

FORWARD PLAN -

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

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 11 AUGUST 2014
TO 17 SEPTEMBER 2014**

TITLE OF REPORT:

LICENSING OF SEX ESTABLISHMENTS POLICY - RENEWAL

Portfolio	Councillor Mrs Joan Winfield
Brief description of report	<p>On the 31st March 2010 the Council adopted Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982. By adopting Schedule 3 the Council has the ability to control and regulate the operation of certain kinds of Sex Establishments within its area.</p> <p>The Councils current policy for the licensing of sex establishments has been in place since February 2011. It is recommended that this type of policy be reviewed every three years.</p> <p>The Licensing Committee authorised that a consultation should be undertaken which has now happened. Thee draft policy will be submitted to a special meeting of the Licensing Committee on 27th August prior to submission to Full Council for approval.</p>
Spend required/saving generated (<i>if applicable</i>)	
Decision maker	Council
Earliest date of decision	17 Sep 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	Steve Patrick
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A (<i>if applicable</i>)	

**TITLE OF REPORT:
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, PLACES AND STATIONS 2014**

Portfolio	Councillor Mike Stubbs
Brief description of report	The Electoral Administration Act 2013 introduced a change to the timing for all relevant authorities to conduct a review of the designated polling districts and polling places for parliamentary constituencies. The next review must be undertaken before the end of January 2015. Consultation is currently underway.
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	Not Applicable
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	Any proposals for changes or suggestions for alternative locations can be made either by completing a Questionnaire (available by ringing 01782 742227) or email electreg@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk , or by completing the online form which will be available from 18th August 2014 on the Council website at www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk .
Background documents	
Officer contact	Julia Cleary
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A (<i>if applicable</i>)	

TITLE OF REPORT:

PROPOSED CHANGES TO ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

Portfolio	Councillor Mike Stubbs
Brief description of report	<p>Newcastle Borough Council currently elects members by thirds which means that there are elections every three years out of four involving NBC seats. The Council currently has 60 elected members representing 24 wards and each Councillor is elected for a term of four years.</p> <p>The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 allows each Council the opportunity to consider passing a resolution to change to whole Council elections. Section 33 of the Act outlines the steps that must be taken. The Act states that a Council must not pass the resolution unless it "has taken reasonable steps to consult such persons as it thinks appropriate on the proposed change". The resolution must then be passed:</p> <p>a) At a meeting which is specially convened for the purpose of deciding the resolution; and</p> <p>b) By a majority of at least two thirds of the elected Members voting on it.</p>
Spend required/saving generated (<i>if applicable</i>)	
Decision maker	Council
Earliest date of decision	29 Oct 2014
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Not Applicable
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	<p>Consultation is currently underway and responses can be done online at:</p> <p>https://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online_showform.asp</p>
Background documents	
Officer contact	Mark Bailey - Head of Business Improvements, Central Services and Partnerships

Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A (if applicable)	
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TITLE OF REPORT:

FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR KIDSGROVE SPORTS CENTRE

Portfolio	
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	
Earliest date of decision	
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	
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	10 Sep 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:

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	12 Nov 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:
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:
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	12 Nov 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	12 Nov 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:
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	
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	10 Sep 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:
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	10 Sep 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	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	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:
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	12 Nov 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:
TOWN CENTRE CAR PARKING**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Economic Regeneration, Business and Town Centres
Brief description of report	In 2013 the Council reviewed a range of options as part of the town centre car parking management regime with the aim of increasing footfall in the town centre for reasons of economic well-being. A range of proposals were approved including pilot schemes, it is therefore appropriate that the Council reviews progress and considers extending the pilot schemes with the Town Centre Partnership.
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	Economic Development and Enterprise
Wards affected	Town
Proposed consultation	The Economic Development and Enterprise O&S Committee may consider this issue at the September meeting.
Last date for representations	
Background documents	
Officer contact	Graham Williams
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A (<i>if applicable</i>)	N/A

TITLE OF REPORT:

PROCUREMENT STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN 2014 – 2017

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Finance and Resources
Brief description of report	The need to review and update the Procurement Strategy 2011 – 2013 in line with the Council's Priorities and the need to build on the improvements delivered throughout the authority whilst continuing to support the identification and delivery of ongoing savings.
Spend required/saving generated (<i>if applicable</i>)	The Procurement Strategy sets down the basis of developing and implementing best value throughout its service to citizens and the business community, aligned with the challenge to deliver ongoing savings in line with the authority's need to respond to the changing financial environment. The Council will continue to develop its procurement principles and practices aiming to deliver further improvements in this key service.
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	10 Sep 2014
Likely Date of Decision	10th September 2014
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:

**PLANS FOR A BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR
NEWCASTLE TOWN CENTRE**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Economic Regeneration, Business and Town Centres
Brief description of report	Economic development of the town centres has been a Council priority for several years leading to the establishment of the Town Centre Partnerships with officer and member support provided to them. Newcastle Town Centre Partnership (NTCP) has considered its medium to long term future and is seeking the support of the local businesses to develop a sustainable funding model to deliver the priorities of local businesses. It is appropriate that Members are aware of the plans to establish a Business Improvement District and the processes involved.
Spend required/saving generated (<i>if applicable</i>)	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	10 Sep 2014
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Economic Development and Enterprise
Wards affected	Town
Proposed consultation	Newcastle Town Centre Partnership will undertake consultation in line with the legislation.
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>)	N/A

**TITLE OF REPORT:
NDR HARDSHIP RELIEF**

Portfolio	Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Shenton
Brief description of report	To consider applications for Hardship relief under s49 Local Government Finance Act 1998
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	Representations on public agenda items can be made up to one working day before the meeting
Background documents	
Officer contact	Kelvin Turner, Executive Director (Resources and Support Services)
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A (<i>if applicable</i>)	

TITLE OF REPORT:

BANKING SERVICES CONTRACT

Portfolio	
Brief description of report	To approve the award of the Council's banking services contract for the period 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2018 (with a possible further 1 year plus 1 year extension)
Spend required/saving generated (<i>if applicable</i>)	
Decision maker	
Earliest date of decision	
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	
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A (<i>if applicable</i>)	

TITLE OF REPORT:

**URBAN NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE GREEN SPACE STRATEGY
REVIEW**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Environment and Recycling
Brief description of report	Scoping report for review of green space strategy and playing pitch strategy
Spend required/saving generated (<i>if applicable</i>)	To be reported
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	12 Nov 2014
Likely Date of Decision	November 2014
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Cleaner Greener and Safer Communities
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	To be reported
Last date for representations	n/a
Background documents	
Officer contact	Roger Tait, Head of Operations
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A (<i>if applicable</i>)	

TITLE OF REPORT:

UPDATE ON THE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT, 2014

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Safer Communities
Brief description of report	This report provides an overview of the changes introduced by the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Disorder Act, 2014. The report also outlines the Borough Council's role in delivering appropriate responses to these changes, in particular Part 6 (The Community Trigger). The report also seeks approval to amend the Council's Scheme of Delegation to enable the relevant provisions of the Act to be enforced. The report also seeks approval of the fixed penalty fees for non-compliance with a Community Protection Notice and a Public Spaces Protection Order including a maximum fee and discounted fee for early payment.
Spend required/saving generated (<i>if applicable</i>)	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	15 Oct 2014
Likely Date of Decision	15/10/2014
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Cleaner Greener and Safer Communities
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 SQUARE

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Economic Regeneration, Business and Town Centres
Brief description of report	To consider the disposal of the freehold interest in respect of The Square and the attached car park.
Spend required/saving generated (<i>if applicable</i>)	Will involve the receipt of a capital sum.
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	15 Oct 2014
Likely Date of Decision	15th October 2014
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Not Applicable
Wards affected	Town
Proposed consultation	n/a
Last date for representations	n/a
Background documents	
Officer contact	Louise Beeby
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A (<i>if applicable</i>)	

TITLE OF REPORT:

STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Planning and Assets
Brief description of report	Agreement to undertake consultation on a revised Statement of Community Involvement
Spend required/saving generated (<i>if applicable</i>)	Not known at this stage
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	15 Oct 2014
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	Planning Committee will be asked for its comments prior to the consideration of the item by Cabinet
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:

**STAFFORDSHIRE AND STOKE ON TRENT LOCAL ENTERPRISE
PARTNERSHIP PLANNING CONCORDAT**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Planning and Assets
Brief description of report	Response by the Borough Council to invitation from the LEP to ratify the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Local Enterprise Partnership Planning Concordat
Spend required/saving generated (<i>if applicable</i>)	Limited additional expenditure anticipated
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	15 Oct 2014
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Economic Development and Enterprise
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	None by the Borough Council
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:

REVIEW OF AUTOMATIC NUMBER PLATE RECOGNITION AND CASHLESS PARKING PILOT

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Economic Regeneration, Business and Town Centres
Brief description of report	To review the first six months of the car parking pilot. Automatic Number Plate Recognition records when a vehicle arrives and departs the Midway car park, this enables the customer to park then pay anytime up to midnight. Cashless parking enables the use of a mobile phone to pay for parking and extend the period of parking whilst away from the car park.
Spend required/saving generated (<i>if applicable</i>)	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	24 Jun 2015
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Economic Development and Enterprise
Wards affected	Town
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	
Background documents	
Officer contact	Graham Williams
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A (<i>if applicable</i>)	N/A

TITLE OF REPORT:
PLANNING PEER REVIEW

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Planning and Assets
Brief description of report	Receipt of report of the Planning Peer Review Team and agreement on Action Plan
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	Not Applicable
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	Planning Committee will be asked for its comments prior to the consideration of this item by Cabinet
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:

**NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME SPORTS COUNCIL GRANT AID
2015/2016**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Finance and Resources
Brief description of report	To approve a grant to the Sports Council 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:
NEWCASTLE PARTNERSHIP REVIEW

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Communications, Policy and Partnerships
Brief description of report	To inform Members of the review of the Newcastle Partnership which has been completed and which took place between February and September 2014. The report also summarises the key recommendations from the review, which include changes to the way in which the Partnership works and also the resources dedicated to delivering the ambitions of the Partnership.
Spend required/saving generated (<i>if applicable</i>)	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	15 Oct 2014
Likely Date of Decision	15/10/2014
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Economic Development and Enterprise
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:

LOCALITY ACTION PARTNERSHIPS - FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Leisure, Culture and Localism
Brief description of report	Report to Cabinet to cover further development of LAPs. This will include recent changes to the LAP structure and intention to highlight key policy areas for LAPs to lead on. Will also include future plans around funding and distribution of 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	Active and Cohesive Communities
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:

FUTURE LAND DISPOSALS

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Economic Regeneration, Business and Town Centres
Brief description of report	To consider sites that the Council may wish to submit to the Local Plan Call for Sites initiative.
Spend required/saving generated (<i>if applicable</i>)	n/a
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	15 Oct 2014
Likely Date of Decision	15 October 2014
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Economic Development and Enterprise
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	none at present
Last date for representations	n/a
Background documents	
Officer contact	Louise Beeby
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A (<i>if applicable</i>)	

TITLE OF REPORT:

FUNDING THE COUNCIL'S CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Portfolio	Councillor Terry Turner, Councillor Mike Stubbs
Brief description of report	To review the options for funding the Council's capital programme
Spend required/saving generated (<i>if applicable</i>)	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	15 Oct 2014
Likely Date of Decision	15 October, 2014
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	All Relevant O&S Committee
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	
Background documents	
Officer contact	Neale Clifton - Executive Director (Regeneration and Development), Executive Director Regeneration and Development
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A (<i>if applicable</i>)	

TITLE OF REPORT:

**FREEHOLD DISPOSAL OF HASSELL STREET SHOPS & OFFICES
AND BRUNSWICK STREET SHOPS & OFFICES**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Economic Regeneration, Business and Town Centres
Brief description of report	To consider the disposal of the above commercial premises.
Spend required/saving generated (<i>if applicable</i>)	Will involve the receipt of a capital sum.
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	15 Oct 2014
Likely Date of Decision	15 October 2014
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
Wards affected	Town
Proposed consultation	n/a
Last date for representations	n/a
Background documents	
Officer contact	Louise Beeby
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A (<i>if applicable</i>)	

TITLE OF REPORT:
COMMUNITY CENTRE REVIEW UPDATE

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Economic Regeneration, Business and Town Centres
Brief description of report	To update Members on the implementation of the Community Centre Review and associated issues.
Spend required/saving generated (<i>if applicable</i>)	Savings - £70,000 over 5 years
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	12 Nov 2014
Likely Date of Decision	November 2014
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	All Relevant O&S Committee
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	Completed as part of review, with users, non users and management committees and Ward Members
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:
CHESHIRE EAST LOCAL PLAN

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Planning and Assets
Brief description of report	Agreement to a memorandum of understanding on the co-operation between Cheshire East Council and the Borough Council with respect to the Cheshire East Local Plan
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	
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	
Background documents	
Officer contact	Helen Beech, Planning Policy Manager
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A (<i>if applicable</i>)	

TITLE OF REPORT:

ASSETS DISPOSALS - TRANCHE 2

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Economic Regeneration, Business and Town Centres
Brief description of report	Cabinet to review public consultation and consider approving disposal of tranche 2 sites.
Spend required/saving generated (<i>if applicable</i>)	Involves potential capital receipts.
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	12 Nov 2014
Likely Date of Decision	12 November 2014
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Not Applicable
Wards affected	Clayton; Loggerheads and Whitmore; May Bank; Porthill; Thistleberry
Proposed consultation	Yes - completed.
Last date for representations	n/a
Background documents	
Officer contact	Louise Beeby
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A (<i>if applicable</i>)	

TITLE OF REPORT:
ALLOTMENT STRATEGY

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Environment and Recycling
Brief description of report	Outcome of Consultation on Draft Strategy
Spend required/saving generated (<i>if applicable</i>)	n/a
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	15 Oct 2014
Likely Date of Decision	15th October 2014
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Active and Cohesive Communities
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	Consultation undertaken with Active and Cohesive Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee, allotment plottolders, people on waiting list for allotments, allotment associations, other interested parties
Last date for representations	n/a
Background documents	
Officer contact	Roger Tait, Head of Operations
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A (<i>if applicable</i>)	

THE CABINET:	OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY:
<p>Councillor Mike Stubbs – Leader Portfolio: Communications, Policy and Partnerships</p>	
<p>Councillor Terry Turner Portfolio: Economic Development, Regeneration and Town Centres</p>	<p>Cleaner, Greener and Safer Communities: Chair: Cllr Gill Williams Vice Chair: Cllr Billy Welsh</p>
<p>Councillor Elizabeth Shenton – Deputy Leader Portfolio: Finance and Resources</p>	<p>Economic Development and Enterprise: Chair: Cllr Dave Stringer Vice Chair: Cllr Simon White</p>
<p>Councillor Ann Beech Portfolio: Environment and Recycling</p>	<p>Active and Cohesive Communities: Chair: Cllr Reg Bailey Vice Chair: Cllr Amelia Rout</p>
<p>Councillor Trevor Hambleton Portfolio: Leisure, Culture and Localism</p>	<p>Transformation and Resources: Chair: Cllr Paul Waring Vice Chair: Cllr Robert Wallace</p>
<p>Councillor Tony Kearon Portfolio: Safer Communities</p>	<p>Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny: Chair: Cllr Colin Eastwood Vice Chair: Cllr Hilda Johnson</p>
<p>Councillor John Williams Portfolio: Planning and Assets</p>	