

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:

Chief Executive's Directorate
Civic Offices,
Merrial Street,
Newcastle-under-Lyme,
Staffordshire,
ST5 2AG.

Telephone: 01782 742222

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 1 JANUARY 2018
TO 30 APRIL 2018**

TITLE OF REPORT:
TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2018/19

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, 2018/19.
Spend required/saving generated (<i>if applicable</i>)	
Decision maker	Council
Earliest date of decision	21 Feb 2018
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	Treasury Management Strategy 2018/19
Officer contact	Dave Roberts - Head of Finance, Head of Finance
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A (<i>if applicable</i>)	

TITLE OF REPORT:

REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS AND COUNCIL TAX 2018/19

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Finance and Resources
Brief description of report	To enable robust and affordable revenue and capital budgets to be approved for 2018/19 and to enable the approval of the setting of the Council Tax for 2018/19.
Spend required/saving generated (<i>if applicable</i>)	
Decision maker	Council
Earliest date of decision	21 Feb 2018
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	Revenue and Capital Budgets and Council Tax 2018/19
Officer contact	Dave Roberts - Head of Finance, Head of Finance
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A (<i>if applicable</i>)	

TITLE OF REPORT:

PAY POLICY STATEMENT (LOCALISM ACT 2011)

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Finance and Resources
Brief description of report	Local Authorities are required by the Localism Act to prepare a Pay Policy Statement for each financial year. The statement should set out the authority's policies relating to the remuneration of its chief officers, the remuneration of its lowest paid employees and the relationship between the remuneration of its chief officers and the remuneration of its employees who are not chief officers.
Spend required/saving generated (<i>if applicable</i>)	
Decision maker	Council
Earliest date of decision	21 Feb 2018
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	All Relevant Scrutiny Committees
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	Pay Policy Statement (Localism Act 2011)
Officer contact	Sarah Taylor
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A (<i>if applicable</i>)	

TITLE OF REPORT:

SPORTS PROVISION IN THE KIDSGROVE AREA

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Leisure and Culture
Brief description of report	To update members on the consultation exercise undertaken in July and August 2017 and progress in relation to what was agreed at full council in July regarding opportunities for sports facilities in Kidsgrove.
Spend required/saving generated (<i>if applicable</i>)	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	21 Mar 2018
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	Sports Provision in the Kidsgrove Area
Officer contact	Rob Foster - Head of Leisure and Cultural Services, Head of Leisure and Cultural Services
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A (<i>if applicable</i>)	

TITLE OF REPORT:

ASPIRE HOUSING - FUTURE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Planning and Housing
Brief description of report	To indicate the Council's response to a proposal made by Aspire Housing to change its Board composition and Rules of Association following the enactment of The Regulation of Social Housing (Influence of Local Authorities) (England) Regulations 2017.
Spend required/saving generated (<i>if applicable</i>)	N/A
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	21 Mar 2018
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	
Background documents	Aspire Housing - Future Governance Arrangements
Officer contact	Mike O'Connor
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A (<i>if applicable</i>)	

TITLE OF REPORT:
IRRECOVERABLE ITEMS

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Finance and Resources
Brief description of report	To consider the reasons for, and to approve the write off of debts no longer collectable by the Council.
Spend required/saving generated (<i>if applicable</i>)	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	21 Mar 2018
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Transformation and Resources
Wards affected	
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	
Background documents	Irrecoverable Items
Officer contact	Karen Hollinshead
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A (<i>if applicable</i>)	

TITLE OF REPORT:

COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY 2018-2021

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Corporate and Service Improvement, People and Partnerships
Brief description of report	The Council's existing strategy expires at the end of March 2018 and this will replace that and give a steer over actions and work to take place during the next three years involving communications at the Council.
Spend required/saving generated (<i>if applicable</i>)	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	21 Mar 2018
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Not Applicable
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	
Background documents	Communications Strategy 2018-2021
Officer contact	Phil Jones - Head of Communications
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A (<i>if applicable</i>)	

TITLE OF REPORT:

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT -SECTION 106 PROCUREMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Planning and Regeneration
Brief description of report	To seek approval to procure the provision of affordable housing accommodation within the Borough using funds from developer contributions obtained as a result of planning obligations
Spend required/saving generated (<i>if applicable</i>)	Spend required £219,715
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	21 Mar 2018
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
Wards affected	All Wards
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	contact Mike O' Connor ,Housing Manager
Background documents	Town &Country Planning Act -Section 106 Procurement of Affordable Housing
Officer contact	Mike O'Connor
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A (<i>if applicable</i>)	

TITLE OF REPORT:

LYME VALLEY CAR PARKING

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Finance and Resources
Brief description of report	To seek approval to include the two remaining Lyme Valley Car park in the existing proposed off street parking order.
Spend required/saving generated (<i>if applicable</i>)	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	21 Mar 2018
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Transformation and Resources
Wards affected	Town
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	
Background documents	Lyme Valley Car Parking
Officer contact	Graham Williams - Engineering Manager
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A (<i>if applicable</i>)	

TITLE OF REPORT:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2018 - 2023

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Planning and Regeneration
Brief description of report	Economic Development Strategy public consultation responses for consideration by Cabinet
Spend required/saving generated (<i>if applicable</i>)	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	21 Mar 2018
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	Economic Development Strategy 2018 - 2023
Officer contact	Kim Graham - Regeneration and Economic Development Manager
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A (<i>if applicable</i>)	

TITLE OF REPORT:

CONSIDERATION TO POTENTIAL DISPOSAL OF LAND AT BRICK-KILN LANE

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Environment and Recycling
Brief description of report	To consider undertaking public consultation on the potential disposal of land at Brick-Kiln Lane. In line with the Asset Management Strategy this would include 3 weeks local ward Councillor consultation and 6 weeks public consultation.
Spend required/saving generated (<i>if applicable</i>)	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	5 Jun 2018
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Economic Development and Enterprise
Wards affected	Chesterton
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	
Background documents	Consideration to potential disposal of land at Brick-Kiln Lane
Officer contact	Jo Halliday - Head of Housing, Regeneration and Assets, Head of Housing
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A (<i>if applicable</i>)	

TITLE OF REPORT:
RYECROFT CAR PARK

Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Finance and Resources, Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Planning and Regeneration
Brief description of report	To seek authority for the making of an order to remove the Ryecroft Car Park from the town centre off street parking order.
Spend required/saving generated (<i>if applicable</i>)	
Decision maker	Cabinet
Earliest date of decision	21 Mar 2018
Likely Date of Decision	
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Economic Development and Enterprise
Wards affected	Town
Proposed consultation	
Last date for representations	
Background documents	Ryecroft Car Park
Officer contact	Graham Williams - Engineering Manager
Reasons for exemptions under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A (<i>if applicable</i>)	

