

Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Wednesday, 14 September 2016

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Part A – Items considered in public

A3	Council Plan 2016-2018	That the Council Plan for 2016-18 be approved.
A4	Medium Term Financial Strategy	<p>(i) That the Medium Term Financial Strategy and Efficiency Plan for 2017/18 to 2021/22 be approved.</p> <p>(ii) That the Medium Term Financial Strategy and Efficiency Plan be submitted to Central Government for the purpose of securing a four-year funding settlement for Revenue Support Grant up to and including 2019/20.</p> <p>(ii) That the Executive Director (Resources and Support Services) in consultation with the Portfolio Holder – Finance, IT and Customer be authorised to approve any final amendments to the Medium Term Financial Strategy and Efficiency Plan between the Cabinet date and the date of submission to Central Government (14 October 2016).</p>
A5	Discretionary Rate Relief Policy	That the Discretionary Rate Relief Policy be approved.
A6	Corporate Postal Services	That a new two year contract be awarded under the Stoke-on-Trent City Council procurement (Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council having been a named participant in this process) to UK mail who was the successful provider following the procurement process and the current incumbent service provider to NULBC, which would offer business/service continuity.
A7	Miners Estate - Galleys Bank, Kidsgrove	<p>(i) That the establishment of a pro-active multi-agency, co-operative approach be approved with immediate effect to build community capacity and maximise opportunities for external funding.</p> <p>(ii) That officers be authorised to re-prioritise existing staff resources, in consultation with relevant Portfolio Holders, in order that this initiative can be effectively co-ordinated and managed by the Partnerships Team. That a further report is submitted to Cabinet in October 2016 outlining the medium term resource implications to ensure future delivery can be sustained.</p> <p>(iii) That the Housing Team engage with the National Landlord Association and local landlords to</p>

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		<p>join the voluntary accredited landlord scheme, information is widely promoted through to local residents on the housing standards they should expect and officers continue to benchmark with other Local Authorities who have delivered landlord licensing schemes to ensure that the Council can deliver a scheme if necessary.</p> <p>(iv) That officers establish monitoring and evaluation arrangements to enable the efficacy of this initiative to be assessed in the context of both this estate and on the basis that any learning can be used to address similar estate-based issues elsewhere in the Borough in future.</p> <p>(v) That officers write to the local Member of Parliament to lobby Government to find ways of investing in the unmodernised properties to bring them up to a mortgageable standard.</p> <p>(vi) That a partnership group is set up to meet on a regular, at least quarterly, basis which should include relevant statutory partners, local members, the residents association, neighbourhood watch, local neighbourhood Police and relevant officers.</p>
A8	Knutton Recreation Centre	<p>(i) That the demolition of the former Knutton Recreation Centre building, at a cost of up to £50,000, be approved.</p> <p>(ii) That the Executive Director for Regeneration and Development in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, IT and Customer be authorised to commission suitably qualified and experienced contractors to undertake the necessary demolition works.</p> <p>(iii) That the cost be met from either borrowing, in accordance with the approved Treasury Management Strategy or from capital receipts.</p> <p>(iv) That consultation on the future disposal of the site in line with the Council's Asset Management Strategy 2015/16 – 2017/18 be approved, with the results of this being reported to a later meeting of Cabinet alongside an update on other issues relating to the former Knutton Recreation Centre site.</p>

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A9	Stubbs Walk Conservation Area	That the Supplementary Planning Document relating to the Stubbs Walk Conservation Area and Management Plan be adopted.
A10	Budget Performance Monitoring Report	That the contents of the Financial and Performance Review Report for the first quarter 2016/17, be noted.