

Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Wednesday, 16 January 2013

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Part A – Items considered in public

A3	Minutes	That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12 December 2012 be agreed as a correct record.																				
A4	Technical Reforms to Council Tax	<p>(a) That Cabinet authorise with respect to the discretion allowed by reforms to Council Tax legislation detailed within the Local Government Finance Act 2012 for charges in respect of second homes, former Class A exemptions and the Empty Homes Premium, alteration be made to existing arrangements to maximise income.</p> <p>(b) That Cabinet authorise with respect to the discretion allowed by reforms to Council Tax legislation detailed within the Local Government Finance Act 2012 for charges in respect of Class C exemptions, that a 100% discount be introduced for the first 56 days and thereafter this is reduced to 0%.</p>																				
A5	Calculation of Council Tax Base	<p>That Cabinet approve, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amounts calculated as the Council Tax Base for 2013/14 shall be as follows:</p> <p><u>Band D Equivalent Properties</u></p> <table> <tbody> <tr> <td>Newcastle Borough Council</td> <td align="right">34,361</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kidsgrove Town Council</td> <td align="right">6,259</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Audley</td> <td align="right">2,423</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Loggerheads</td> <td align="right">1,839</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balterley, Betley and Wrinehill</td> <td align="right">566</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chapel and Hill Chorlton</td> <td align="right">186</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Keele</td> <td align="right">315</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Madeley</td> <td align="right">1,413</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Maer</td> <td align="right">245</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Silverdale</td> <td align="right">1,240</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Newcastle Borough Council	34,361	Kidsgrove Town Council	6,259	Audley	2,423	Loggerheads	1,839	Balterley, Betley and Wrinehill	566	Chapel and Hill Chorlton	186	Keele	315	Madeley	1,413	Maer	245	Silverdale	1,240
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A6	Living Wage Accreditation	That Cabinet approve that arrangements be made for the Living Wage Initiative to be implemented for Council employees from 1 April 2013 and for the Council to obtain accreditation as a Living Wage Employer.
A7	Revenue and Capital Budgets 2013/14	(a) That the assumptions set out in the report be approved. (b) That Cabinet confirm that no Council Tax increase is proposed in 2013/14. (c) That the Transformation and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee be asked to consider what comments it wishes to make on the draft Budget and Council Tax proposals before the final proposals are considered at Cabinet in February 2013.
A8	Scale of Fees and Charges 2013/14	That Cabinet approve the fees and charges proposed to apply from 1 April 2013, as set out in Appendix A of the report and be submitted to the Transformation and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee for comment.
A11	Housing Capital Programme 2013/14	That Cabinet approve the Housing Capital Programme on the basis set out in the report.
A12	Capital Strategy 2013/14	That Cabinet approve the Capital Strategy 2013-16 and that the Capital Strategy 2013-16 be forwarded to Council with a recommendation for approval.
A13	Asset Management Strategy	(a) That Cabinet approve the Asset Management Strategy 2013-2016. (b) That Cabinet approve the local planning authority be advised of the Strategy.

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A14	Staffordshire Strategic Property Review	That Cabinet approve that the Staffordshire Strategic Property Review report be accepted and that the programme and project management arrangements established regarding the opportunities within the borough are noted.
A15	Pay Protection	That Cabinet approve recommendation (ii) on the Pay Protection report that the arrangements proposed at 1.3 in the report be adopted including backdating.
A16	Replacement of Sweepers	<p>(a) That Cabinet authorise that the contract for the supply of two sub-compact sweeping vehicles be awarded to Johnson Sweepers.</p> <p>(b) That Cabinet authorise that the contract for the supply of three compact sweeping vehicles be awarded to Scarab Sweepers.</p> <p>(c) That Cabinet approve, subject to the approval of the fleet replacement element of the 2013/14 capital programme, the procurement of the two remaining sweepers (sweeper 6 and 7) be carried out following consultation with the Portfolio Holder.</p>
A17	Peer Challenge	<p>(a) That Cabinet notes the contents of the report and the letter from the Peer Challenge team and the suggested action plan at Appendix A, based on the findings of the recent LGA Corporate Peer Challenge.</p> <p>(b) That the Cabinet makes any further amendments or suggestions to the action plan.</p> <p>(c) That Cabinet approved implementation of the action plan, led by the relevant members of the Executive Management Team (EMT) in consultation with the appropriate Portfolio Holder(s) and also the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee(s).</p> <p>(d) That Cabinet approve that the Local Government Association may publish the letter from the Peer Challenge team on their website.</p>

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