

Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Wednesday, 12 December 2012

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Part A – Items considered in public

A3	Minutes	That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14 th November be agreed as a correct record.
A4	Adoption of the Empty Homes Strategy	That Cabinet adopt the Empty Homes Strategy 2012-17
A5	Applications for Discretionary Rate Relief	<p>(a) That Officers draw up a framework for Community Interest Companies.</p> <p>(b) That, in accordance with Section 47 of The Local Government Finance Act 1988, discretionary rate relief be granted in respect of the organisations and premises detailed in Appendix A of this report</p>
A6	Localised Council Tax Support Scheme Consultation	<p>(a) That the consultation results be noted and used to help formulate the Localised Council Tax Support scheme for the borough area.</p> <p>(b) That it be recommended that protection be drawn into the final scheme regarding protection for recipients of War Disablement Pensions, War Widows Pensions and Armed Forces Compensation Scheme payments</p>
A7	Implementing Street Market Improvements	<p>(a) That approval be given for the removal and re-provision of trees to facilitate delivery of the Town Centre Market improvements.</p> <p>(b) That Cabinet authorise officers to prepare and submit a planning application for the proposed new market stalls.</p>

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		(c) That a timetable be provided regarding the plan.
A8	Budget Performance Monitoring Report 2012 Quarter 2	<p>(a) That Cabinet note the contents of the report and recommend that the Council continues to monitor and scrutinise performance alongside finances.</p> <p>(b) That Cabinet note that the appendix is an interim performance report to be further developed as detailed in the Performance Management Framework Review. The intention is to report performance information in a new format as the work is progressed.</p> <p>(c) That the comments raised at the Transformation & Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee held 19 November 2012 be noted.</p> <p>(d) That in the future, sickness monitoring be broken down into long and short term sickness.</p>
A9	Budget Consultation Report	<p>(a) That Cabinet notes the outcomes of the budget consultation process.</p> <p>(b) That Cabinet authorises the Portfolio holders for Communications, Transformation and Partnerships and Budget and Financial Management to review the consultation process with the Head of Communications and consider how budget consultations could be developed for the future.</p> <p>(c) That in the future the consultation exercise be carried out in two stages as per the scrutiny committee recommendations with greater emphasis on the long term.</p>

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A10	Local Enterprise Partnership - Planning Charter Mark	<p>(a) That the Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire LEP be advised that the Council wishes to attain the Planning Charter Mark status and invites the LEP to satisfy itself that the Council's current practices and procedures are compliant with the spirit and intent of the said Charter Mark.</p> <p>(b) That the LEP be informed of the council's decision and be invited to keep under review the council's current decision-making processes, procedures and performance in relation to planning applications for development relating to the safeguarding and/or growth of jobs with a view to achieving continuous improvement.</p> <p>(c) That the Planning Committee be advised of this decision and asked to introduce specific monitoring of business-related planning applications into its current performance monitoring regime.</p> <p>(d) That officers bring forward proposals to a future meeting of Cabinet on the steps that are likely to be required to achieve Planning Charter Mark status in 2013.</p>