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To the Chair and Members

of the

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY  
CO-ORDINATING  
COMMITTEE

Dear Sir/Madam

A meeting of the **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE** will be held in **COMMITTEE ROOM 1, CIVIC OFFICES, MERRIAL STREET, NEWCASTLE** on **MONDAY, 14 MARCH 2011** at **7pm**

**AGENDA**

1. Minutes of previous meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee held on 18 November 2010 (copy attached – grey paper).
2. To consider the attached report of the Executive Management Team.
3. To consider any business which is urgent within the meaning of Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Yours faithfully

**P W CLISBY**

Head of Central Services

**Councillors Barber, Boden, Mrs Braithwaite, Mrs Burke, Miss Cooper, Gilmore, Howells, Jones, Robinson, Mrs Shenton, Taylor, Wemyss and Wilkes**

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**NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM TO THE  
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE**

**14 March 2011**

**1. THE FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS – MARCH 2011 TO JUNE 2011**

**Submitted by:**            **Member Services Officer**

**Portfolio:**                **All Portfolios**

**Ward(s) affected:**    **Non-specific**

**Purpose of the Report**

To identify items listed in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions to see if further examination of any issue is considered appropriate

**Recommendations**

**(a)     That the Committee receive the information and identify what examination, if any, of the proposed decisions is required.**

**(b)     That the Committee identify a lead overview and scrutiny committee where there are incidences of dual responsibility or interest in respect of items listed in the Forward Plan.**

**Reasons**

The inclusion of the relevant proposals listed in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions gives Overview and Scrutiny the opportunity to identify possible issues for committees to look at prior to submission to the Cabinet. This is not intended to replace other processes but is designed to give an opportunity for the committees to provide a view on any particular issue.

**1.     Background**

1.1    The Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee is responsible for co-ordinating scrutiny activity. One of the ways that the committee can assist in this sense is by examining the Forward Plan and identifying areas where there may be confusion over responsibility for scrutiny and allocating responsibility to one lead committee.

**2.     List of Appendices**

Appendix A - Forward Plan of Key Decisions – March 2011 to June 2011 (blue paper)

2. **ACTIVITIES OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AND THE HEALTH SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE**

**Submitted by:** Member Services Officer

**Portfolio:** Not applicable

**Ward(s) affected:** Non-specific

**Purpose of the Report**

This report provides an opportunity for the Chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee to report on the activities of the individual committees.

**Recommendation**

**That the Committee receive verbal updates from the Chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee**

**Reasons**

This provides an opportunity on the agenda for the individual committees to report on their activities. Such reports will enable the Co-ordinating Committee to perform its role of overseeing scrutiny activity and ensuring that there is no unnecessary duplication in workload. Likewise, it provides an opportunity to ensure that committees are not trying to do too much.

3. **SCRUTINY OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND DISPOSAL PROGRAMME**

**Submitted by:** Head of Central Services

**Portfolio:** Resources and Efficiency/Customer Service and Transformation/  
Culture and Active Communities

**Ward(s) affected:** Westlands, Kidsgrove, Clayton, Bradwell, Chesterton and Talke

**Purpose of the Report**

To establish the process for the scrutiny of the Council's land disposal programme.

**Recommendations**

**That Committee is asked to decide how it wishes to scrutinise the Council's land disposal programme.**

**Reasons**

The preferred solution should be open and transparent, providing a critical friend challenge,

enabling the voices and concerns of the public and driving improvement in accordance with the principles of good scrutiny.

## 1. **Background**

- 1.1 A complete review of the whole portfolio of property of the Council was undertaken by your officers in 2010/11 to identify properties or land which potentially could be disposed of and a capital receipt obtained from the disposal.
- 1.2 It was considered that the Council should seek to drive out inefficiencies in the management of its estate and therefore should avoid incurring unnecessary expenditure in managing and maintaining surplus land. It was also argued that there was the opportunity for surplus land to be developed for purposes that are beneficial to communities, for example housing that meets identifiable needs (affordable/social, family, older people, executive). Finally, there are also opportunities to obtain funds to finance the Council's future capital programmes to deliver its ambitions. This is increasingly important in the current financial climate. Members should be aware that without obtaining capital receipts from land disposals the Council will not have any capital programme beyond March 2012 – with the exception of schemes externally funded. This will almost inevitably lead to legal challenges eg in respect of disabled facilities grants as the Council would not be able to fulfil their statutory responsibilities.
- 1.3 Following the review of property assets referred to, two tranches of sites have been approved subject to the securing of planning consents consultation and the statutory requirements to obtain best value, and in the case of public open space, to advertise and give due consideration to any representations. Decisions were made at Council on 28 July 2010 and Cabinet on 15 December 2010 and 9 February 2011 (resolutions set out at Appendix 'B' – lavender paper). Those decisions were not called in.
- 1.4 At its meeting on 23 February 2011, Full Council resolved to refer the processes which have been put in place in relation to the operation of the programme of disposal for scrutiny. The findings of that scrutiny process will be considered by the Cabinet and Council to inform their future decisions on the project and generally, and the debate on petitions and representations received.

## 2. **Issues**

- 2.1 The Committee has to decide the parameters of scrutiny – who, what, when and how. This could be through committee meetings or a working group, by a desktop exercise or by hearing information from officers, the public and any other sources and questioning them. It should be noted that decisions which authorised actions and were not called in can be reviewed but not reversed.
- 2.2 Matters for consideration might cover such topics as the project processes, financial aspects, housing issues, planning, green space considerations and the views of the public. The process should have clear timescales
- 2.3 It is important that the process be seen as open and fair, and involves the public.
- 2.4 If the Committee (as seems probable) decides on a task and complete working group it is important that there is an appropriate balance of skills and a separation of those who may be involved in later decision making to ensure that those scrutinising do not feel constrained in expressing their views.

3. **Options Considered**

- 3.1 Any and all means of considering what has been done to date and what is to be done can be utilised.

4. **Proposal**

- 4.1 Committee is asked to decide how it wishes to scrutinise the Council's land disposal programme.

5. **Reasons for Preferred Solution**

- 5.1 The preferred solution should be open and transparent, providing a critical friend challenge, enabling the voices and concerns of the public and driving improvement in accordance with the principles of good scrutiny.

6. **Outcomes Linked to Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Priorities**

- 6.1 The disposal programme impinges on all of the four corporate priorities. Proper scrutiny will assist the Council in ensuring that its capital assets are employed effectively and efficiently to achieve its corporate aims with due consideration for public concerns. Proper scrutiny will provide a 'critical friend' challenge, enable the voices and concerns of the public and will drive improvement in according with the principles of good scrutiny as defined by the Centre for Public Scrutiny.

7. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

- 7.1 The Local Government Act 2000 established the scrutiny framework.

8. **Equality Impact Assessment**

- 8.1 Equality issues should be considered in the process of scrutiny.

9. **Financial and Resource Implications**

- 9.1 There will be a cost in terms of officer time and overheads which will be met out of existing budgets. Please see paragraph 1.2.

10. **Major Risks**

- Undue delay if scrutiny is too onerous
- Reputational damage if scrutiny is not seen as independent, open and fair
- Missed opportunities if scrutiny fails to make a positive difference to the outcomes identified at paragraph 6 above.

11. **Sustainability and Climate Change Implications**

None identified for the scrutiny process..

12. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

Council 28 July 2010, 23 February 2011, Cabinet 15 December 2011, 9 February 2011.

14. **List of Appendices**

Council 28 July 2010, 23 February 2011, Cabinet 15 December 2011, 9 February 2011.

15. **Background Papers**

None.

**FORWARD PLAN FOR PERIOD 1 MARCH 2011**  
**TO 30 JUNE 2011**  
**(as at 15.2.11)**

<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b> <b>FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT MONITORING REPORT</b>		
Portfolio		√ as appropriate
	Customer Service and Transformation	√
	Regeneration and Planning	
	Environment and Recycling	
	Safer and Stronger Communities	
	Resources and Efficiency	
	Culture and Active Communities	
Brief description of report	These joint financial/performance reports provide information about key performance areas and finance revenue/capital budgets	
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	Not applicable	
Decision maker	Cabinet	
Earliest date of decision	Ongoing - quarterly	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee		√ as appropriate
	Cleaner Greener and Safer Communities	
	Economic Development and Enterprise	
	Active and Cohesive Communities	
	Transformation and Resources	√
Wards affected	All	
Proposed consultation	Not applicable	
Last date for representations	Representations on public agenda items can be made up to one working day before the meeting	
Background documents	As per agenda	
Officer contact	Tim Hine, Policy and Performance Manager Dave Roberts, Head of Finance	
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	Not exempt	

<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b> <b>WOLSTANTON MARSH PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS</b>		
Portfolio		√ as appropriate
	Customer Service and Transformation	
	Regeneration and Planning	
	Environment and Recycling	
	Safer and Stronger Communities	
	Resources and Efficiency	
	Culture and Active Communities	√
Brief description of report	To inform Cabinet of the situation with respect to the results of the latest consultation concerning six new projects at Wolstanton Marsh, and to seek authorisation to implement the scheme	
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	£125,000 to be met from S.106 Planning Obligation	
Decision maker	Cabinet	
Earliest date of decision	March 2011	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee		√ as appropriate
	Cleaner Greener and Safer Communities	
	Economic Development and Enterprise	
	Active and Cohesive Communities	√
	Transformation and Resources	
Wards affected	Wolstanton, May Bank, Porthill	
Proposed consultation	This consultation follows two previous consultations concerning improvements to play facilities at Wolstanton Marsh	
Last date for representations	Representations on public agenda items can be made up to one working day before the meeting	
Background documents	As per agenda	
Officer contact	Rebecca Allen, Landscape Manager	
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	Not exempt	



TITLE OF REPORT: <b>NEWCASTLE TOWN CENTRE PUBLIC REALM SCHEME</b>		
Portfolio		√ as appropriate
	Customer Service and Transformation	
	Regeneration and Planning	√
	Environment and Recycling	
	Safer and Stronger Communities	
	Resources and Efficiency	
	Culture and Active Communities	
Brief description of report	To report the results of the public consultation on the town centre public realm scheme and consider the design response to representations made	
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	An existing capital budget exists for this scheme	
Decision maker	Cabinet	
Earliest date of decision	March 2011	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee		√ as appropriate
	Cleaner Greener and Safer Communities	
	Economic Development and Enterprise	√
	Active and Cohesive Communities	
	Transformation and Resources	
Wards affected	Town	
Proposed consultation	Public consultation ended on 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2010	
Last date for representations	Representations on public agenda items can be made up to one working day before the meeting	
Background documents	As per agenda	
Officer contact	Elaine Burgess, Markets and Regeneration Officer	
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	Not exempt	

TITLE OF REPORT: <b>TOWN CENTRE SPD (UPDATE) CONSULTATION DRAFT</b>		
Portfolio		√ as appropriate
	Customer Service and Transformation	
	Regeneration and Planning	√
	Environment and Recycling	
	Safer and Stronger Communities	
	Resources and Efficiency	
	Culture and Active Communities	
Brief description of report	<p>To approve a consultation document for a Supplementary Planning Document for the Town Centre. In accordance with the statutory regulations an SPD has to undergo a consultation process before it can be adopted.</p> <p>This draft SPD is intended to update the SPD adopted by the Council in January 2009. It reflects the findings of the Town Centre development strategy work.</p>	
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	There will be some costs incurred in carrying out the required statutory consultation. However, these costs will be met within existing budgets	
Decision maker	Strategic Planning Committee	
Earliest date of decision	March 2011	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee		√ as appropriate
	Cleaner Greener and Safer Communities	
	Economic Development and Enterprise	√
	Active and Cohesive Communities	
	Transformation and Resources	
Wards affected	All but mainly Town, Thistleberry, May Bank, Cross Heath, Clayton	
Proposed consultation	<p>A statutory six week period of consultation is required. The Council will use a number of methods to engage the public:</p> <p>press releases/news reports in local newspapers</p> <p>articles in <i>The Reporter</i></p> <p>online consultation through <a href="http://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk">www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk</a></p> <p>written consultation with partner organisations and community groups</p>	
Last date for representations	Representations on public agenda items can be made up to one working day before the meeting	
Background documents	As per agenda	
Officer contact	Helen Beech, Planning Policy Manager	
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	Not exempt	

<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b> <b>PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT OF THE FORMER</b> <b>QUINTON GROVE PLAY AREA</b>		
Portfolio		√ as appropriate
	Customer Service and Transformation	
	Regeneration and Planning	
	Environment and Recycling	
	Safer and Stronger Communities	
	Resources and Efficiency	
	Culture and Active Communities	√
Brief description of report	Report following the receipt of a petition from local residents requesting the reinstatement of the former Quinton Grove Play area	
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	Not currently identified	
Decision maker	Cabinet	
Earliest date of decision	March 2011	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee		√ as appropriate
	Cleaner Greener and Safer Communities	
	Economic Development and Enterprise	
	Active and Cohesive Communities	
	Transformation and Resources	
Wards affected	Cross Heath	
Proposed consultation		
Last date for representations	Representations on public agenda items can be made up to one working day before the meeting	
Background documents	As per agenda	
Officer contact	Rebecca Allen, Landscape Manager	
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	Not applicable	

**TITLE OF REPORT:**

**RESULTS OF THE STAFFORDSHIRE RENEWABLE ENERGY STUDY AND POTENTIAL OPTIONS TOWARDS DEVELOPING A BOROUGH-WIDE ENERGY STRATEGY**

Portfolio		√ as appropriate
	Customer Service and Transformation	
	Regeneration and Planning	√
	Environment and Recycling	
	Safer and Stronger Communities	
	Resources and Efficiency	
	Culture and Active Communities	
Brief description of report	To inform members of the findings of the Staffordshire Renewable Energy Study and to identify potential actions arising from the study, such as the development of sustainable energy strategy for the Borough and clarifying the potential role of planning policy.	
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	None identified so far.	
Decision maker	Strategic Planning	
Earliest date of decision	March 2011	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee		√ as appropriate
	Cleaner Greener and Safer Communities	
	Economic Development and Enterprise	√
	Active and Cohesive Communities	
	Transformation and Resources	
Wards affected	All	
Proposed consultation	None	
Last date for representations	Representations on public agenda items can be made up to one working day before the meeting	
Background documents	As per agenda	
Officer contact	Helen Beech, Planning Policy Manager	
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	N/A	

TITLE OF REPORT: <b>NOMINATION TO THE BOARD OF THE ASPIRE GROUP</b>		
Portfolio		√
	Customer Service and Transformation	
	Regeneration and Planning	√
	Environment and Recycling	
	Safer and Stronger Communities	
	Resources and Efficiency	
	Culture and Active Communities	
Brief description of report	Following the decision to approve the formation of the Aspire Group Board the Council has the opportunity to nominate a Member to sit on the Group Board. This decision should be taken at Cabinet.	
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	None	
Decision maker	Cabinet	
Earliest date of decision	May 2011	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee		√
	Cleaner Greener and Safer Communities	
	Economic Development and Enterprise	√
	Active and Cohesive Communities	
	Transformation and Resources	
Wards affected	All	
Proposed consultation	None	
Last date for representations	Representations on public agenda items can be made up to one working day before the meeting	
Background documents	As per agenda	
Officer contact	Joanne Basnett, Head of Housing Services	
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	N/A	

TITLE OF REPORT: <b>SUSTAINABLE TENANCY POLICY</b>		
Portfolio		√ as appropriate
	Customer Service and Transformation	
	Regeneration and Planning	√
	Environment and Recycling	
	Safer and Stronger Communities	
	Resources and Efficiency	
	Culture and Active Communities	
Brief description of report	To seek support for a Sustainable Tenancy Policy in line with the proposed new government requirement.	
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	None anticipated	
Decision maker	Cabinet	
Earliest date of decision	June 2011	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee		√ as appropriate
	Cleaner Greener and Safer Communities	
	Economic Development and Enterprise	√
	Active and Cohesive Communities	
	Transformation and Resources	
Wards affected	All	
Proposed consultation	Open consultation advertised on the Council's website.	
Last date for representations	Representations on public agenda items can be made up to one working day before the meeting	
Background documents	As per agenda	
Officer contact	Joanne Basnett, Head of Housing Services	
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	N/A	

TITLE OF REPORT: <b>AFFORDABLE RENT POLICY</b>		
Portfolio		√ as appropriate
	Customer Service and Transformation	
	Regeneration and Planning	√
	Environment and Recycling	
	Safer and Stronger Communities	
	Resources and Efficiency	
	Culture and Active Communities	
Brief description of report	To seek support for an Affordable Rent Policy in line with the proposed new government requirement and to enable local Registered Providers (Housing Associations) to bid for Homes and Communities Agency funding in the future.	
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	No direct costs anticipated however there will be an impact on affordable housing providers and their tenants.	
Decision maker	Cabinet	
Earliest date of decision	June 2011	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee		√ as appropriate
	Cleaner Greener and Safer Communities	
	Economic Development and Enterprise	√
	Active and Cohesive Communities	
	Transformation and Resources	
Wards affected	All	
Proposed consultation	Open consultation advertised on the Council's website. Specific comments invited from Registered Providers.	
Last date for representations	Representations on public agenda items can be made up to one working day before the meeting	
Background documents	As per agenda	
Officer contact	Joanne Basnett, Head of Housing Services	
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	N/A	

<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b> <b>IMPACT ON 'LOCAL DECISIONS' ON THE HOUSING ALLOCATIONS POLICY</b>		
Portfolio		√ as appropriate
	Customer Service and Transformation	
	Regeneration and Planning	√
	Environment and Recycling	
	Safer and Stronger Communities	
	Resources and Efficiency	
	Culture and Active Communities	
Brief description of report	To seek views on the options to develop a new policy or alter the current Housing Allocations Policy to ensure it is in line with the proposed new government guidance.	
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	There will be a requirement to invest in the allocations process and ICT developments.	
Decision maker	Cabinet	
Earliest date of decision	June 2011	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee		√ as appropriate
	Cleaner Greener and Safer Communities	
	Economic Development and Enterprise	√
	Active and Cohesive Communities	
	Transformation and Resources	
Wards affected	All	
Proposed consultation	Open consultation advertised on the Council's website.	
Last date for representations	Representations on public agenda items can be made up to one working day before the meeting	
Background documents	As per agenda	
Officer contact	Joanne Basnett, Head of Housing Services	
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	N/A	



<b>THE CABINET:</b>	<b>OVERVIEW &amp; SCRUTINY:</b>
Councillor Simon Tagg - Leader  <i>Portfolio:</i> <u>Customer Service and Transformation</u>	<b>Cleaner, Greener and Safer Communities:</b>  <b>Chair: Councillor John Williams</b> <b>Vice: Councillor Andrew Wemyss</b>
<b><u>Councillor Robin Studd – Deputy Leader</u></b>  <i>Portfolio:</i> <i>Regeneration and Planning</i>	<b>Economic Development and Enterprise:</b>  <b>Chair: Councillor Christian Barber</b> <b>Vice: Councillor Mrs. Ann Beech</b>
Councillor David Becket  <b><i>Portfolio:</i></b> <b><i>Environment and Recycling</i></b>	<b>Active and Cohesive Communities:</b>  <b>Chair: Councillor Mrs. Eileen Braithwaite</b> <b>Vice: Councillor Ian Gilmore</b>
Councillor Stephen Sweeney  <i>Portfolio:</i> <i>Safer and Stronger Communities</i>	<b>Transformation and Resources:</b>  <b>Chair: Mrs. Elizabeth Shenton</b> <b>Vice: Councillor Trevor Hambleton</b>
Councillor Mrs. Wenslie Naylor  <b><i>Portfolio:</i></b> <b><i>Culture and Active Communities</i></b>	
Councillor Mrs. Helen Morris  <b><i>Portfolio:</i></b> <b><i>Resources and Efficiency</i></b>	

**NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL**

**28 July 2010**

**143. IDENTIFICATION AND DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS LAND**

A report was submitted seeking approval to the release and disposal of surplus parcels of land at various locations throughout the Borough, details of which were considered.

**Resolved:-** (a) That, subject to the deletion of one site listed approval be given to the release and disposal of sites identified in the report at Appendix A, subject to having first secured outline planning permissions for appropriate development of each parcel of land.

(b) That approval be given to the procurement of specialist professional services, as outlined in this report, for the purposes of preparing and submitting planning applications (supported by appropriate technical reports) the details of which were to be agreed with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Planning.

(c) That all receipts derived from this disposal programme be directed to support the Council's capital programme requirements and to finance the procurement of the specialist professional services referred to in (b).

(d) Further to recommendation (c), the first priority for use of receipts was to support the proposed strategic acquisition referred to elsewhere on this agenda.

# CABINET

9 February 2011

6. \* **NEWCASTLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS LAND ASSETS)  
(512/11)**

Further to the above resolution, a report was submitted detailing progress with the above programme.

Councillor Heesom addressed the meeting detailing the views/objections of residents to the proposed disposals of land in the Westlands Ward.

It was indicated that there were no plans to dispose of any land in the May Bank, Seabridge or Clayton wards.

**Resolved:-** (a) That Cabinet confirm that there are no plans to dispose of any land in the May Bank, Seabridge or Clayton Wards.

(b) That prior to the disposal of any of the land referred to in the Newcastle Development Programme, a further report be submitted to the Cabinet for a final decision.

(c) That further updates on this issue be submitted to each Cabinet meeting.

# CABINET

**15 December 2010**

**512 \* NEWCASTLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS LAND ASSETS)  
(152/11)**

Further to the above resolution, a report was submitted updating Members on progress with the Newcastle Development Programme (disposal of surplus assets) and seeking approval for the inclusion of a second tranche of sites.

**Resolved:-** That Cabinet:

(a) notes the progress made to date on the first phased programme of surplus land disposals.

(b) agrees to the inclusion of a second tranche of surplus sites for inclusion in the programme (as referred to at section 3 of the report).

(c) approves the release and disposal of the sites referred to at resolution (b) above subject to having first secured outline planning permission for housing development for the respective sites.

(d) approves the procurement of specialist professional services, as outlined in the report, for the purposes of preparing and submitting planning applications (supported by appropriate technical reports) the details of which to be agreed with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Planning.

(e) determines that all capital receipts derived from this disposal programme be directed to support the Council's capital programme requirements and to finance the specialist professional services referred to in resolution (d) above.

(f) That a progress report be submitted to each Cabinet meeting on these issues.

# COUNCIL

23 February 2011

## 5. CAPITAL STRATEGY 2011-2014

Consideration was given to the Capital Strategy which set out how the Council proposed to deploy its capital resources in order to assist it to achieve its corporate and service objectives.

**Resolved:-** (a) That subject to the deletion of paragraph 5.5, the Capital Strategy for 2011-2014 be approved.

(b) That the matter of the Newcastle development programme be referred to the appropriate scrutiny committee.