

**Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Wednesday, 11 December 2013**

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**Part A – Items considered in public**

<b>A3</b>	Minutes	That the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as a correct record.
<b>A4</b>	Urban Forest Strategy	1) That the report be received 2) That the Urban Forest Strategy for Newcastle-under-Lyme be adopted. 3) That officers be authorised to develop and progress the action plan within current budgetary and staff resource provision. 4) That officers are authorised to work with partners to develop and progress the action plan.
<b>A5</b>	Budget Performance Monitoring Report 2013 Quarter 2	(a) That the contents of the report be noted and that the Council continues to monitor and scrutinise performance alongside finances.  (b) That a breakdown of the major 10 variances wither way be provided for the next meeting.
<b>A6</b>	Proposed Joint Local Plan	1) That Cabinet agree to the formal withdrawal of the Site Allocations and Policies Local Plan.  2) That Cabinet agree to proceed with the preparation of a new joint Full Local Plan in partnership with Stoke-on-Trent City Council (Option C) and that your officers work with officers at Stoke-on-Trent City Council to reach agreement on a timetable for the preparation of the Local Plan.  3) That if Stoke-on-Trent City Council do not approve the preparation of a joint Local Plan or agreement cannot be reached on the timescale for the completion of the Plan by March 2014, that Cabinet give serious consideration to proceeding with the preparation of a borough-wide Local Plan.  4) That a further report is submitted to the Cabinet to receive an update on Stoke-on-Trent City Council's formal stance in this matter and if necessary to consider the need to establish a joint

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		<p>advisory group to support the governance arrangements of each Council.</p> <p>5) That Cabinet note the implications arising from the need to re-appraise the adopted Core Spatial Strategy for the Council's CIL process and seek a further report in this regard at the earliest opportunity.</p>
<b>A7</b>	Budget Consultation	<p>1) Cabinet notes the outcomes of the budget consultation process.</p> <p>2) Cabinet authorises the Portfolio holders for Communications, Transformation and Partnerships and Finance and Resources to further review the consultation process and consider how budget consultations could be developed for the future.</p>
<b>A8</b>	Allotment Provision in the Parish of Silverdale	<p>(a) That the report be received.</p> <p>(b) That the legal position in respect of the provision of allotments in the Parish of Silverdale be acknowledged.</p> <p>(c) That Officers are authorised to progress actions to regularise the position as follows:-</p> <p>(i) That the Park Road site is leased to Silverdale Parish Council for the purpose of meeting it's statutory duty to provide allotment land within the parish.</p> <p>(ii) That tenancy agreements with current plot holders on the Park Road site are transferred to Silverdale Parish Council and any outstanding rent due to the borough council is collected. Following this, new tenancy agreements are offered by Silverdale Parish Council at the appropriate time.</p> <p>(iii) That actions (i) and (ii) are completed by early in the new year 2014.</p> <p>(iv) That Silverdale Parish Council is asked to confirm whether or not it wishes to lease the The Acre site (either in whole or in part) for the purpose of meeting it's statutory duty to provide allotment land within the parish.</p>

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		<p>(v) Subject to a positive response to (iv) that the The Acre is leased (either in whole or in part) to Silverdale Parish Council (the precise area to be agreed by negotiation in conjunction with the relevant portfolio holder).</p> <p>(vi) That tenancy agreements with current plot holders on the agreed section of the site are transferred to Silverdale Parish Council and any outstanding rent due to the borough council is collected. Following this, new tenancy agreements are offered by Silverdale Parish Council and ploholders are relocated within the agreed section as part of a consolidation plan for the site.</p> <p>(vii) That alternative plots in the agreed section of the site are offered to plot holders affected by (v) for allotment gardening purposes only.</p>
<b>A9</b>	Staffordshire Community Foundation - Development of a Fund for the Borough	<p>1) That the Cabinet notes the contents of the report</p> <p>2) That the Cabinet supports the proposal to launch the 'Newcastle under Lyme Community Fund' in January 2014 with the support of all sectors and partners in the Borough</p> <p>3) That the Cabinet requests further consideration be given to other areas of potential collaboration between the Staffordshire Community Foundation and Newcastle-under-Lyme BC and also agrees that NuLBC offers support to the SCF in arranging fund raising events, raising the profile of the Fund and also in making best use of the Fund to assist local people in the area</p>
<b>A10</b>	Delegated Authority - Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013	That the report be received
<b>A11</b>	Scrap Metal Dealers Supplementary	1) That the supplementary report be received

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		2) That three Cabinet Members, be given delegated authority to vary or revoke licences issued under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013.
<b>A12</b>	Appointment of Mayoral Attendant	That authority be delegated to the Head of Business Improvements and Partnerships following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources to formalise the appointment of the Attendant to the Mayor of Newcastle under Lyme