Date of meeting Tuesday, 3rd December, 2013

Time 7.00 pm

Venue Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, Merrial Street,

Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, ST5 2AG

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Transformation and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee

AGENDA

PART 1 - OPEN AGENDA

- 1 Apologies
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of interest from Members on items included in the agenda.

3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(Pages 1 - 6)

To consider the minutes of the previous meeting of this Committee held on 6 November 2013.

4 THE BUDGET CONSULTATION PROCESS

This report will be sent to follow.

5 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

(Pages 7 - 28)

A report on the Treasury Management Strategy is attached.

6 FIRST DRAFT SAVINGS PLANS 2014/2015

(Pages 29 - 34)

A report on the first draft savings plans for 2014 / 15 is attached.

7 PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) QUESTION TIME

The Portfolio Holder for Communications, Policy and Partnerships will give a statement on his priorities and work objectives for the next six months. The Committee will have the opportunity to ask questions following the statement. There will be an opportunity for the Portfolio Holder to flag up areas within their remit that may benefit from scrutiny in the future e.g. policy development.

8 VERBAL REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE CONSTITUTION REVIEW WORKING GROUP

The Chair of the Constitution Review Working Group, Cllr Elizabeth Shenton, will give a verbal report on their progress.

9 WORK PLAN (Pages 35 - 38)

To discuss and update the current work plan for the Scrutiny Committee.

10 Part 2

11 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

To resolve that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the attached report, because it is likely that there will be disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

12 ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

To consider the financial implications of the Asset Management Strategy. Report is marked to follow.

13 URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any business which is urgent within the meaning of Section 100B (4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Members: Councillors Bannister, D Becket, Mrs Burgess (Vice-Chair), Fear, Hambleton,

Mrs Hambleton, Howells, Jones, Mrs Shenton (Chair), Taylor. J and Waring

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