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Part A – Items considered in public		
A4	Ceramics Valley Enterprise Zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That the Portfolio Holder for Town Centres, Business and Assets be invited to represent the Borough Council on the Enterprise Zone Board. (ii) That officers continue to work with those of the City and County Councils to promote the Zone for investment and with landowners and developers to help bring forward its development.
A5	Capital Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That Cabinet reaffirms its decision taken in October 2014 that the Council, as a first resort, will seek to fund its future known capital programme needs through the an asset management process by the identification of land or property in its ownership that is capable of, and appropriate for, disposal. (ii) That, before recommendation (iii) below is implemented, there be a future report to Cabinet add any issues and providing more details. (iii) That provision is made in future revenue budgets for prudential borrowing.
A6	Asset Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That it be noted that the Council is not proposing any substantive changes to the Asset Management Strategy.

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		<p>(ii) That it be agreed to make two minor amendments to the existing Asset Management Strategy to:</p> <p>(a) Extend the consultation period with local members to three weeks.</p> <p>(b) Establish the general principle that no more than three large sites should be marketed by the Council at any one time.</p> <p>(iii) That the recommendations of the Council, in relation to the prioritisation of sites for disposal over the next two financial years be noted and that it be agreed to take these into account where such recommended sites are listed in the approved Asset Management Strategy.</p> <p>(iv) That, further to recommendation (ii)(a) above, officers be asked to ensure that appropriate briefing and publicity material is made available to support elected Members in their consultation with local residents in accordance with the process set out in the approved Asset Management Strategy.</p> <p>(v) That it be agreed that further work be undertaken on developing an Asset Disposal Policy within the context provided by the approved Asset Management Strategy.</p>
A7	Land at Sheldon Grove, Chesterton	(i) That this site be retained within the Council’s operational portfolio and continue to be

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		<p align="center">maintained in the current manner and kept under review as part of the cyclical asset management review process.</p>
A8	Revenue and Capital Budgets	<p>(i) That the 2016/17 General Fund Revenue Budget as detailed in the report to Cabinet dated 20 January 2016 be recommended to Full Council for approval.</p> <p>(ii) That the Capital Programme 2016/17 as detailed in the report to Cabinet dated 20 January 2016 be recommended to Full Council for approval.</p> <p>(iii) That an additional contribution of £50,000 be made to the Renewals and Repairs Fund and a contribution of £69,560 be made to the Insurance Provision, to be funded from the estimated Council Tax Surplus of £119,560 which will be transferred to the revenue account in 2016/17.</p> <p>(iv) That, in respect of the decision required on the Supplementary agenda, the Council Tax increase for 2016/17 be kept at 1.99%.</p>
A9	Budget Performance Monitoring Report - Quarter Three	<p>(i) That the contents of the attached report be noted and the recommendation that the Council continues to monitor and scrutinise</p>

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		<p>performance alongside the latest financial information for the same period be agreed.</p> <p>(ii) That the comments made through the Scrutiny process and the responses from officers and others to these comments be noted.</p>
A10	Petition objecting to the proposed demolition of the former St Giles and St George's school, Barracks Road, Newcastle	<p>(i) That the petitioners concerns and objections be received and noted.</p> <p>(ii) That having reviewed and carefully considered the issues raised by the petitioners, the decision to dispose of this property to Staffordshire County Council (by way of grant of long leasehold) in order for it to implement proposals for a new Public Sector Hub be reaffirmed.</p>
A11	Corporate Complaints, Comments and Compliments Policy	<p>(i) That the amendments to the Corporate Complaints, Comments and Compliments Policy (3Cs Policy), as detailed in Appendix A of the report, be approved.</p>