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Part A – Items considered in public

A1	APOLOGIES	There were no apologies for absence.
A2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	There were no declarations of interest stated.
А3	MINUTES OF A PREVIOUS MEETING	That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 th December 2020 be agreed as a correct record.
A4	CORONAVIRUS RECOVERY UPDATE	That the report be noted and the work being undertaken in response to the Coronavirus restrictions be endorsed.
A5	REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS AND STRATEGIES 2021/22	(a) That the progress on the completion of the Revenue and Capital Budgets and updated MTFS Funding Strategy for 2021/22 (Appendix 1) be noted. (b) That the updated Medium Term Financial Strategy 2021/22 to 2025/26 (Appendix 2) be approved. (c) That the strategy for ensuring a balanced revenue outturn position for 2020/21 be noted. (d) That the calculation of the Council Tax base and the Council Tax increase to be proposed for 2021/22 of £5 per year per Band D equivalent property be noted. (e) That the risk assessment at Appendix 3 and S151 Officer's recommendation on the level of reserves and contingencies provisionally required to be maintained in 2021/22 be noted. (f) That the draft Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy (Appendix 6), updated for 2021/22, be noted. (g) That the draft Capital Strategy (Appendix 7) for 2021-31 be noted. (h) That the draft Treasury Management Strategy (Appendix 8) for 2021/22 be noted. (i) That the draft Budget and Council Tax proposals be referred to Finance, Assets and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee for comment before the final proposals are considered at Cabinet on 3 rd February 2021.
A6	SCALE OF FEES AND CHARGES 2021/22	(a) That the fees and charges proposed to apply from 1 April 2021, as set out in Appendix 1, be approved; and

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		(b) That following the completion of a review of Jubilee 2 by Alliance Leisure, the Executive Director (Commercial Development & Economic Growth) in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder (Leisure, Culture and Heritage) be granted delegated authority to implement a revised membership pricing structure and offers to attract new memberships.
A7	BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, NEWCASTLE TOWN CENTRE - RE-BALLOT	 (a) That Cabinet notes the requirements of the Council to operate the ballot (and collection of levy if vote is successful) in line with the regulations covering Business Improvement District (BID) ballots. (b) The Prospectus and the Aims and Objectives of the BID and its Business Plan for the new BID duration 2021 to 2026 be noted. (c) The BID be supported in its efforts for a successful ballot outcome. (d) That the Portfolio Holder for Corporate & Service Improvements, People and Partnerships is authorised to vote Yes for each of the Council hereditaments to the BID proposal for a new term
A8	NEWCASTLE TOWN DEAL	 (a) That the Cabinet notes the draft submission for the Newcastle Town Deal Investment Plan and grants authorisation to the Deputy Leader, Councillor Stephen Sweeney, to use his vote on the Town Deal Board in support of the Plan at the appropriate time. (b) That Officers be authorised to continue working with the Town Deal Board and other organisations as necessary to progress development and delivery of projects in the Newcastle Town Deal Investment Plan in readiness for submission to MHCLG and upon confirmation of the grant. (c) That the multi-disciplinary officer group established to support delivery of the Advance Town Deal Projects continues this role to support delivery of the Newcastle Town Investment Plan. (d) That the Executive Director Commercial Development and Economic Growth, in consultation with the Section 151 Officer and the Portfolio Holder Corporate and Service Improvement. People and Partnerships are authorised to pursue delivery of the Newcastle Town Investment Plan.

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A9	LOCAL PLAN UPDATE	 (a) That the Council withdraws from the preparation of a Joint Local Plan with Stoke on Trent City Council. (b) Work be commenced on the development of a Borough Local Plan, under the stewardship of a Member Steering Group chaired by the Leader of the Council or the relevant Portfolio Holder. (c) Provision be made in the Medium Term Financial Plan for the costs associated with delivering a Borough Local Plan amounting to £550,000 over the period 2021-23.
A10	TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION POLICY	That the proposed Temporary Accommodation Policy be approved and Officers are supported to continue to develop a range of temporary accommodation options for the Borough for further consideration as appropriate.
A11	FORWARD PLAN	That the Forward Plan be received.
A12	URGENT BUSINESS	There was no Urgent Business.
A14	SCALE OF FEES AND CHARGES 2021/22 - CONFIDENTIAL APPENDIX	That the information contained within the confidential appendix be agreed.