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Part A – Items considered in public

A5	Budget Performance Monitoring Report	<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 A is a new style of finance report</p> <p>(c) That Members note that the appendix B is a new style of performance as detailed in line with the Performance Management Framework Review and the Council Plan 2013-14 to 2015-16.</p>
A6	Newcastle Housing Advice (NHA) Service Contract	<p>(a) To retender the Newcastle Housing Advice Service Contract for a 3 year contract with an option to extend for a further 3 years subject to satisfactory performance and funding.</p> <p>(b) That Cabinet approve the proposal to accept variants bids as part of the retendering of the Newcastle Housing Advice Service Contract.</p> <p>(c) That Cabinet require the successful contractor to work with the Council to enhance the customer journey in future years of the contract.</p> <p>(d) That the Executive Director for Regeneration and Development is authorised in consultation with the Portfolio Holder to finalise the specification/service outline.</p> <p>(e) That once details of the relevant bids have been received they are shared with the relevant scrutiny committee to help ensure that the important parts of the contract are protected before any contract is awarded.</p>
A7	Bereavement Services Grounds Maintenance	<p>(a) That Cabinet authorises the Head of Operations to undertake a procurement exercise via the ESPO Grounds Maintenance Services contract 245 framework for the provision of a grounds maintenance and burial service contract for a period of 4 years, commencing April 1st 2014, and following consultation with the Portfolio Holder, accept the most economically</p>

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		<p>advantageous tender, after consideration of opportunities to seek an efficiency saving from the existing budget provision if necessary.</p> <p>(b) That option (iii) on page 43 be the preferred option – to expose the work to a competitive tendering process utilising an existing framework.</p> <p>(c) That Cllr Beach report back regarding the potential cost of the refurbishment of the baling shed once it is known.</p>
A8	ICT Desktop Strategy & Replacement of ICT Desktop Equipment	<p>That Cabinet give approval to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • undertake a procurement exercise and subsequently award a contract for the supply of replacement ICT Desktop equipment; • implement the ICT Desktop Strategy (the Strategy) as detailed in the report.
A9	Budget Consultation 2013	<p>(a) That Cabinet support the consultation proposals outlined in the report.</p> <p>(b) That Cllr Snell and Cllr Stubbs liaise with the Head of Communications to add one or two Saturday morning consultation events.</p> <p>(c) That Cllr Snell and Cllr Stubbs write to all LAPS and parish councils and offer to go and speak to them regarding the budget proposals.</p> <p>(d) That electronic copies of the budget reporter and web links be sent to all members.</p>

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A10	Memorandum of Understanding with PM Training Staffordshire Ltd	<p>That the Council supports the delivery of a PM Training Concordat Action Plan which would include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supply chain management - the Council and PM Training to continue to promote the partnership throughout the Boroughs supply chain. • Procurement link to Social Value Act – the Council to highlight PM Training as an exemplar organisation in achieving desired outcomes in relation to training and employment • Joint procurement with the Aspire Group – investigate opportunities to jointly procure goods and services • Work experience opportunities – investigate opportunities to provide structured work experience placements • Support for Social Enterprise West Midlands (SEWM) – the Council to seek to promote SEWM to its stakeholders and supply chain and consider becoming a Social Enterprise supporter of SEWM
A11	Audley Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document	That the Supplementary Planning Document relating to Audley Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan be adopted.
A12	JCB at Blue Planet	<p>That members note:</p> <p>i. the decision taken by officers to offer an option on a parcel of council-owned land, consistent with the council’s scheme of delegation, and;</p> <p>the work being undertaken by officers to enable the efficient movement of vehicles to/from the site whilst minimising nuisance to local residents.</p>

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