

## DECISIONS OF CABINET

13 May 2009

ITEM		RECOMMENDATION(S)	DECISION
1.	Communications Strategy 2009-2012	That Cabinet approves the Communications Strategy 2009-12.	As per recommendation.
2.	Procurement of Reporter Distribution and Print Contracts	That Cabinet note the outcome of the Reporter procurement process.	As per recommendation.
3.	Newcastle Town Centre: Proposals to Strengthen the Borough Council's Capacity to Enable Delivery of Development	That the Council agree to jointly fund (with the North Staffs Regeneration Partnership) the commissioning of:  (a) A Newcastle Town Centre Development Site Options Appraisal.  (b) Detailed development and design briefs for each of the key town centre development sites.  (c) Ongoing short term project management support.	As per recommendations.
4.	Newcastle Town Centre Strategic Investment Framework	That the Borough Council supports the direction in which the Newcastle Town Centre Strategic Investment Framework is moving and welcomes further consultation as the framework develops firm recommendations for action.	
5.	Adoption of the Joint Housing Allocations Policy and choice based lettings scheme	(a) That Cabinet approve the final draft Joint Housing Allocations Policy for adoption.  (b) That Cabinet approve the implementation of a Sub Regional Choice Based Lettings Scheme to include shared ICT and operational procedures with	As per recommendations.

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		partners.	
6.	Local Impact of the Economic Downturn	That the report be noted and Members support the Council's actions.	That the report be noted.
7.	Development of Part of London Road Car Park, Chesterton	<p>(a) To dispose of part of the London Road car park in Chesterton at a reduced value to secure affordable housing.</p> <p>(b) To negotiate the sale to Staffordshire Housing.</p> <p>(c) To give the Neighbourhoods and Regeneration Portfolio Holder delegated approval to dispose of the land.</p>	<p>(a) That subject to any appropriate statutory consent the land as indicated in the report be disposed of at a reduced value to secure affordable housing.</p> <p>(b) That negotiations be held with Staffordshire Housing concerning the sale of the land.</p> <p>(c) That the officers in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration be authorised to approve the disposal of the land.</p>
8.	Private Sector Housing Stock Condition Survey		Deferred to June meeting.
9.	Burial Facilities – Audley and Surrounding Area	<p>(a) That progress with the project to date be noted.</p> <p>(b) That the updated cost estimate for the project be received.</p> <p>(c) That Cabinet approves option 3 to progress the scheme and that provision be made in the General Fund Capital Programme to meet the project costs.</p> <p>(d) That a further report be brought to a future meeting of the Cabinet detailing progress on the scheme and providing updated cost estimates.</p>	<p>(a) &amp; (b) As per recommendations.</p> <p>(c) That option 3 to make and serve a Compulsory Purchase Order on Staffordshire County Council be approved in order to progress the scheme and provision made in the General Fund Capital Programme to meet the project costs.</p> <p>(d) As per recommendation.</p> <p>(e) That the officers continue to seek acquisition of the land by negotiation.</p>

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10.	<p>Proposed Neighbourhood Park at The Wammy</p> <p>(a) That a phased project to develop a Neighbourhood Park on The Wammy be initiated.</p> <p>(b) That the Section 106 Agreement funding secured for this purpose be committed to the project.</p> <p>(c) That the first phase of the project in relation to playing pitch provision be approved.</p> <p>(d) That Standing Orders are waived in relation to the pitch drainage and improvement works and a specialist contractor be appointed to implement the scheme.</p> <p>(e) That a consultation exercise be undertaken with the local community and other stakeholders in relation to future phases of the project.</p> <p>(f) That upon completion of the consultation exercise, a detailed, phased master plan for The Wammy be produced and costed and a further report brought to a future meeting of the Cabinet.</p>	<p>As per recommendations.</p>
11.	<p>Recycling and Waste Collection Services</p> <p>(a) That the materials to be placed in the recycling and waste containers specified in the report and other requirements for the presentation of containers, be approved</p> <p>(b) That the draft service standards be approved for consultation.</p>	<p>As per recommendations.</p>
12.	<p>Leisure, Health and Well Being Centre</p> <p>See item 13</p>	

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13.	Proposed Leisure, Health and Well Being Centre	<p>(a) That the Project Management Arrangements be approved.</p> <p>(b) That Cabinet waive Part III of Standing Orders 6 and 11 (if appropriate) in relation to contracts in order to appoint a project manager and specialist environmental and geotechnical specialists as per Financial Regulations 2 (a)(i) and 2(b)(viii).</p>	<p>(a) That the project management arrangements be approved subject to an officer from the Policy and Performance Section and the Chair of the appropriate Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee being invited to meetings of the Project Board.</p> <p>(b) As per recommendation.</p>