

Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Tuesday, 16 January 2024

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Part A – Items considered in public

A3	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS	That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 5 December, 2023 be agreed as a correct record.
A4	WALLEYS QUARRY ODOUR ISSUES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That the contents of the update report be noted. (ii) That the Environment Agency be encouraged to consider a Closure Notice (iii) That the video files of the Walleys Quarry Liaison Meetings be uploaded into the Council's You Tube page and linked to the Walleys Quarry section of the Council's website.
A5	BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION RESPONSES AND NEXT STAGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That the summary of the main issues raised to the consultation on the First Draft Local Plan which took place from the 19 June to the 14 August 2023 and the Council's initial response as set out in the Consultation Report (Appendix 1), be noted. (ii) That the Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with the Strategic Planning Portfolio Holder, be authorised to recommend to Council at its meeting on the 24 July 2024 that it approves the Final Draft Local Plan (at Regulation 19 stage), the Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulation Assessment and supporting documentation for public consultation in line with the approved Local Development Scheme. (iii) That, subject to the outcome of consultation, and if no matters are raised that materially impact upon the Plan strategy, the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Strategic Planning Portfolio Holder be authorised to submit the Final Draft Local Plan and supporting documents to the Secretary of State for formal examination by the end of 2024.
A6	DRAFT REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS AND STRATEGIES 2024/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That the progress on the completion of the Revenue (Appendix 1) and Capital Budgets (Appendix 4), be noted. (ii) That the updated Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024/25 to 2028/29 (Appendix 2) be noted.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) That the strategy for ensuring a balanced revenue outturn position for 2023/24, be noted. (iv) That the calculation of the Council Tax base and the Council Tax increase to be proposed for 2024/25 of 1.99% per Band D equivalent property, be noted. (v) That 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 2024/25, and the further increase in the Walley’s Quarry Reserve to £300,000 for 1 April, 2024, be noted. (vi) That the draft Capital Strategy (Appendix 5) for 2024/34 be noted. (vii) That the draft Treasury Management Strategy (Appendix 6) for 2024/25, be noted. (viii) That the draft Investment Strategy (Appendix 7) for 2024/25, be noted. (ix) That the draft Commercial Strategy (Appendix 8) for 2024/25, be noted. (x) That the draft Budget and Council Tax proposals be referred to the Finance, Assets and Performance Scrutiny Committee for comment before the final proposals are considered at Cabinet on 6 February 2024.
A7	SCALE OF FEES AND CHARGES 2024/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That the proposed fees and charges, to apply from 1 April 2024, as set out in Appendix 1, be approved. (ii) That the Charging Policy, as set out in Appendix 2, be approved.

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A8	STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL URBAN GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT DELIVERY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That the delivery of Staffordshire County Council's highways urban verge grass maintenance programme by the Sustainable Environment Directorate, be authorised. (ii) That, to enable the above delivery, the employment of additional staffing resources and plant acquisition be authorised;
A9	AWARD OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY OF BEDDING PLANTS AND HANGING BASKETS	That the contract to supply the Council with bedding plants and Hanging Baskets to be awarded to Boverton Nurseries to commence from April 2024 for a period of 4 years up to April 2028.
A10	HEALTH INEQUALITIES GRANT PROJECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That Cabinet acknowledges the submission of bids as set out in the report and approves acceptance of any funding allocated as part of the Covid Outbreak Management Funding (COMF). (ii) That the Service Director – Regulatory Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Wellbeing be authorised to spend the grant in relation to Housing and Health Hot-spot areas, entering into any agreements necessary to deliver the projects in line with the grant. (iii) That the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Culture and Heritage be authorised to spend the grant in relation to strengthening existing health and wellbeing programmes entering into any agreements necessary to deliver the projects in line with the grant.
A11	FUTURE DELIVERY OF COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That it be agreed to contract with Staffordshire County Council to provide a full and resilient communications service to Newcastle Under Lyme Borough Council; (ii) That the Service Director – Strategy, People and Performance, in consultation with the portfolio holder for One Council, People and Partnerships, be authorised to finalise the

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		service specification and associated contractual arrangements to give effect to this decision.
A12	FORWARD PLAN	That the Forward Plan be received and noted.
A15	SCALE OF FEES AND CHARGES - TRADE REFUSE CONFIDENTIAL APPENDIX	That the confidential appendix be received and noted.