

**Date of meeting** Wednesday, 18th October, 2017  
**Time** 6.00 pm  
**Venue** Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, Merrial Street, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, ST5 2AG  
**Contact** Geoff Durham



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# Cabinet

## AGENDA

### PART 1 – OPEN AGENDA

- 1 **APOLOGIES**
- 2 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** (Pages 3 - 5)  
To consider the minutes of the previous meeting.
- 3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
To receive declarations of interest from Members on items included in the agenda.
- 4 **MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2018-19 to 2022-23** (Pages 7 - 13)
- 5 **DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF SCHEME** (Pages 15 - 22)
- 6 **BUSINESS RATES PILOT AND POOLING ARRANGEMENTS** (Pages 23 - 31)
- 7 **NEWCASTLE MARKET OPTIONS** (Pages 33 - 36)
- 8 **HOMELESSNESS REDUCTION** (Pages 37 - 44)
- 9 **GOLD STANDARD FOR HOMELESSNESS** (Pages 45 - 48)
- 10 **DELEGATION FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING** (Pages 49 - 57)
- 11 **URGENT BUSINESS**  
To consider any business which is urgent within the meaning of Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.
- 12 **ATTENDANCE AT CABINET MEETINGS**

**Councillor attendance at Cabinet meetings:**

- (1) The Chair or spokesperson of the Council's scrutiny committees and the mover of any motion referred to Cabinet shall be entitled to attend any formal public meeting of Cabinet to speak.
- (2) Other persons including non-executive members of the Council may speak at such meetings with the permission of the Chair of the Cabinet.

**Public attendance at Cabinet meetings:**

- (1) If a member of the public wishes to ask a question(s) at a meeting of Cabinet, they should serve two clear days' notice in writing of any such question(s) to the appropriate committee officer.
- (2) The Council Leader as Chair of Cabinet is given the discretion to waive the above deadline and assess the permissibility if the question(s). The Chair's decision will be final.
- (3) The maximum limit is three public questions at any one Cabinet meeting.
- (4) A maximum limit of three minutes is provided for each person to ask an initial question or make an initial statement to the Cabinet.
- (5) Any questions deemed to be repetitious or vexatious will be disallowed at the discretion of the Chair.

**Members:** Councillors Beech, Kearon, Turner (Vice-Chair), J Williams, Shenton (Chair), Rout and Robinson

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**Members of the Council: If you identify any personal training/development requirements from any of the items included in this agenda or through issues raised during the meeting, please bring them to the attention of the Democratic Services Officer at the close of the meeting.**

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

**FIELD\_TITLE**

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

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