

## DECISIONS OF CABINET

26 March 2008

ITEM		RECOMMENDATION(S)	DECISION
1.	Capital Strategy 2008/2011		See item 12
2.	ICT Strategy		See item 15
3.	Local Authority Business Growth Initiative		See item 13
4.	North Staffordshire Credit Union (NSCU)		See item 14
5.	Asset Management Strategy		
6.	Corporate Equality Scheme	That Members agree the Draft Corporate Equality Scheme for the Council and the associated consultation plan (Appendix 'A' – salmon paper).	As per recommendation.
7.	Calendar of Meetings	That the draft Calendar of Meetings be approved and any minor amendments necessary be agreed by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council.	As per recommendation (see list attached).
8.	Homelessness Strategy 2008	That Cabinet approve and adopt the draft Homelessness Strategy 2008 - 2010.	As per recommendation.
9.	Empty Homes Strategy 2008-2012	That the Empty Homes Strategy be approved.	As per recommendation.

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10.	<p>Landfill Communities Fund Thistleberry Parkway Play Area and Silverdale Cemetery Garden</p> <p>(a) That the offers of grant funding are accepted and cheques for the required third party contributions are sent to Staffordshire Environmental Fund.</p> <p>(b) That the Section 106 Agreement funds are allocated to the respective projects.</p> <p>(c) That the projects are developed in consultation with the local community.</p> <p>(d) That a report is brought to a future meeting of the Cabinet seeking approval of the final design of the schemes and authority to seek tenders/quotations for the works.</p>	<p>As per recommendations.</p>
11.	<p>Queen Elizabeth Park and Castle Motte Heritage Lottery Fund Stage 1 Application</p> <p>(a) That the scheme is approved.</p> <p>(b) That authorization is granted to the Executive Director – Operational Services to complete and submit a Stage 1 Application to the Heritage Lottery Fund and to make the necessary Planning applications and Scheduled Ancient Monument application.</p> <p>(c) That the Landscape Manager is authorized to act as project contact and the Chief Executive is authorized to sign the declaration in the application.</p> <p>(d) That the preliminary works to the trees and railings in the park are approved and the costs submitted as “sunk funds”.</p> <p>(e) That the capital sum secured via a Section 106 Agreement is allocated to the project as match funding.</p>	<p>As per recommendations</p>

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	<p>(f) That consideration is given in principle, to the Council making future provision in the General Fund Capital Programme for a contribution to the project costs, should the application be successful and match funding is not sourced externally.</p> <p>(g) That consideration is given, in principle, to the Council making future provision in the annual revenue estimates towards the revenue costs of the scheme, should the application be successful.</p> <p>(h) That should no offer of grant be received, the project does not proceed.</p>	<p>As per recommendations</p>
12.	Capital Strategy 2008 to 2011 (item 1 main agenda)	That the Capital Strategy 2008 to 2011 be approved.
		As per recommendations.
13.	Local Authority Business Growth Initiative (LABGI (item 3 – main agenda)	<p>(a) That the repayment terms as set out in the DCLG’s letter dated 7 March 2008 be agreed.</p> <p>(b) That the Cabinet recommends to full Council that the repayments of £300,000 in April 2009 and April 2010 be funded via the Contingency Reserve.</p>
		As per recommendations.
14.	North Staffordshire Credit Union (NSCR) (item 4 main agenda)	<p>(a) The Borough Council provide £25,000.00 grant funding to the NSCU for 2008/09.</p> <p>(b) The Borough Council agree to the principle of providing £25,000.00 for 2009/10 and £15,000.00 for 2010/11 to NSCU, subject to satisfactory progress being made &amp; reported, and subject to funding being required.</p> <p>(c) The Borough Council agree to host the NSCU Development Officer post for 2008/09.</p>
		As per recommendations.

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15.	ICT Strategy 2008/09 – 2009/10 (item 2 main agenda)	<p>(a) That the ICT Strategy be accepted</p> <p>(b) That the timetable for revision of the Information Security Policy, Internet and E-mail Usage Policy, and ICT Training Policy be agreed as July 2008.</p> <p>(c) That the principle of ICT Business plans outlining service level agreements, customer expectations and service expectations be approved.</p> <p>(d) That the timetable for the completion of the ICT Business plans be agreed as June 2008.</p>	<p>As per recommendations</p>
16.	Proposed Sale of Land in Vale Street, Chesterton	That the land shown edged red on the plan displayed is sold to the Trustees of the Chesterton Congregation of the Jehovah's Witnesses for the sum of £1. [One Pound].	As per recommendation.
17.	Irrecoverable Items		*See below
18.	Irrecoverable Items (item 2 main agenda – green paper)	That the items detailed at appendix (green paper) be considered irrecoverable for the reasons stated and be written off.	As per recommendation.

\*Councillors Holland, Maskery and Tagg declared a personal but non-prejudicial interest in a matter contained within the Appendix to item 3 above and subsequently took part in the discussion and voting thereon.