


**DECISIONS OF CABINET**

**16 January 2008**

ITEM	RECOMMENDATION(S)	DECISION																												
1.	<p>Calculation of the Council Tax Base 2008/09</p> <p>That, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 1992, the amounts calculated as the Council Tax Base for 2008/9 shall be as follows:-</p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td></td> <td align="right"><u>Band D</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td align="right"><u>equivalent</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td align="right"><u>properties</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Newcastle Borough Council</td> <td align="right">38,361</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kidsgrove Town Council</td> <td align="right">7,176</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Audley</td> <td align="right">2,662</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Loggerheads</td> <td align="right">1,947</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balterley, Betley and Wrinehill</td> <td align="right">572</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chapel and Hill Chorlton</td> <td align="right">184</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Keele</td> <td align="right">341</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Madeley</td> <td align="right">1,478</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Maer</td> <td align="right">245</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Silverdale</td> <td align="right">1,404</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Whitmore</td> <td align="right">807</td> </tr> </table>		<u>Band D</u>		<u>equivalent</u>		<u>properties</u>	Newcastle Borough Council	38,361	Kidsgrove Town Council	7,176	Audley	2,662	Loggerheads	1,947	Balterley, Betley and Wrinehill	572	Chapel and Hill Chorlton	184	Keele	341	Madeley	1,478	Maer	245	Silverdale	1,404	Whitmore	807	As per recommendation
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2.	Scale of Fees and Charges	That the Fees and Charges proposed for 2008/09 as set out in Appendix 'B' (lavender paper) be approved and submitted to Scrutiny for comment.																												
3.	Service Review – Revenues & Benefits	That the report be received and a Revenues and Benefits Action Plan be formulated, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, on the basis of the analysis presented to Cabinet and any issues raised by Members.																												
4.	Procurement Strategy and Action Plan 2007/07	As per recommendation																												
5.	Review of Streetscene and Waste Management	See item 11.																												
		(a) As per recommendation. (b) That progress reports be submitted to future meetings of the Cabinet.																												

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6.	Proposed Overview & Scrutiny Arrangements & Future Role of Full Council		See items 12 & 13.
7.	Revised Scheme of Delegation	That Members endorse the revised Scheme of Delegation.	That, subject to the amendment referred to, Members endorse the revised Scheme of Delegation for adoption by the full Council.
8.	Peer Review of the Planning Service	That the report be received and that a draft Service Improvement Plan be formulated, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, on the basis of the analysis presented to Cabinet and Planning Committee, and any issues raised by Members.	(a) That the report be received and a draft Service Improvement Plan be formulated in consultation with the Portfolio Holder and Chair and Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee on the basis of the analysis presented to Cabinet and the Planning Committee and any issues raised by Members.  (b) That progress reports be submitted to future meetings of the Cabinet.
9.	Sustainable Community Strategy	That Members endorse the Draft Sustainable Community Strategy; note the process undertaken in preparing the Strategy and inform the LSP of your decisions.	As per recommendation.
<b>SUPPLEMENTARY</b>			
10.	Council Representation on the Board of Aspire Housing	<b><u>Decision Required</u></b>  Who do you wish to appoint to replace Councillor Mrs Braithwaite?	That Councillor Hailstones be appointed to serve as the Council's representative on the Board of Aspire Housing to replace Councillor Mrs Braithwaite.
11.	Procurement Strategy and Action Plan 2007-2010	That Cabinet Recommend to Council approval of the revised Procurement Strategy 2007-2010 and supporting Action Plan as adopted by Scrutiny.	As per recommendation.
12.	Improving the Political Framework	Does Cabinet wish to comment on the proposed changes to the political framework and recommend any amendments considered appropriate to the full Council meeting on 23 January 2008?	That the proposed Overview and Scrutiny arrangements be recommended to full Council for adoption subject to the inclusion of Partnerships in the area of responsibility of the Active and Cohesive Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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13.	Overview and Scrutiny Report – The Role of Full Council	<p>(a) That Cabinet receive the Overview and Scrutiny Report 'The Role of the Full Council'.</p> <p>(b) That Cabinet be requested to consider responding to the recommendations for which it has responsibility at a future meeting.</p> <p>(c) That Cabinet be requested to consider the recommendation of the Scrutiny Committee highlighted at paragraph 1.2 (b) of this report.</p>	That the proposals for the future role of the full Council be agreed and referred to the Council for adoption.
14.	Staffordshire County Council and Stoke-on-Trent City Council Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy	<p>(a) That the implementation plan be amended to incorporate the development of anaerobic digestion capacity for the treatment of food waste as an alternative to or in addition to in vessel composting approaches, and the documentation is modified to reflect this.</p> <p>(b) That subject to (a) above that the Staffordshire County Council and Stoke-on-Trent City Council Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy be adopted.</p>	 <p>As per recommendations.</p>