

Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Wednesday, 15 January 2014

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Part A – Items considered in public		
A5	Community Centre Review	<p>That Cabinet approve the Joint Officer and Member Task and Finish Group proposals set out in this report.</p> <p>That the proposals are communicated to each community centre management committee jointly by officers and members of the Task and Finish Group in January 2014.</p> <p>That a further report be submitted to Cabinet by the autumn of 2014 providing a progress update in relation to the proposals set out in this report.</p>
A6	Amendments to Council Representation on the Aspire Housing Board	<p>That subject to the Council retaining its 33% vote on key issues at the AGM the principle of the alteration to the composition to the Aspire Housing Board (including the reduction in the number of Council representatives) be approved.</p>
A7	Award of the Newcastle Housing Advice Contract	<p>That the Homelessness, Housing Advice and Housing Register contract be awarded to Midland Heart for the period 1st April 2014 – 31st March 2017, with the option to extend for a further three years on satisfactory performance.</p> <p>That the Executive Director for Regeneration and Development be authorised in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Regeneration and Town Centres, to finalise negotiations with Midland Heart on the precise details within the service specification to ensure that the contract offers maximum value for money.</p> <p>That once the contract is formally up and running the Council engages with Members to ensure that they are aware of the service and that appropriate training be provided to members regarding the new provisions.</p>
A8	Housing Capital Programme 2014/15	<p>That the Housing Capital Programme be approved on the basis set out in the report and funded from the allocation of £515,000 of New Homes Bonus funding and a land disposal to the value of about £100,000, with provision for the virement of funding, subject to agreement with the relevant Portfolio Holder(s), between schemes to maximise the benefits of external</p>

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A9	Charging for the Control of rats at Residential Properties	<p>That a subsidised fixed charge of £30 for up to 4 visits should be applied for the treatment of rats at residential properties, subject to a fee wavier being available to applicants who can demonstrate their eligibility of the range of benefit entitlements listed in the report.</p> <p>That the final value of the charge be approved through the fees and charges approval process.</p> <p>That officers monitor the effectiveness and efficiency of the charging regime and report back to Cabinet any need for modification or refinement.</p>																																				
A10	Calculation of Council Tax Base	<p>That, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amounts calculated as the Council Tax Base for 2014/15 shall be as follows:-</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="840 906 2076 1350"> <tr> <td></td> <td align="right" colspan="2">Band D equivalent properties</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Newcastle Borough Council</td> <td align="right">34,890</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kidsgrove Town Council</td> <td align="right">6,349</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Audley</td> <td align="right">2,437</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Loggerheads</td> <td align="right">1,845</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balterley, Betley and Wrinehill</td> <td align="right">564</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chapel and Hill Chorlton</td> <td align="right">186</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Keele</td> <td align="right">330</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Madeley</td> <td align="right">1,416</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Maer</td> <td align="right">244</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Silverdale</td> <td align="right">1,348</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Whitmore</td> <td align="right">803</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>		Band D equivalent properties		Newcastle Borough Council	34,890		Kidsgrove Town Council	6,349		Audley	2,437		Loggerheads	1,845		Balterley, Betley and Wrinehill	564		Chapel and Hill Chorlton	186		Keele	330		Madeley	1,416		Maer	244		Silverdale	1,348		Whitmore	803	
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A11	Asset Management Strategy 2014-	That Members approve the Asset Management Strategy (2014- 2017).																																				

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A12	Capital Strategy 2014/15	That the Capital Strategy be agreed and forwarded to Council with a recommendation for approval.
A13	Scale of Fees and Charges 2014/15	That the fees and charges proposed to apply from 1 April 2014, as set out in Appendix 1 and 4 be approved and be submitted to the Transformation and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee for comment.
A16	Revenue and Capital Budgets 2014/15	<p>That the assumptions set out in the report be approved.</p> <p>That the Cabinet confirm that no Council Tax increase is proposed in 2014/15.</p> <p>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 2014.</p>
A17	Creating a Local Authority Owned Trading Company	<p>Cabinet agrees in principle to the establishment of a company which would be limited by shares and owned wholly by the council.</p> <p>Cabinet notes that a further report will be brought forward at the earliest opportunity outlining governance and board membership arrangements as well as a business case for the company before any trading activity commences.</p>
A18	Staffordshire Wide Waste Strategy	That the attached '2013 Refresh of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent (2007 – 2020)' to be adopted, and the Portfolio Holder of the Environment and Recycling agree that this document is approved by the Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent Joint Waste Management Board.
A20	Keele Golf Centre	That Members note the withdrawal of interest from RMW Golf Ltd on the grounds that the

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		<p>company is unable to progress with the opportunity on the basis of their tender submission.</p> <p>That Members note that the decision of RMW Golf Ltd to not proceed with their scheme brings the tendering process to an end.</p> <p>That officers be authorised to take the necessary steps to formally close the Golf Centre until further notice and to advise the interested parties of this decision.</p> <p>That officers be authorised to take the necessary steps to secure the site to minimise the risk of trespass onto, or vandalism of, the land/buildings.</p> <p>That officers be requested to report back to the earliest available Cabinet meeting with advice and information about the medium to long term options for the site.</p> <p>That this report be taken to the next meeting of the Transformation and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p>