

Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Wednesday, 2 February 2022

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Part A – Items considered in public

A4	WALLEYS QUARRY ODOUR ISSUES	<p>That:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The report be noted; (b) A formal complaint be made to the Environment Agency (EA) expressing the Council's dissatisfaction with the way in which they are regulating Walley's Quarry in view of the recent increase in odours and corresponding complaints to the Council; if there is no satisfactory outcome, then the assistance of Aaron Bell, MP be sought to refer the matter to the relevant Health and Parliamentary Ombudsman; and (c) A meeting be sought with representatives from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) to involve the County Council in their public health role and other relevant health partners and in conjunction with Aaron Bell MP regarding the EA regulation of Walley's Quarry and the ongoing detrimental impact on residents' health.
A5	URBAN TREE PLANTING STRATEGY UPDATE AND DESIGNATION OF URBAN CARBON CAPTURE AREAS	<p>That:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Cabinet notes the Phase 1 sites already planted to coincide with the national tree planting week initiative. (b) The phase 2 of tree planting through the Urban Tree Planting Strategy is approved for immediate implementation, subject to consultation responses, and the Executive Director – Operational Services is authorised to seek and accept quotations for the work. (c) Cabinet notes progress with other linked initiatives. (d) The list of future sites for tree planting is approved and work is progressed, with a view to implementation of further phases starting with planting sites for Phase 3 in the autumn/winter planting season of 2022/23. (e) Cabinet remove the 2 ha. limit to allow larger sites to be considered. (f) All Council owned sites in phases 1, 2 and 3 and future phases outlined in appendix 1 are designated as Urban Carbon Capture Areas in the Open Space and Green Infrastructure Strategy and considered for an appropriate designation in the developing Local Plan; and (g) The Council be recommended to endorse the creation of Urban Carbon Capture Areas

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		as outlined in (f) above and their protection in the developing Local Plan and all relevant policies.
A6	REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS AND STRATEGIES 2022/23	<p>That:</p> <p>(a) the Revenue and Capital Budgets as detailed in this report and in the report to Cabinet dated 12 January 2022 be recommended to Full Council for approval.</p> <p>(b) The updated Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022/23 to 2026/27 (Appendix 2) be recommended to Full Council for approval.</p> <p>(c) The strategy for ensuring a balanced revenue outturn position for 2021/22 be approved.</p> <p>(d) The calculation of the Council Tax base and the Council Tax increase to be proposed for 2022/23 of 1.99% per Band D equivalent property be recommended to Full Council for approval.</p> <p>(e) The risk assessment at Appendix 3 and the Section 151 Officer's recommendation on the level of reserves and contingencies provisionally required to be maintained in 2022/23 be recommended to Full Council for approval.</p> <p>(f) The Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy (Appendix 6) for 2022/23 be recommended to Full Council for approval.</p> <p>(g) The Borough Growth Fund Priorities for 2022/23 be approved.</p> <p>(h) The Capital Strategy (Appendix 7) for 2022/32 be recommended to Full Council for approval.</p> <p>(i) The Treasury Management Strategy (Appendix 8) for 2022/23 be recommended to Full Council for approval.</p> <p>(j) The Investment Strategy (Appendix 9) for 2022/23 be recommended to Full Council for approval.</p> <p>(k) The Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme (Appendix 10) for 2022/23 be recommended to Full Council for approval; and</p> <p>(l) The designation of the Carbon Capture Areas as discussed in item A5 above be endorsed. .</p>
A7	APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL	That Cabinet recommends to Full Council that the Council accepts Public Sector Audit

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	AUDITOR FOR THE FIVE YEAR PERIOD FROM 2023/24	Appointments' invitation to opt into the sector-led option for the appointment of external auditors to principal local government and police bodies for five financial years from 1 April 2023.
A8	FORMATION OF STAFFORDSHIRE LEADERS BOARD	That: (a) The establishment of, and Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council's participation in, the Staffordshire Leaders Board be agreed on the basis of the Terms of Reference set out in Appendix 1 to the report. (b) The Leader be appointed as the Council's representative on the Leaders Board. (c) The Deputy Leader be appointed as the named substitute for the Leader on the Leaders Board.
A9	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1990 PART 2A - CONTAMINATED LAND STRATEGY 2022	That the Contaminated Land Strategy for 2022-2027 be approved and adopted.
A10	FORWARD PLAN	That the Forward Plan be received.
A11	URGENT BUSINESS	There was no Urgent Business.