

Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Wednesday, 19 September 2012

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Part A – Items considered in public

A1	Declarations of Interest	
A2	Minutes	That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18 July 2012 be approved as a correct record.
A3	Financial and Performance Management Report to the End of Quarter One (June) 2012	<p>(a) That Members note the contents of the report and recommend that the Council continues to monitor and scrutinise performance alongside finances.</p> <p>(b) That Members note that the appendix to the report is an interim performance report that is to be further developed as detailed in the Performance Management Framework Review and that the intention is to report performance information in a new format as the work is progressed in each subsequent quarter.</p>
A4	Newcastle Borough Council Plan 2013/14-2015/16	<p>(a) That Members note the report and the draft copy of the Council Plan for 2013/14 to 2015/16 as set out on the appendix to the report.</p> <p>(b) That Members approve the adoption of the Council Plan for 2013/14 to 2015/16.</p> <p>(c) That Members note that the monitoring section of the plan is being progressed via senior officer workshops in order to determine the relevant measures/indicators in order to monitor improvement against the priorities and outcomes being developed as part of the Council Plan (Option A as set out in the report).</p>
A5	Budget Preparation, Scrutiny and Consultation Process 2013/14	That Cabinet approve the budget preparation, scrutiny and approved process as set out in the Appendix to the Officer's report.

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A6	Developing a Kidsgrove Town Centre Partnership	That the officers be authorised to proceed with the process of establishing a Kidsgrove Town Centre Partnership based around a Community Interest Company Model (or similar entity), including the appointment of Directors, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Town Centres.
A7	Proposed Declaration of Bathpool Park as a Local Nature Reserve	<p>(a) That Bathpool Park be formally declared as a Local Nature Reserve under the provisions of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949.</p> <p>(b) That appreciation for the work carried out by the Friends of Bathpool Park and the Council's officers be recorded.</p>
A8	Proposals for the Redevelopment and Disposal of the former Knutton Recreation Centre	<p>(a) That the officers be authorised to proceed with the process of disposing of the former Knutton Recreation Centre and adjoining land through a joint disposal process (comprising land owned by both the Borough and County Councils) facilitated by a thorough public consultation process as described in the report.</p> <p>(b) That Staffordshire County Council be advised that this Council's support of the process detailed in resolution (a) above is subject to the proposals for a new Enterprise Centre elsewhere in the Knutton area being acceptable to the tenants of the existing Enterprise Centre in High Street.</p>
A9	Localised Council Tax Support - Consultation	<p>(a) That the draft Newcastle-under-Lyme Council Tax Support Scheme be approved for consultation purposes.</p> <p>(b) That the Executive Director – Resources and Support Services be authorised to initiate the statutory consultation process.</p>
A10	Borough Health and Wellbeing	(a) That the key messages in the report be accepted as important evidence against which

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	Strategy	<p>the Borough's Health and Wellbeing Strategy will be developed.</p> <p>(b) That a further report on progress made in the development of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy for the Borough be submitted to a future meeting of Cabinet for consideration.</p>
A11	Westlands Sports Ground Pavilion	<p>(a) That Cabinet approve in principle the replacement of the bowls pavilion at Westlands Sports Ground.</p> <p>(b) That the officers be authorised to provide project management support to Westlands Bowling Club to facilitate the replacement of the bowls pavilion.</p> <p>(c) That the officers be authorised to draw up an appropriate agreement with Westlands Bowling Club for project delivery and funding.</p> <p>(d) That a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Cabinet seeking approval of the final detailed scheme.</p>
A12	Supply of Spring and Summer Bedding Plants and Weed Control Contracts	<p>(a) That Cabinet authorises the Head of Operations to seek tenders for the supply of spring and summer bedding plants for a 5-year period commencing in December 2013, and following consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to accept the most economically advantageous tender within the existing budget provision.</p> <p>(b) That Cabinet authorises the Head of Operations to undertake an appropriate procurement exercise for the supply of summer bedding plants for summer 2013 and spring 2014 only, following the decision of the current contractor who will be unable to meet the Council's requirement for the period.</p> <p>(c) That Cabinet authorises the Head of Operations to seek tenders for the Weed Control</p>

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		<p>Contract for a 5-year period commencing April 2013 and, following consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to accept the most economically advantageous tender within the existing budget provision.</p> <p>(d) That simultaneously to (c) above, the Head of Operations explore the possibility of delivering the Weed Control Work using the Council's Streetscene Business Unit and, following consultation with the Portfolio Holder, set up necessary arrangements to implement the work if cost effective to do so.</p> <p>(e) That if the action outlined in resolution (d) above proves to be the best option for the Council, the procurement exercise for the Weed Control Contract set out in resolution (c) above be cancelled.</p> <p>(f) That in the circumstances that the organisation currently having the contract for summer bedding plants is closing down its operation, the officers be authorised to take appropriate action to recover any outstanding monies relating to the remaining period of the contract from them.</p> <p>(g) That the Officers be asked to draw up options for the engagement of community groups/schools in smaller planting schemes at suitable locations across the Borough.</p>
A13	Procurement of the Reporter	<p>(a) That Cabinet notes the outcome of The Reporter procurement process.</p> <p>(b) That Cabinet endorses the proposals to run a second procurement process to appoint a company to carry out The Reporter print contract and for the outcome of that process to be reported back to Cabinet.</p> <p>(c) That Cabinet authorises the Portfolio Holder for Communications, Transformation and</p>

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		Partnerships to consider with the Head of Communications appropriate measures in response to proposals from the Transformation and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
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