

## **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 16 OCTOBER 2014  
TO 11 DECEMBER 2014**

TITLE OF REPORT:  
**CHESHIRE EAST LOCAL PLAN**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Planning and Housing
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:

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

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Town Centres', Business and Assets
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:

**FUTURE LAND DISPOSALS**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Town Centres <sup>1</sup> , Business and Assets
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:  
**THE SQUARE**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Town Centres <sup>1</sup> , Business and Assets
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:

**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	18 Dec 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><a href="https://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online_showform.asp">https://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online_showform.asp</a></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 <i>(if applicable)</i>	
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TITLE OF REPORT:

**ASSETS DISPOSALS - TRANCHE 2**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Town Centres <sup>1</sup> , Business and Assets
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:

**COMMUNITY CENTRE REVIEW UPDATE**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Town Centres', Business and Assets
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	10 Dec 2014
Likely Date of Decision	November 2014
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny 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:

**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:

**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	25 Mar 2015
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:  
**ICT STRATEGY 2014-2017**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Policy, People 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	14 Jan 2015
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:

**NNDR HARDSHIP RELIEF**

Portfolio	Councillor 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:

**PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Town Centres <sup>1</sup> , Business and Assets
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	25 Mar 2015
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:

**PROPOSED LAND SALE - MEADOWS ROAD, KIDSGROVE**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Town Centres', Business and Assets, Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Environment and Recycling, Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Planning and Housing
Brief description of report	To consider the disposal of the freehold interest of the above 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	12 Nov 2014
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Not Applicable
Wards affected	Kidsgrove
Proposed consultation	Yes, in respect of proposed removal of off street parking order.
Last date for representations	
Background documents	
Officer contact	Louise Beeby
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	Part Exempt - By virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

TITLE OF REPORT:

**REVIEW OF ALLOTMENTS SERVICE**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Environment and Recycling
Brief description of report	Report on outcome of consultation on draft Allotments Strategy
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	Minor savings as detailed in report
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	12 Nov 2014
Likely Date of Decision	12/11/14
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Active and Cohesive Communities
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	Public consultation on draft strategy - results detailed in report
Last date for representations	
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:

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

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Policy, People 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:

**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	10 Dec 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:

**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	10 Dec 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:

**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:

**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 <a href="mailto:electreg@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk">electreg@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk</a> , or by completing the online form which will be available from 18th August 2014 on the Council website at <a href="http://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk">www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk</a> .
Background documents	
Officer contact	Julia Cleary
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 IT and Customer
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 IT and Customer
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 IT and Customer
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 IT and Customer
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  
2015/2016**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Finance IT and Customer
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:

**REVIEW OF AUTOMATIC NUMBER PLATE RECOGNITION AND CASHLESS PARKING PILOT**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Town Centres', Business and Assets
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:

**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:

**WAMMY NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK PHASE 3**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Environment and Recycling
Brief description of report	To deliver teenage provision, make improvements to attract wildlife, and to plant trees so as to further develop the project and comply with obligations.
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	No capital financial implications for the Council
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	25 Mar 2015
Likely Date of Decision	10 December 2014
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Active and Cohesive Communities
Wards affected	Cross Heath; Knutton and Silverdale
Proposed consultation	Consultation undertaken in 2009 to obtain views of local community and stakeholders in drawing up masterplan. Teenager consultation carried out in 2013 with local youngsters to discover most popular activities and requirements for teenagers.
Last date for representations	None
Background documents	
Officer contact	Peter Stepien
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	

TITLE OF REPORT:

**LIVING WAGE ACCREDITATION**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Finance IT and Customer
Brief description of report	This report sets out the work done in preparing the Council to become a Living Wage Employer and also identifies the final stages in this process. The report and its recommendations support the Cabinet's endorsement of the 'Living Wage Initiative' report submitted to Cabinet in January 2013.
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	10 Dec 2014
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
Wards affected	
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	
Background documents	Living Wage Accreditation
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:  
**COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY 2015-18**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Policy, People and Partnerships
Brief description of report	
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	Not Applicable
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:

**RYECROFT DEVELOPER NOMINATION**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Town Centres', Business and Assets
Brief description of report	To consider the bids received from developers shortlisted to take forward the redevelopment of the Ryecroft scheme in Newcastle Town Centre and to nominate a preferred development partner to work with to develop a final proposal.
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	The financial issues will be included in an accompanying confidential report
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	10 Dec 2014
Likely Date of Decision	10th December 2014
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Economic Development and Enterprise
Wards affected	Town
Proposed consultation	The issues will be considered by the Economic Development and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 3rd December.
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:

**CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT SERVICE DELIVERY**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Environment and Recycling
Brief description of report	To Inform members of the practical/resourcing implications arising from the County Council's decision to operate with a new provider for on-street parking enforcement and to review the options for parking enforcement on the Council's car parks.
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	At this stage, your officers are not in a position to present the necessary financial/resource implications therefore a further report will be required.
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	4 Feb 2015
Likely Date of Decision	10th December 2014
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Economic Development and Enterprise
Wards affected	All Wards
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> )	

TITLE OF REPORT:

**CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE SUPPLY OF VEHICLE TYRES AND TYRE MANAGMENT**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Environment and Recycling
Brief description of report	Request for the award of contract
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	Deliver a saving to current budgets
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	14 Jan 2015
Likely Date of Decision	14/1/15
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Transformation and Resources
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:

**NEWCASTLES OF THE WORLD ALLIANCE**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Town Centres', Business and Assets
Brief description of report	The Council has been asked to confirm the medium term commitment to financially contribute to the Newcastle's of the World Alliance paid Secretariat. The Economic Development and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the benefits of membership in light of the Council's broad financial position. Scrutiny recommended that the Council withdraws from the Alliance to enable resources to be directed to activities which deliver priority local economic development outcomes.
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	Economic Development and Enterprise
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
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:

**MEMBERS' ICT AND OUTCOMES OF THE MEMBERS DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY (TABLET) TRIAL**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Policy, People and Partnerships
Brief description of report	The report details the methods of delivering information to Members more effectively and efficiently, in light of the findings of the recent Members Digital Technology (Tablet) Trial and to present a set of recommendations based on those findings and other analysis
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	14 Jan 2015
Likely Date of Decision	14th January 2014
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Transformation and Resources
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	Cabinet should note that these recommendations were submitted to the Member Development Panel in October 2014 and were approved
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:

**POLICY FOR UNSUPERVISED CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Environment and Recycling
Brief description of report	Playground refurbishment 2015-2016
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	£31,042
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	14 Jan 2015
Likely Date of Decision	14th January 2015
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Cleaner Greener and Safer Communities
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	
Background documents	
Officer contact	Jennet Hough
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	

TITLE OF REPORT:

**HOUSING ALLOCATIONS POLICY**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Planning and Housing
Brief description of report	Under Part V1 of the Housing Act 1996 local authorities are required to have an Allocations policy and procedure in place to allocate social housing and under Part V11 of the Housing Act 1996 (as amended by Homelessness Act 2002) to make provision for homeless households. The policy has been reviewed and minor amendments are recommended for adoption.
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	Minor changes to the ICT software will be required, it is anticipated that the costs can be met from the existing budget.
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	25 Mar 2015
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Economic Development and Enterprise
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	Discussions have taken place at the Lettings Forum and Homelessness Forum, an on-line survey has been used to collect customer views and the issues have been considered at the Economic Development and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
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:

**DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT COMMISSIONING PROCESS FOR  
NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME BOROUGH**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Policy, People and Partnerships
Brief description of report	This is a follow up to a previous Cabinet report, presented in October 2014 and covering the review of the Newcastle Partnership. As part of the Partnership review, it was proposed and accepted by the Partnership that a collaborative approach to commissioning would be set up in order to deliver added value services in key areas of need for the Borough. This report will set out the details of this collaborative approach and secure Cabinet approval of the transfer of funds from the existing Third Sector Commissioning Framework and also for the Borough Council to act as the lead agency for this work in terms of administrative support and accounting.
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	Transfer of funds from existing Third Sector Commissioning budgets to Partnership Commissioning Budget - approx. £70,000  No additional spend or savings at this stage, although around £30,000 is being saved from the NULBC budget in third sector commissioning for 2015/16
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	4 Feb 2015
Likely Date of Decision	4th February 2015 Cabinet
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Transformation and Resources
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	Newcastle Partnership - key commissioning bodies including Staffordshire CC, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Public Health.
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:

**RECYCLING AND WASTE SERVICE 2016**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Environment and Recycling
Brief description of report	Paper that provides a progress of project to date and request approval for start procurement of vehicles, containers and additional depot works.
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	22 Jul 2015
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	All Relevant Scrutiny Committees
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	
Background documents	Recycling and Waste Service 2016
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:

**MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME**

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Town Centres', Business and Assets
Brief description of report	The Council has allocated funding to the maintenance programme as part of the overall Capital Programme. The key projects within the maintenance programme should now be considered and subject to Cabinet views authority to award individual contracts should progressed with the support of the Portfolio Holder.
Spend required/saving generated ( <i>if applicable</i> )	The funding has been allocated as part of the overall Capital Programme
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	22 Jul 2015
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Economic Development and Enterprise
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	
Background documents	Maintenance Programme
Officer contact	Jo Halliday, Head of Housing
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A ( <i>if applicable</i> )	

