

## DECISIONS OF CABINET

18 February 2009

\*Councillor Becket declared an interest in item 11 and left the meeting during discussion and voting thereon.

ITEM		RECOMMENDATION(S)	DECISION
1.	Service and Financial Plans	That Members approve the Service and Financial Plans for 2009/12.	As per recommendation.
2.	Budget and Performance Management Report to End of Quarter 3 (December) 2008	(a) That the contents of the report be noted and that the Council continue to monitor performance alongside budgets.  (b) That the specific recommendations contained in the performance indicator summary be endorsed.	} As per recommendations.
3.	Guildhall Customer Service Centre Review	That the report be noted and referred to the Transformation and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration.	
4.	Revenue and Capital Budgets and Council Tax 2009/10	That the 2009/10 General Fund Revenue Budget and the Capital Programme 2009/10 - 2011/12 as detailed in the report to Cabinet dated 19 January 2009 be recommended to Full Council for approval.	That as a result of further savings being achieved, it be recommended to Full Council that the Council Tax increases for 2009/10 be 2.5%.
5.	Review of Reserves and Balances	(a) That the proposals to combine a number of the Council's Reserves, as detailed in the report be approved.  (b) That approval is given to the general principle that reserves and balances should not be reduced to any great extent from their present levels (estimated position at 31 March 2009), with the exception of the Budget Support Fund.  (c) That £250,000 be transferred from the Contingency Reserve to General Fund Balances.	} As per recommendations.

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	(d) That the above recommendations be submitted to Full Council for approval.	
6.	Capital Strategy 2009 to 2012	See item 17
7.	Scale of Fees and Charges That the Fees and Charges proposed for 2009/10 for Planning Services as set out in Appendix 'E' (lavender paper) be approved.	As per recommendation.
8.	Newcastle Business Centre That the Cabinet approve the new licence terms as set out in this report.	As per recommendation.
9.	Asset Management Strategy	See item 15.
10.	Proposed Refurbishment of Lancaster Building	See item 16.
11.	Land Adjacent to Knutton Clay Quarry Pit That Cabinet decide on the most appropriate option to progress the matter.	That the terms of the Section 106 Agreement be honoured and discussions be opened with Silverdale Parish Council with a view to them taking ownership of the land at a peppercorn rent.
12.	Removal of BT Telephone Services To authorise officers to draft a response to BT's request in accordance with any decision made by Cabinet	That the Portfolio Holder in consultation with the officers be authorised to negotiate the preferred options in each instance.
13.	Waste Strategy Communications Programme (a) The report to be received. (b) That approval be received for the receipt of external funding from WRAP to support the communications programme. (c) That two posts for Recycling Officers be established for a one year period, funded by WRAP.	} As per recommendations
<b>SUPPLEMENTARY</b>		
14.	Madeley Extracare Development To approve, in principle, financial support for the Madeley Extracare Scheme, in the sum of up to £115,000.	As per recommendation.

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15.	Submission of the Assets Management Strategy	That Members approve the Asset Management Strategy 2009/10 – 2011/12 and the schedule of works for 2009/10 described in the Stock Condition survey (Appendix 'I' – orange paper).	As per recommendation.
16.	Proposed Refurbishment of Lancaster Building	(a) That the lowest tender for the refurbishment of Lancaster Buildings be accepted, and  (b) That, subject to AWM funding approximately 25% of the scheme cost, the contract be awarded to Thomas Vale Construction plc at a cost of £2,144,333.	} As per recommendation.
17.	Capital Strategy 2009 to 2012	That the Capital Strategy 2009 to 2012 be approved.	As per recommendation.
18.	Application to Purchase Land off A34 Talke Toad, Talke	That Cabinet::  (i) approves the release and sale of the land to Select Developments (Midlands) Limited on the basis of the provisionally agreed terms outlined in this report;  (ii) authorises the Head of Legal Services to advertise the disposal of P.O.S. as required under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1974.	} As per recommendations.
19.	Employees Consultative Committee	That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 November be approved.	As per recommendation.