

**Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Wednesday, 14 March 2012**

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**Part A – Items considered in public**

<b>A1</b>	Minutes	That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2012 be agreed as a correct record.
<b>A3</b>	Financial and Performance Management Report to End of Quarter Three (Dec) 2011	That the content of the report be noted and it be recommended that the Council continue to monitor and scrutinise performance alongside finances.
<b>A4</b>	Communications Strategy 2012-2013	That the Communications Strategy 2012-15 be approved.
<b>A5</b>	Stronger and Safer Communities Strategy 2012-2017	<p>(a) That the contents of the Strategy and the comments received from the Cleaner, Greener and Safer Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee be noted.</p> <p>(b) That the list of Key Measure for Success on page 7 of the Appendix be made more clear and benchmarks added.</p> <p>(c) That the Strategy be circulated to partners and communities and that updates on the Strategy's development be brought to future meetings of the Cabinet.</p>
<b>A6</b>	Locality Action Partnership (LAP) Review Update	<p>(a) That the contents of the report be noted.</p> <p>(b) That Cabinet support the continued work and development of LAPs</p> <p>(c) That the potential issues relating to the full time LAP Co-ordinator post and issues around small projects funding related to the LAPs be noted.</p> <p>(d) That Cabinet approve the continuation of the LAP Co-ordinator post to be funded through the Local Member Initiative Fund.</p>

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<b>A7</b>	Progress Report Regarding the Ryecroft Scheme and Appointment of Retail Specialist Consultancy	<p>(a) That the progress made on taking forward the Ryecroft redevelopment scheme be noted.</p> <p>(b) That the Portfolio Holder’s decision to award the retail consultancy contract to Cushman Wakefield as the most economically advantageous tender be noted.</p>
<b>A8</b>	Town Centre Partnership Development and Initiatives	<p>(a) That Newcastle under Lyme B.C. becoming a director of the Newcastle town centre partnership company and officers be authorised to take the necessary steps to facilitate the same; the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Planning would represent the Council on the company.</p> <p>(b) That officers work under the auspices of the Newcastle town centre partnership to prepare and submit a bid to become a “Portas pilot”, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Planning and for the Council to act as the accountable body for administering any grant.</p> <p>(c) That the Council be involved in campaigns to support the safeguarding and growth of markets (e.g. Love your local market) and independent retailers (Independents’ month in July) by running its own campaign themed around what Newcastle town centre had to offer for shoppers, visitors and those interested in starting a new business, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Planning.</p> <p>(d) That the preparation and execution of a town centre user survey be carried out, in</p>

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		consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Planning.
<b>A9</b>	Register of Locally Important Buildings and Structures in Newcastle-under-Lyme SPD	That the SPD relating to a Register of Locally Important Buildings and structures be adopted.
<b>A10</b>	Response to Petition to Protect the Dogs of Lyme Valley Park From Being Poisoned	That a suitable notice be retained on the park notice board for a period of six months and that Officers review the requirement for further signs on a regular basis.
<b>A11</b>	Partnership Agreement With Newcastle Community and Voluntary Support	<p>(a) That consideration be given to the proposal for a Partnership Agreement between the Borough Council and the NCVS with specific reference to supporting the voluntary and community sector's contribution in delivering outcomes that support the Council's Corporate Priorities</p> <p>(b) That, following this consideration, a Partnership Agreement be drafted and agreed in principle between the Borough Council and NCVS, with a view to further developing partnership working between the two organisations in a positive way prior to the re-commissioning of the 'Infrastructure Support' contract as part of the Third Sector Commissioning process and also taking into account the Staffordshire wide Public Sector Commissioning in Partnership (PSCiP) project, of which Infrastructure Support is a key element.</p>
<b>A12</b>	Transportation of Material and Processing of Street Sweepings	That the contract for the Transportation of Material and Processing of Street Sweepings for Newcastle-under-Lyme BC - Tender Reference: NULBC/PFW-1 be awarded to H. Browns and

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		Sons of Stoke on Trent as set out in the report.
<b>A13</b>	Joint Housing Allocations Policy Review	That the revised Joint Housing Allocations Policy be adopted.
<b>A14</b>	Strategic Tenancy Strategy	That the Strategic Tenancy Strategy be adopted.
<b>A15</b>	Lettings of Surplus Office Space, Civic Offices, Merrial Street, Newcastle	<p>(a) That officers be authorised to take the necessary actions to complete new leases with the Staffordshire County Council and Staffordshire Police Authority in respect of the Civic Offices premises.</p> <p>(b) That the actions taken by officers in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Planning in respect of the letting of office accommodation at the Civic Offices to Public Health partners be noted.</p>
<b>A16</b>	Kidsgrove Town Hall and Victoria Hall	<p>That the actions detailed below be approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) That an offer has been made to Kidsgrove Town Council in respect of formalising the freehold ownership of the Town Hall and the Victoria Hall.</li> <li>(ii) That agreement for a lease has been reached with Staffordshire County Council (who are in occupation) and that negotiations are ongoing with Staffordshire Police Authority in respect of relocating to the Town Hall from the existing Police Station.</li> </ul>

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<b>A17</b>	Jubilee 2 Update	<p>(a) That the information contained within the report be received.</p> <p>(b) That Cabinet convey its thanks to all partners involved in delivering this project, particularly those who contributed funding. Members specifically wished to thank North Staffs NHS Trust, Sport England, the Amateur Swimming Association, The Contractors, Robert Foster and Andy Arnott.</p>
<b>A18</b>	Chesterton Vision	That Cabinet authorise officers, in consultation with the Portfolio Member for Culture and Active Communities, to enter into a Service Level Agreement with Staffordshire Young People's Service for the Council's Leisure and Cultural Services to provide the operational management at Chesterton Vision, for an initial 12 months.
<b>A19</b>	Irrecoverable Items	That the items detailed in the Appendix be considered irrecoverable for the reasons stated and be written off.