Work (Requirement to belong to a</p>

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		<p>scheme etc) (England) Order 2014, and The Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm (England) Regulations 2015 be noted.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. That authorisation to investigate, take enforcement action and issue civil penalties and monetary penalties under the above legislation be delegated to the Head of Housing, Regeneration and Assets (and appropriately qualified housing officers). To report this amendment to the Scheme of Delegation to full Council. 3. That the issue of a monetary penalty or a civil penalty notice of up to £5,000 as provided for in the legislation (also referred to in this report as ‘fines’) for breaches of the legislation reflecting the serious consequences non-compliance can have on tenants’ rights and on their safety be approved. 4. That the Executive Director for Regeneration and Development in liaison with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing be authorised to to revise the Housing Enforcement Policy to include the new legislation and principles used to determine the level of fine and enforcement requirements.
A15	Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the proposals to work with Staffordshire County and other District Councils to establish referrals processes and to authorise officers to commission appropriate support packages in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing be accepted. 2. That the Borough Council confirms its support for the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme being co-ordinated through Staffordshire County Council with the borough accepting 6 households in the first tranche. 3. That subject to the delivery of the first tranche of relocation of persons qualifying under this scheme the Executive Director for Regeneration and Development in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing be authorised to take forward further

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		<p>tranches in accordance with the processes described in this report.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. That, if the most appropriate option is to house the Syrian Refugees through a nomination with a Registered Provider (e.g. Aspire Housing), officers be authorised to make delegated decision(s) for a direct letting and for the nomination to be acknowledged as an exception to the Housing Allocation Policy. 5. That officers report back on progress with the scheme to a future Cabinet (by no later than June 2016).
A16	Petition submitted to Council to preserve the land at Sandy Lane, May Bank as open space	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the petitioners' concerns and objections be received and noted. 2. That the issues raised by Petitioners in light of previous decisions, be taken into consideration. 3. That the decision of 12 November, 2014 be reaffirmed and the disposal of this area of land be authorised subject to the securing of a residential planning permission on the site.
A17	Proposal for Selective Licensing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That it be agreed to take forward, in principle, a Selective Landlord Licensing Scheme for the area of Kidsgrove contained in the report known locally as the former Coal Board Estate. 2. That the area also include the shops and flats in the King Street area and the flats in the former Lamb Stores. 3. That advice be sought from another local authority, which has successfully delivered a scheme, to ensure that this Council's report and action plan are robust. 4. That a final report be brought to Cabinet in January, 2016 with a timetable for

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		implementation and commencing the consultation period at the beginning of February, 2016.
A20	Land adj the Former Maxims Night Club, Lower Street, Newcastle	1. That the recommendation, as set out in the confidential report on the agenda, be agreed.