

## **FORWARD PLAN -**

This Plan sets out the decisions which the Council expects to take over.

Key decisions are decisions which are likely:

- (a) to result in the Council incurring expenditure or making savings which are significant having regard to the budget for the service concerned, or
- (b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards of the Borough.

There is a requirement to publish with 28 clear days' notice any key decision that is intended to be made. An Authority cannot take a key decision without giving 28 days' notice unless an urgent decision is required.

### **Other Decisions**

Although it is not a statutory requirement, this Forward Plan also contains details of other matters likely to be considered by the Council's Cabinet, Committees or Full Council which are not 'key decisions'.

Reports relevant to key decisions, and any listed background documents, may be viewed at the Civic Offices, Merrial Street, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs, ST5 2AG six days before the decision is to be made. Copies of, or extracts from, these documents may be obtained on the payment of a reasonable fee from the following address:

Head of Business Improvements and Partnerships  
Civic Offices,  
Merrial Street,  
Newcastle-under-Lyme,  
Staffordshire,  
ST5 2AG.

Telephone: 01782 742227

However, it is not possible to make available for viewing or to supply copies of reports or documents the publication of which is restricted due to confidentiality of the information contained therein.

Unless otherwise stated, representations in respect of any proposed decision may be made in writing to the Member Services Manager at the Civic Offices, Merrial Street, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, ST5 2AG not later than two working days prior to the meeting at which the decision will be taken.

A decision notice for each key decision is published within 6 days of it having been made. This is open for public inspection on the Council's website and at the Civic Offices.

The law and the Council's constitution provides for urgent key decisions to be made. A decision notice will be published for these in exactly the same way.

**FORWARD PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 15 APRIL 2014  
TO 18 JUNE 2014**

TITLE OF REPORT:  
**FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR KIDSGROVE SPORTS CENTRE**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Leisure, Culture and Localism
Brief description of report	To consider options for the future provision of sports facilities in Kidsgrove.
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	23 Jul 2014
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Active and Cohesive Communities
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	
Background documents	
Officer contact	Rob Foster, Head of Leisure and Cultural Services
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	

TITLE OF REPORT:

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY CONSULTATION**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Planning and Assets
Brief description of report	To report on the outcomes of the consultation on the Borough Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	23 Jul 2014
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	Public
Last date for representations	
Background documents	
Officer contact	Rob Foster, Head of Leisure and Cultural Services
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	

TITLE OF REPORT:

**LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP - PLANNING CHARTER MARK**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Economic Regeneration, Business and Town Centres
Brief description of report	To enable Cabinet to consider steps that are likely to be required for the Borough Council to achieve Planning Charter Mark status in 2013
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	18 Jun 2014
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Economic Development and Enterprise
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	Representations on public agenda items can be made up to one working day before the meeting
Background documents	
Officer contact	Guy Benson, Head of Planning and Development
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	

TITLE OF REPORT:

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Economic Regeneration, Business and Town Centres
Brief description of report	The Council has committed to undertake a joint feasibility study with Aspire Housing and it is appropriate that the outcome of this is reported to Cabinet for consideration.
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	This will be reported within the report
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	18 Jun 2014
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Economic Development and Enterprise
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	Other Registered Providers operating in the Borough have been consulted to highlight that the Council is open to discussions around ways to deliver affordable housing in the Borough.
Last date for representations	Representations can be made one working day prior to the meeting
Background documents	
Officer contact	Jo Halliday, Head of Housing
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	NA

TITLE OF REPORT:

**HS2 - RESPONSE TO CITY COUNCIL PROPOSALS**

Portfolio	Councillor Terry Turner
Brief description of report	Response to the Government consultation on High Speed Rail : Investing in Britain's Future - Consultation on the route from the West Midlands to Manchester, Leeds and beyond (HS2 Phase 2)
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	18 Jun 2014
Likely Date of Decision	15th January 2014
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Economic Development and Enterprise
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	The HS2 Working Group of the Economic and Development and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee has submitted its recommendations to Council on the 27th November 2013
Last date for representations	
Background documents	
Officer contact	Guy Benson, Head of Planning and Development
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	

TITLE OF REPORT:

**SHORT TERM VEHICLE CALL OFF HIRE CONTRACT**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Environment and Recycling
Brief description of report	Contract for all short term hire vehicles.
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	23 Jul 2014
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Not Applicable
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	
Background documents	
Officer contact	Trevor Nicoll, Head of Recycling and Fleet Services
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	

TITLE OF REPORT:

**TOWN CENTRE CAR PARKING - ANPR TRIAL**

Portfolio	County Councillor Mrs Ann Beech
Brief description of report	This report seeks member agreement to trial the use of an ANPR based system to be used as an alternative method of payment on NBC town centre car parks.
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	No as the trial is no cost to NBC
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	15 Jan 2014
Likely Date of Decision	15th Jan 2013
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Transformation and Resources
Wards affected	Town
Proposed consultation	None
Last date for representations	None
Background documents	
Officer contact	Graham Williams
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	



TITLE OF REPORT:  
**TYRE CONTRACT**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Environment and Recycling
Brief description of report	Contract for tyres for council vehicles.
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	23 Jul 2014
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Not Applicable
Wards affected	
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	
Background documents	
Officer contact	Trevor Nicoll, Head of Recycling and Fleet Services
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	

TITLE OF REPORT:

**INTEGRATED RECYCLING AND WASTE STRATEGY**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Environment and Recycling
Brief description of report	Integrated Recycling and Waste Strategy for the Council from 2016 onwards.
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	23 Jul 2014
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Cleaner Greener and Safer Communities
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	
Background documents	
Officer contact	Trevor Nicoll, Head of Recycling and Fleet Services
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	

TITLE OF REPORT:  
**PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Economic Regeneration, Business and Town Centres
Brief description of report	To approve a new playing pitch strategy for the Borough.
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	23 Jul 2014
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	
Background documents	
Officer contact	Rob Foster, Head of Leisure and Cultural Services
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	

TITLE OF REPORT:

**SPORT AND ACTIVE LIFESTYLES STRATEGY**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Leisure, Culture and Localism
Brief description of report	To agree for consultation a multi agency Sport and Physical Activity Strategy for the Borough.
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	23 Jul 2014
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Active and Cohesive Communities
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	
Background documents	
Officer contact	Rob Foster, Head of Leisure and Cultural Services
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	

TITLE OF REPORT:

**WORKPLACE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE POLICY**

Portfolio	Councillor Tony Kearon
Brief description of report	<p>To approve the Workplace Domestic Violence Policy. It is essential in raising awareness on this under reported crime and demonstrates to staff a commitment to their welfare by the Borough Council.</p> <p>Domestic Violence affects 1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men and claims the lives of 2 women a week in England every year. Given these statistics and the amount of people affected it is highly likely we have both perpetrators and victims of domestic violence working within the Council.</p>
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	Staff can sometimes have high sickness rates and be under productive if they are being abused at home, by getting help and support safely these may improve.
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	5 Feb 2014
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Cleaner Greener and Safer Communities
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	Not applicable
Background documents	
Officer contact	Catherine Fox, Officer
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	

TITLE OF REPORT:  
**COUNCIL PLAN 2014-15**

Portfolio	Councillor Gareth Snell
Brief description of report	
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	5 Mar 2014
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Transformation and Resources
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	
Background documents	
Officer contact	Mark Bailey, Head of Business Improvement and Partnerships
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	

**TITLE OF REPORT:  
THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BOROUGH MUSEUM AND  
ART GALLERY**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Leisure, Culture and Localism
Brief description of report	To report on the options for the future development of the Borough Museum and Art Gallery along with the development of a medium to long term plan for its management.
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	None at this stage
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	23 Jul 2014
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Active and Cohesive Communities
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	To be developed
Last date for representations	None
Background documents	
Officer contact	Rob Foster, Head of Leisure and Cultural Services
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	

**TITLE OF REPORT:**  
**KIDSGROVE SPORTS CENTRE**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Leisure, Culture and Localism
Brief description of report	To enable the Council to set out its approach to developing sports and leisure facilities for Kidsgrove that are fit for the 21st century and provide the opportunity for the community to access high quality facilities that will be designed, built, operated and financed in a sustainable way.
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	None at this stage
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	23 Jul 2014
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Active and Cohesive Communities
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	To be developed
Last date for representations	None
Background documents	
Officer contact	Rob Foster, Head of Leisure and Cultural Services
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	



## TITLE OF REPORT:

**CONTAMINATED LAND INSPECTION STRATEGY 2014-19**

Portfolio	Councillor Mrs Ann Beech
Brief description of report	Under Part IIA of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, the Council is required to adopt and publish a Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy outlining the process which it will follow to inspect its district for contaminated land, (within the meaning of the Act) and the process it will follow where land is found to be contaminated (within the meaning of the Act). This latest strategy takes account of recent statutory requirements in this area.
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	23 Jul 2014
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Cleaner Greener and Safer Communities
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	Consultation has taken place with the required statutory consultees including the, Environment Agency, English, Natural England, DEFRA and neighbouring local authorities. The Head of Planning Services and the Property Manager have also been invited to comment on the draft strategy.
Last date for representations	
Background documents	Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy 2014-19
Officer contact	Darren Walters, Environmental Health Officer
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	

TITLE OF REPORT:  
**REGULATORY CHARTER**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Environment and Recycling
Brief description of report	The Stoke and Staffordshire LEP have developed with all the Local Authorities a regulatory charter which details the approach Local Authorities have with regard to regulation. This will highlight to business the support and commitment to the principles through all Local Authorities signing the Regulatory Charter
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	18 Jun 2014
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	
Background documents	
Officer contact	Nesta Henshaw, Head of Environmental Health
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	

**TITLE OF REPORT:  
REVISION OF THE CORPORATE COMPLAINTS, COMMENTS AND  
COMPLIMENTS POLICY**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Communications, Policy and Partnerships
Brief description of report	The 3Cs Policy was revised in 2012 to incorporate changes to guidelines provided by the Local Government Ombudsman and received approval by Cabinet in May 2012. A review has been undertaken to ensure that the Policy still reflects best practice and as a result the Policy has been ammended and submitted to Cabinet for approval
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	23 Jul 2014
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Transformation and Resources
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	
Background documents	
Officer contact	Jeanette Hilton, Head of Customer and ICT Services
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	

**TITLE OF REPORT:  
REVISION OF THE CUSTOMER CASE MANAGEMENT POLICY**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Communications, Policy and Partnerships
Brief description of report	The Policy has been in place since May 2013. A review has been undertaken and the Policy has been revised to ensure that it continues to reflect Local Government Ombudsman best practice and guidelines.
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	23 Jul 2014
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Transformation and Resources
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	
Background documents	
Officer contact	Jeanette Hilton, Head of Customer and ICT Services
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	

TITLE OF REPORT:  
**CHARGING POLICY**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Finance and Resources
Brief description of report	To gain approval for a revised Charging Policy in relation to the charges made by the Council.
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	23 Jul 2014
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Transformation and Resources
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	Representations on public agenda items can be made up to one working day before the meeting
Background documents	
Officer contact	Dave Roberts, Head of Finance
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	

TITLE OF REPORT:

**REVISION OF THE CUSTOMER ACCESS STRATEGY AND  
CUSTOMER CHARTER**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Communications, Policy and Partnerships
Brief description of report	The Customer Access Strategy (the Strategy) affirms the Council's commitment to meeting the demands of customers by offering services that provide choice whilst maintaining consistency and quality of service, and value for money. The current Strategy and accompanying Customer Charter were adopted in 2007. Since that time considerable change has taken place in the delivery of customer services. Therefore the Strategy and Customer Charter require updating to reflect current best practice and initiatives.
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	None applicable
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	23 Jul 2014
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Transformation and Resources
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	
Background documents	
Officer contact	Jeanette Hilton, Head of Customer and ICT Services
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	

TITLE OF REPORT:

**DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF**

Portfolio	Councillor Mike Stubbs
Brief description of report	To consider applications for discretionary rate relief from charities, not for profit and similar organisations.
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	12 Nov 2014
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Transformation and Resources
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	
Background documents	
Officer contact	Dave Baker, Head of Revenues and Benefits
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	

TITLE OF REPORT:  
**COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2015-16**

Portfolio	Councillor Mike Stubbs
Brief description of report	To approve the localised Council Tax Reduction Scheme to apply for the Financial year 2015-16
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
Decision maker	Council
Earliest date of decision	26 Nov 2014
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Transformation and Resources
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	
Background documents	
Officer contact	Jane Spencer, Benefits Manager
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	



TITLE OF REPORT:  
**MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Finance and Resources
Brief description of report	Sets out the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2015/16 and the following four years, indicating the projected budgets for these years and the shortfall compared to available resources.
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	15 Oct 2014
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Transformation and Resources
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	Representations on public agenda items can be made up to one working day before the meeting
Background documents	
Officer contact	Dave Roberts, Head of Finance
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	

TITLE OF REPORT:  
**CAPITAL STRATEGY 2015/16**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Finance and Resources
Brief description of report	Approval of how the Council deploys its capital resources in order to assist it to achieve its corporate and service objectives.
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	14 Jan 2015
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Transformation and Resources
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	Representations on public agenda items can be made up to one working day before the meeting
Background documents	
Officer contact	Dave Roberts, Head of Finance
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	

TITLE OF REPORT:

**COUNCIL TAX BASE 2015-16**

Portfolio	Councillor Mike Stubbs
Brief description of report	To approve the Council Tax Base for the whole borough area and each town and parish council to be used in the calculation of Council Tax amounts for the financial year 2015-16
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	14 Jan 2015
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Transformation and Resources
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	
Background documents	
Officer contact	Dave Baker, Head of Revenues and Benefits
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	

**TITLE OF REPORT:  
REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS 2015/16**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Finance and Resources
Brief description of report	To review progress on the completion of the revenue and capital budgets for 2015/16 to enable a robust and affordable budget for 2015/16 to be approved.
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	14 Jan 2015
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Transformation and Resources
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	Representations on public agenda items can be made up to one working day before the meeting
Background documents	
Officer contact	Dave Roberts, Head of Finance
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	

TITLE OF REPORT:  
**SCALE OF FEES AND CHARGES 2015/16**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Finance and Resources
Brief description of report	Review of the fees and charges which the Council makes in order to keep them in line with the cost of service provision and to establish the amounts to be included in the 2015/16 budget.
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	14 Jan 2015
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Transformation and Resources
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	Representations on public agenda items can be made up to one working day before the meeting
Background documents	
Officer contact	Dave Roberts, Head of Finance
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	

**TITLE OF REPORT:**  
**TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2015/16**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Finance and Resources
Brief description of report	To approve the strategy to be followed by the Council in carrying out its treasury management activity in the forthcoming financial year, 2015/16.
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
Decision maker	Council
Earliest date of decision	25 Feb 2015
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Transformation and Resources
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	Representations on public agenda items can be made up to one working day before the meeting
Background documents	
Officer contact	Dave Roberts, Head of Finance
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	

TITLE OF REPORT:

**NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME SPORTS COUNCIL - GRANT AID  
2015/16**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Finance and Resources
Brief description of report	To approve a grant to the Sports Council for 2015/16 and to inform members of the grants awarded by the Sports Council to individuals and sports clubs in the borough in 2014/15.
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	25 Mar 2015
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Transformation and Resources
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	Representations on public agenda items can be made up to one working day before the meeting
Background documents	
Officer contact	Craig Turner, Principal Accountant
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	

TITLE OF REPORT:  
**ICT STRATEGY 2014-2017**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Communications, Policy and Partnerships
Brief description of report	The Council's ICT Strategy was last updated in 2008 for the period up to the end of 2010. A review will be undertaken to incorporate the structural change of the service, the Council Plan priorities and considerable advancements in technology that have taken place since that time.
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	15 Oct 2014
Likely Date of Decision	15th October 2014
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Transformation and Resources
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	None required
Background documents	
Officer contact	Jeanette Hilton, Head of Customer and ICT Services
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	



TITLE OF REPORT:

**ICT CONSOLIDATION –SPATIAL DATA SYSTEMS**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Communications, Policy and Partnerships
Brief description of report	<p>The Council currently has single supplier software in place to support its Planning, Building Control, Asset Management, Land Charges and Landscape services. These modules have been added over the life of the existing contract and it is therefore considered good practice, and in the interest of the Council in demonstrating and obtaining best value, to review this contract.</p> <p>Given the high dependency of these services on the existing system, and the complexity and cost of migration to another provider, ICT intend to renegotiate the existing terms and costs with the current supplier. Subject to an advantageous outcome of these negotiations, ICT will seek Cabinet approval to enter into a new contract with the current supplier.</p>
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	23 Jul 2014
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Transformation and Resources
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	
Background documents	
Officer contact	Jeanette Hilton, Head of Customer and ICT Services
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	

TITLE OF REPORT:  
**GRANT FUNDING REVIEW REPORT**

Portfolio	
Brief description of report	
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
Decision maker	
Earliest date of decision	
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	
Background documents	
Officer contact	
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	

TITLE OF REPORT:  
**ENFORCEMENT POLICY 2014-2017**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Environment and Recycling
Brief description of report	Review and consideration of the Councils enforcement policy which sets out the principles that apply when the Council conducts its enforcement work.
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
Decision maker	Council
Earliest date of decision	4 May 2014
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	
Background documents	
Officer contact	Nesta Henshaw, Head of Environmental Health
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	

TITLE OF REPORT:

**DELEGATION OF ENFORCED SALE POWERS TO PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Planning and Assets
Brief description of report	To put appropriate delegations in place for the use of Enforced Sale powers under the Law of Property Act 1925, to help achieve the aims of the Empty Homes Strategy 2012 – 17.
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
Decision maker	Council
Earliest date of decision	16 Apr 2014
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Economic Development and Enterprise
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	Public Protection Committee will consider the issue on 31st March 2014
Last date for representations	
Background documents	
Officer contact	Jo Halliday, Head of Housing
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	

TITLE OF REPORT:

**CREATING A LOCAL AUTHORITY OWNED TRADING COMPANY**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Communications, Policy and Partnerships
Brief description of report	To seek Cabinet approval to formally establish a wholly owned trading company for communications services. The proposed company will be limited by shares and owned wholly by the council. To seek Cabinet approval for governance and board membership proposals outlined in the business case linked to the report.
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	It is proposed that the company will generate income for the borough council.
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	23 Jul 2014
Likely Date of Decision	July 2014
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	
Background documents	
Officer contact	Phil Jones
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	

TITLE OF REPORT:

**URBAN NORTH STAFFS GREEN SPACE STRATEGY UPDATE 2014**

Portfolio	Councillor Mrs Ann Beech
Brief description of report	To inform Members of progress made with the implementation of the Urban North Staffordshire Green Space Strategy and the associated Action Plan.
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	23 Jul 2014
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Cleaner Greener and Safer Communities
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	
Background documents	
Officer contact	Becky Allen
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	

TITLE OF REPORT:

**NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME SPORTS COUNCIL - GRANT AID  
2015/16**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Finance and Resources
Brief description of report	To approve a grant to the Sports Council for 2015/16 and to inform members of the grants awarded by the Sports Council to individuals and sports clubs in the borough in 2014/15.
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	25 Mar 2015
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Transformation and Resources
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	Representations on public agenda items can be made up to one working day before the meeting
Background documents	
Officer contact	Craig Turner, Principal Accountant
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	

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