

**STATEMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL TO FULL COUNCIL – 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2017**

**Submitted by:** Councillor Elizabeth Shenton

**Portfolio:** All

**Wards affected:** All

**Purpose of the Report**

To provide an update to Members on the activities and decisions of Cabinet together with the Forward Plan.

**Recommendation**

**That the statement of the Leader of the Council be received and noted.**

**Reasons**

To update Council Members on the activities and decisions of the Cabinet and to allow questions and comments on the Statement to the relevant Portfolio Holders.

1. **Cabinet Meetings**

Cabinet has met three times since the last meeting of Full Council, in November 2016. The next Cabinet meeting is 22 March 2017. Below is a summary of actions and decisions taken, along with a link to the Forward Plan. (For further background to the Cabinet's decisions please refer to the actual published Cabinet Agenda, Minutes and Decisions).

2. **Cabinet Meeting - December 2016**

<http://sviam/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=118&MId=2772&Ver=4>

3. **Cabinet Meeting - January 2017**

<http://sviam/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=118&MId=2773&Ver=4>

4. **Cabinet Meeting - 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

<http://sviam/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=118&MId=2774&Ver=4>

<http://moderngov.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/documents/g2774/Decisions%2008th-Feb-2017%2018.00%20Cabinet.pdf?T=2>

(i) **Revenue & Capital Budgets and Council Tax 2017-18**

Cabinet recommended that these be presented to Full Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Comments from the FRAPS Scrutiny Committee were also noted and discussed.

(ii) **Budget Performance Report - Quarter Three**

Cabinet noted the report and recommendations, and will continue to monitor performance. Cabinet also agreed to explore a more efficient operating model for the two Leisure Centres, with a report coming back for consideration in the Summer.

(iii) **Income Generation Project**

Cabinet supported the appointment of Strategi Solutions Limited as partner in our income generation scheme.

(iv) **Keele University - Ambitions for Growth**

Cabinet welcomed the recent signing of the Keele Deal, and noted various other strategies relating to the ambitions for Keele University, as a commitment to our aspirational plans for the economic regeneration of the Borough.

5. **Forward Plan**

The Forward Plan covering the period from January to April 2017 can be found at:

<http://sviam/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=73&RP=118>

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Leader of the Council