

**DECISIONS OF CABINET**

**21 May 2008**

| ITEM |  | RECOMMENDATION(S)   | DECISION                             |
|------|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1.   | Performance Management Report to End of Quarter 4 (March) 2008 | <p>(a) That the contents of the report be noted and that the Council continue to monitor performance alongside budgets.</p> <p>(b) That the specific recommendations contained in the performance indicator summary be endorsed.</p>  | } As per recommendations.            |
| 2.   | Corporate Complaints, Comments and Compliments Policy          | That the Corporate Complaints, Comments and Compliments Policy be approved.   | As per recommendation.               |
| 3.   | Sub National Review  |   | See item 12.                         |
| 4.   | Locality Working   |   | Item withdrawn.                      |
| 5.   | Housing Capital Programme 2008/09                              | <p>(a) That the proposed housing capital programme for 2008/09 be approved and that the 2009/10 proposed programme be agreed for planning purposes funded by further net receipts from the sale of former Council Houses and government grants.</p> <p>(b) That £80,000 from RTB receipts is allocated to the Housing Capital Programme.</p> <p>(c) That £169,000 from the existing budget in the capital programme for Housing Market Renewal is allocated to the Housing Capital Programme.</p> <p>(d) That an additional £70,000 is allocated from</p> | } (a) to (e) as per recommendations. |

| ITEM | RECOMMENDATION(S)   | DECISION   |
|------|---|--|
|      | <p>the existing budget in the capital programme for Housing Market Renewal to match fund the Knutton heritage facelift scheme.</p> <p>(e) That Officers engage with the West Midlands Regional Kickstart programme to ensure that Newcastle is able to access the funding allocated as part of the Kickstart programme.</p> | <p>(f) That a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Cabinet on housing regeneration issues in areas outside of RENEW and including the results of the proposed Stock Condition Survey to support any proposals.</p> |
|      |   |  |
| 6.   | <p>Housing Strategy Position Statement 2008-2010</p> <p>(a) To approve the Housing Strategy Position Statement 2008-2010.</p> <p>(b) To adopt the North Housing Market Area Housing Market Assessment.</p>  | <p>} As per recommendations.</p>   |
|      |   |  |
| 7.   | <p>Housing Services Improvement Plan</p> <p>To approve the Housing Services Improvement Plan.</p>   | <p>(a) As per recommendation.</p> <p>(b) That a progress report on the implementation of the Plan be submitted to the December meeting of the Cabinet.</p>   |
|      |   |  |
| 8.   | <p>North Staffs Regeneration Partnership Business Plan 2008/2011</p>  | <p>See item 13.</p>  |
|      |   |  |
| 9.   | <p>Urban North Staffordshire Green Space Strategy</p> <p>(a) That the Strategy and Action Plan be approved for consultation with the key stakeholders identified in the report.</p>   |  |

| ITEM | RECOMMENDATION(S)   | DECISION   |
|------|---|--|
|      | <p>(b) That the local standards and calculation for developer contributions to green space be approved and adopted.</p> <p>(c) That a review is carried out of sites identified as not required to deliver local standards to determine the most appropriate alternative use.</p> <p>(d) That there is a commitment in principle to reinvesting/ring-fencing an appropriate proportion of income raised through green space asset management to deliver the strategy.</p> <p>(e) That the Portfolio Holder for Quality of Life and Social Inclusion is nominated as the Council's Green Space Champion.</p> <p>(f) That a further report is brought to a future meeting of the Cabinet detailing the outcome of the stakeholder consultation, any proposed additional actions, progress with the strategy and proposals to implement and fund Phase 1 of the Action Plan.</p> | <p>(a) to (f) as per recommendations.</p> <p>(g) That the Newcastle Equestrian Forum be included as a stakeholder for consultation purposes.</p> <p>(h) That the results of the Green Space Audit be brought to a future meeting of the Cabinet.</p> |
|      |   |  |
| 10.  | Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Joint Waste Strategy – Memorandum of Understanding   | That the Borough Council becomes a signatory to the Memorandum of Understanding.   |
|      |   | As per recommendation.   |
| 11.  | Regulation of Licensed Hackney Carriage Vehicles  | That Public Protection Committee be informed that the Cabinet's view is that the Council should, in  |
|      |   | (a) As per recommendation.   |

|     | ITEM  | RECOMMENDATION(S)   | DECISION   |
|-----|---|---|--|
|     |   | accordance with Government guidance, take steps to deregulate Hackney Carriages.  | (b) That the Public Protection Committee be requested to consider the livery of Hackney Carriage vehicles becoming standard in the North Staffordshire area. |
|     |   |   |  |
| 12. | Sub National Review – Consultation Response                                       | That Members endorse the suggested response.  | As per recommendation.   |
|     |   |   |  |
| 13. | North Staffordshire Regeneration Partnership Business Plan 2008-11                | (a) That the NSRP Business Plan be noted and endorsed.<br><br>(b) That the Renew North Staffordshire Allocation for 2008 – 2011 and its implications for Newcastle is also noted.   | } As per recommendation.   |
| 14. | Homelessness, Housing Advice and Housing Register Contract Review and Retendering | (a) To accept the Contract Review Report produced by HQN regarding the current Homelessness, Housing Advice and Housing Register Services in the Borough.<br><br>(b) To approve the Draft Tender Documentation for the forthcoming contract retendering exercise, subject to minor alterations from the Working Group.<br><br>(c) To note the in house shadow costing exercise produced by HQN Ltd. | } As per recommendations.  |
|     |   |   |  |
| 15. | Tender for Refurbishment of Guildhall and Civic Offices Reception Area            | That Paragon Interiors Group plc is selected as the approved contractor for the internal refurbishment of the Guildhall and Civic Offices Reception Area.   | As per recommendation.   |