

**Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Wednesday, 6 March 2013**

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**Part A – Items considered in public**

A2	Minutes of the Last Meeting	That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.
A4	Irrecoverable Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) That the items set out in Appendix B to the report be considered irrecoverable for the reasons stated and be written off; and</li> <li>(2) That the four local Members of Parliament be requested to meet with the relevant Minister to press for the legislative loophole referred to above to be closed.</li> </ul>
A5	Telecoms Contracts Consolidation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) That Standing Orders Relating to Contracts be waived on grounds 2b(vi) – “where for any other reason there would be no genuine competition”; and</li> <li>(2) That British Telecom (BT) be awarded a consolidated contract for a period of five years.</li> </ul>
A6	Localism Act - Community Right to Challenge and Community Right to Bid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) That the recommended actions set out in sections 3 and 5 of the report in respect of Community Right to Challenge and Community Right to Bid respectively, be approved.</li> <li>(2) That the approach adopted in respect of the receipt of expressions of interest be that of set timescales determined by the authority, in accordance with option (a) in section 3.2 of the report and the process set out in appendix D.</li> </ul>
A7	Apprenticeships	That a Shared Apprentice Scheme be established as set out in the report to enable the employment of local young people and contribute to the economic regeneration of Newcastle-under-Lyme.
A8	Affordable Housing Regeneration Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) That officers be authorised to prepare and execute a Partnership Agreement in consultation with the relevant portfolio holder based on the principles of the proposed partnership approach as outlined in the report;</li> <li>(2) That an appropriate governance structure be established including the Leader of the Council and/or portfolio holder and appropriate senior officers;</li> <li>(3) That the partnership commits to a jointly-funded feasibility appraisal and that the</li> </ul>

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		(4) council's contribution be met from the existing strategic housing service budget; and That the Partnership Board be authorised to finalise the Partnership Agreement and commission the feasibility study.
<b>A9</b>	Home Energy Conservation Act 1995 Progress Report - March 2013-2015	That the overall HECA Progress Report be approved and officers be authorised, in consultation with the portfolio holder, to make any minor amendments prior to submitting the report to the Secretary of State by 31 March 2013.
<b>A10</b>	Newcastles of the World Alliance	<p>(1) That the council endorses the overall priority themes of the draft Development Plan and agrees to ongoing participation in the Alliance, including a preparedness to contribute up to £2,500 per annum towards secretarial costs met from the existing budget;</p> <p>(2) That the council commits to working with appropriate partners to improve global business, educational and cultural links to other Newcastle;</p> <p>(3) That the council actively supports the development of an Alliance website, including developing tourism and media links to promote 'good news' stories about the borough;</p> <p>(4) That the council agrees, in principle, to attend the 2014 summit, subject to consideration as part of the budget-setting process in 2014/15;</p> <p>(5) That the council agrees to support partners in developing the youth aspect of the Alliance;</p> <p>(6) That officers be authorised to engage with the current secretariat on the basis set out in this report and to report back to members on progress with the Alliance or when key decisions are required;</p> <p>(7) That the matter be referred to the Economic Development and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the committee's comments in parallel with the implementation of the other resolutions; and</p> <p>(8) That Dr Becket (the Mayoress) be thanked for the work they have undertaken in respect of aim (e) above, and steps be taken to establish where the council may be</p>

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		able to assist in sustaining that work.
<b>A11</b>	Establishment of Cabinet Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) That a Revenue Investment and Budget Support Cabinet Panel be established with a membership of seven appointed on the basis of political proportionality (Labour 4; Conservative 2; Liberal Democrat 1);</li> <li>(2) That the portfolio holder for Finance and Budget Management be appointed to chair the panel;</li> <li>(3) That the group leaders be requested to make nominations for membership of the panel from their respective groups in accordance with (1) above; and</li> <li>(4) That the Panel make recommendations to Cabinet in respect of proposed expenditure.</li> </ul>
<b>A12</b>	Council Plan 2013-16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) That the content of the report and the draft Council Plan for 2013/14 to 2015/16 be noted; and</li> <li>(2) The council be recommended to adopt the Council Plan for 2013/14 to 2015/16.</li> </ul>