

Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Wednesday, 18 July 2012

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Part A – Items considered in public

A1	Minutes	That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20 th June 2012 be approved as a correct record.
A6	Surplus Land - Proposed Newcastle Development Programme Disposals	That the Council not proceed with any plans to dispose of the seven sites referred to in the report and that the Council advise the local planning authority to remove these sites from the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA).
A8	Reviewing the Potential Benefits of HS2	<p>(a) That the Council modify its stance to offer support for the principle of HS2 as long as the potential economic benefits for North Staffordshire can be demonstrated to outweigh the environmental consequences, in particular whether such benefits would be derived from a local station being provided to serve this area.</p> <p>(b) That the Economic Development and Enterprise Scrutiny and Overview Committee be asked to continue to scrutinise the plans for HS2 with the Task and Finish Sub Group reconvening when the Government Consultation commences, with a particular focus upon whether the provision of an intermediate station in the North Staffordshire area would strengthen the case on economic grounds sufficiently to outweigh potentially adverse environmental consequences.</p>
A9	Apprenticeship Opportunities	<p>(a) That Cabinet note the existing apprenticeship and training opportunities within the Borough.</p> <p>(b) That officers are authorised to investigate in further detail opportunities to provide additional apprenticeship places within the Borough Council.</p> <p>(c) That officers are authorised to investigate the feasibility of working with a specialist local training provider to increase apprenticeship opportunities.</p>

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		(d) That a report is brought to a future meeting of the Cabinet detailing the outcome of the above actions.
A10	Support for home security checks, advice and security measures for vulnerable residents	(a) That the Council proceed with the principle of the additional home security measures summarised in the report? (b) That officers report back with options to reduce the handyperson charging policy to make the home security material provision and / or labour charge free or 50% subsidised.
A11	Local Environment Quality and Cleanliness of the Borough	(a) That the information be received. (b) That the improved level of performance in respect of Local Environmental Quality and cleanliness be noted. (c) That the current approach to achieving Local Environmental Quality and cleanliness be endorsed, and ongoing initiatives be supported. (d) That performance in relation to Local Environmental Quality and cleanliness is regularly reported to Cabinet as part of the emerging corporate performance management framework.
A12	Staffordshire Local Nature Partnership	a) That the report be received. (b) That Cabinet endorses the purpose and aims of the proposed Staffordshire Local

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		<p>Nature Partnership.</p> <p>(c) That authorisation is granted for appropriate Borough Council officer representation on the proposed Staffordshire Local Nature Partnership to aid its establishment and to support and contribute to the delivery of its objectives.</p>
A13	Cemeteries Memorial Safety Programme 2011-2015	That the Council's policy in relation to Memorial Testing is amended to align with the revised British Standard.
A14	ICT Software Consolidation - Licensing	That Cabinet notes the award by the Executive Director (Resources and Support Services) of a three year contract to Civica UK Ltd for the supply of ICT software for the Council's Licensing Service.