

**Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Wednesday, 23 March 2022**

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**Part A – Items considered in public**

A3	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS	That the minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2022 be approved as a correct record.
A4	WALLEY'S QUARRY UPDATE	That: (a) The update report be noted; (b) Cabinet notes that the Council's complaint about the effectiveness of the regulatory response to Walleys Quarry is being escalated to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman.
A5	RYECROFT NEXT STEPS	That 1. The progress made on the development of the Ryecroft site be noted and the Blueprint attached at Appendix 1 be endorsed. 2. The Executive Director – Commercial Development and Economic Growth be authorised to negotiate (subject to contract) the sale of approximately two acres of the site to Aspire Housing for its new Head Quarters Building and a 90 unit over 55s residential block; and 3. In the event of a successful negotiation, Cabinet will receive a further report seeking authorisation to enter into a contract for sale with Aspire.
A6	FUTURE HIGH STREETS FUND - PURCHASE OF YORK PLACE - APPOINTMENT OF A CONTRACTOR	That: 1. The progress made on the York Place project, through the Future High Street Fund grant monies be noted. 2. The Executive Director – Commercial Development and Economic Growth, be authorised in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, Finance, Town Centres and Growth to take such actions and enter such agreements with the successful bidder for support to review redevelopment options, submit any necessary statutory planning applications and work with the Council on the future of a redeveloped York Place. 3. The Executive Director – Commercial Development and Economic Growth, be authorised in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, Finance, Town Centres and Growth to take such actions and enter such agreements for the appointment of consultants to assist in the development of the final designs and business cases for the development.

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<b>A7</b>	NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY - ANNUAL REPORT	That: 1. The progress made in the various facets of the Council's Sustainable Environmental Strategy and other linked initiatives be noted; and 2. The progress update and 2022/2023 Action Plan be noted and referred to the Economy, Environment and Place Scrutiny Committee for scrutiny and comments.
<b>A8</b>	COVID 19 ADDITIONAL RELIEF FUND DISCRETIONARY NON-DOMESTIC RATE RELIEF POLICY	That the COVID-19 Additional Relief Fund Discretionary Non-Domestic Rate Relief Policy be approved.
<b>A9</b>	SUPPORT FOR ENERGY BILLS - THE COUNCIL TAX REBATE AND DISCRETIONARY FUND 2022 - 23 POLICY	That 1. The Support for Energy Bills Council Tax Rebate Discretionary Fund 2022-23 Policy be approved. 2. The Head of Finance (Section 151 Officer) be authorised, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, Finance, Town Centres and Growth, to update the Energy Bills Council Tax Rebate Discretionary Fund 2022-23 Policy should further guidance be received.
<b>A10</b>	ROUGH SLEEPING INITIATIVE FUNDING 2022 - 25	That the Council accepts the funding awarded by the Government as part of the Rough Sleeper Initiative Funding 2022-25 for the projects outlined in the report.
<b>A11</b>	FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE REVIEW REPORT - THIRD QUARTER (OCTOBER TO DECEMBER) 2021 - 2022	The contents of the report and Appendices A and B be noted and Cabinet will continue to monitor and challenge the Council's performance alongside its financial performance for the same period.
<b>A12</b>	IRRECOVERABLE ITEMS	That the items detailed at confidential appendix 1 be considered irrecoverable for the reasons stated and be written off.
<b>A13</b>	FORWARD PLAN	That the Forward Plan be received.

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A14	URGENT BUSINESS	There was no Urgent Business.
A15	DISCLOSURE OF EXEMPT INFORMATION	<p><b>Resolved:-</b> That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following matter because it is likely that there will be disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 3 in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972.</p>
A16	RYECROFT NEXT STEPS - CONFIDENTIAL APPENDIX	That the report be noted.
A17	FUTURE HIGH STREETS FUND - PURCHASE OF YORK PLACE - APPOINTMENT OF CONTRACTOR - CONFIDENTIAL APPENDIX	<p>That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Progress made on the York Place project, made through the Future High Street Fund grant monies be noted.</li> <li>2. The Executive Director – Commercial Development and Economic Growth, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, Finance, Town Centres and Growth be authorised to take such actions and enter such agreements with Willmott Dixon for support to review redevelopment options, submit to any necessary statutory planning applications and work with the Council on the future of a redeveloped York Place.</li> <li>3. The Executive Director – Commercial Development and Economic Growth in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, Finance, Town Centres and Growth be authorised to take such actions and enter such agreements for the appointment of consultants to assist in the development of the final designs and business cases for the development, up to a limit of £500,000.</li> </ol>
A18	IRRECOVERABLE ITEMS - CONFIDENTIAL APPENDIX	That the information within the confidential appendix be received.