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A3	MINUTES OF A PREVIOUS MEETING	The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 September, 2021 were agreed as a correct record.
A4	WALLEY'S QUARRY UPDATE	The report was noted.
A5	MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2022/23 TO 2026/27	 The funding pressures of £1.596m in 2022/23 and £4.793m over the 5 year period covered by the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) were noted. The approach regarding the development of savings and income generation proposals in the medium term were agreed. The continued uncertainty regarding the medium term impact of local government funding and COVID-19 was noted.
A6	APPOINTMENT OF A SUPPLIER TO REFURBISH THE HEALTH AND FITNESS OFFER AT JUBILEE 2	The Executive Director - Commercial Development and Economic Growth, was authorised, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, Leisure Culture and Heritage, to take such actions and to enter such agreements as are reasonably necessary to complete the refurbishment of the gym etc. within the available budget of £360,000.
A7	JUBILEE 2 STRUCTURAL SURVEY	The verbal update was received.
A8	ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMMES FOR NEWCASTLE- UNDER-LYME	 The energy efficiency activities and funding were noted. The statement of intent for the Energy Company Obligation was approved. Agreement was given to fund Beat the Cold.
A9	NORTHGATE REVENUES AND BENEFITS CLOUD MIGRATION	The cloud migration proposal to safe guard continued service for our Revenues and Benefits applications serving the residents of the Borough was approved.
A10	NORTHGATE ONE FRONT DOOR ADDITIONAL REVENUES AND BENEFITS MODULES	The procurement of additional modules to the Northgate Revenues and Benefits applications, on the grounds of staff efficiencies and providing a better service to the public, was approved.

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A11	AIR QUALITY UPDATE	 The exemption of ultra-low emission vehicles and emergency service vehicles from the proposed A53 bus gate and to progress these exemptions as part of the FBC, was supported. Officers were directed to seek agreement from JAQU to fund screening and/or modelling of the exemption of Low Emission Vehicles (as defined in this report) from the proposed A53 bus gate and if such works supports the exemption of low emission vehicles for this to be progressed as part of the FBC. Officers were directed to review the current and future post covid vehicle patterns on A53 Ongoing lobbying by local MPs for both the early removal of the A53 Bus gate restrictions and the funding of modelling for Low Emission Vehicle Exemptions (if not agreed by JAQU) was encouraged. The stakeholder and public engagement on the proposals be progressed via on-line engagement.
A13	URGENT BUSINESS	There was no Urgent Business.