

Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Wednesday, 12 February 2020

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Part A – Items considered in public

<p>A4</p>	<p>REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS AND STRATEGIES 2020/21</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That the Revenue and Capital Budgets as detailed in this report and in the report to Cabinet dated 15 January 2020 be recommended to Full Council for approval. (ii) That the updated Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020/21 to 2024/25 (Appendix 2) be recommend to Full Council for approval. (iii) That the strategy for ensuring a balanced revenue outturn position for 2019/20 be approved. (iv) That the 2020/21 Borough Growth Fund priorities as set out at paragraph 4.5 be approved. (v) That the calculation of the Council Tax base and the Council Tax increase to be proposed for 2020/21 of £5 (2.55%) per Band D equivalent property be recommended to Full Council for approval. (vi) That the proposed Empty Homes Premium for long term empty properties (2-5 years 100%, 5-10 years 200% and 10 years plus 300%) be approved. (vii) That the proposed change in accounting policy for Minimum Revenue Provision from the straight line basis to the annuity basis (as per the Treasury Management Strategy) be approved. (viii) 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 2020/21 be recommended to Full Council for approval.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ix) That the Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy (Appendix 6), updated for 2020/21, be recommended to Full Council for approval. (x) That the Capital Strategy (Appendix 8) for 2020-30 be recommended to Full Council for approval. (xi) That the Treasury Management Strategy (Appendix 9) for 2020/21 be recommended to Full Council for approval. (xii) That the Investment Strategy (Appendix 10) for 2020/21 be recommended to Full Council for approval. (xiii) That the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme (Appendix 11) for 2020/21 be recommended to Full Council for approval.
A5	DRAFT JOINT LOCAL PLAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That Cabinet notes the responses to the previous consultation exercise carried out on the Preferred Options Consultation Document (full copy of the Preferred Options Consultation and Responses Document is attached to this pack as background information), and that the document be published on the relevant Joint Local Plan web page. (ii) That the presentation of the Draft Local Plan in two parts be agreed, with Part One for strategic and development management policies to be consulted upon in Spring 2020 and Part Two for proposed site allocations be consulted upon Autumn 2020.

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		<p>(iii) That approval is given for:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) The Draft Joint Local Plan Part One Strategy and Policies Consultation document (attached as Appendix 1 to this report) to be published for formal public consultation during Spring 2020.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) That the consultation be carried out in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).</p> <p>(iv) That the results of the consultation exercise be reported back to Cabinet in Summer 2020 to inform the next stage of plan preparation (Part 2 Site Allocations) in partnership with Stoke-on-Trent City Council.</p> <p>(v) That during the consultation period the Cabinet commission additional work on SH01: Housing Numbers, SH03: Rural Settlement Hierarchy and H07: Gypsy and travellers Accommodation to inform the final plan.</p>
A6	SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADULTS AT RISK OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT POLICY AND WORKPLACE DOMESTIC ABUSE POLICY REVIEWS	<p>(i) That Cabinet approve the reviewed and updated version of the Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk of Abuse or Neglect Policy for the Borough Council in Newcastle-under-Lyme.</p>

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		<p>(ii) That Cabinet approve the reviewed and updated version of the Workplace Domestic Abuse Policy for the Borough Council in Newcastle-under-Lyme.</p> <p>(iii) That the Leader of the Council write to the Borough MP's asking that they raise Data Protection and Safeguarding in Parliament with a view to reviewing the respective laws.</p>
A7	FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE REVIEW REPORT TO THE END OF QUARTER 3 (Oct-Dec) 2019-20	That Members note the contents of the attached report and continue to monitor and challenge the Council's performance alongside its financial performance for the same period.
A8	FORWARD PLAN	That the Forward Plan be received.