

DECISIONS OF CABINET

22 October 2008

ITEM	RECOMMENDATION(S)	DECISION
1.	<p>Medium Term Financial Strategy 2009/10 to 2011/12</p> <p>(a) That the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2009/10 to 2011/12 be approved.</p> <p>(b) That the report be referred to the Transformation and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee for comment.</p>	<p>} As per recommendations.</p>
2.	<p>Newcastle Borough Council's Commissioning Framework for the Third Sector</p> <p>That the Third Sector Commissioning Framework be approved.</p>	<p>(a) As per recommendation.</p> <p>(b) That the Chairs of the relevant Scrutiny Committee and Grants Assessment Panel and the Portfolio Holder be appointed as Members of the Commissioning Board.</p> <p>(c) That action be taken to raise awareness of the changes made to the Framework in The Reporter.</p>
3.	<p>Homelessness, Housing Advice and Housing Register Contract Review</p> <p>To acknowledge and approve the Contract Review report and the 'Service Improvement Plan' targets for the forthcoming year of the Homelessness, Housing Advice and Housing Register Contract with Aspire Housing.</p>	<p>As per recommendation.</p>
4.	<p>Empty Property Officer Post</p>	<p>Item withdrawn.</p>
5.	<p>Climate Change</p> <p>That the post of Climate Change Officer be established, for a two year period, funded through the New Initiatives Fund to develop a Strategy to</p>	<p>That the post of Energy Efficiency and Carbon Production Officer be established for a two-year period, funded through the New Initiatives Fund to</p>

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	tackle Climate Change in the Borough.	develop a Strategy to tackle climate change in the Borough.
6.	Corporate Complaints, Comments and Complaints Policy - Amendments	See item 8.
7.	Leisure/Well Being Centre	See item 9.
8.	Corporate Complaints, Comments and Compliments Policy – Amendment	(a) As per recommendation. (b) That a member of the Appeals Committee be appointed to serve on the Complaints Appeals Panel.
9.	<p>Leisure, Health and Wellbeing Centre</p> <p>(a) That Officers submit a funding application to Sport England for up to a maximum grant allocation of £200,000 from the Community Initiatives Fund and be authorised to pursue additional funding from National Governing Bodies of Sport.</p> <p>(b) That Officers continue to work with partner organisations to determine with greater clarity their potential requirements for, and revenue/capital contributions towards, the proposed Leisure, Health and Wellbeing Centre</p> <p>(c) That Cabinet makes a decision to not pursue the inclusion of a 50-metre swimming pool as part of the preferred facility mix.</p> <p>(d) That Members note the progress being made with regard to site selection.</p>	<p>(a) & (b) As per recommendations.</p> <p>(c) That potential funding partners be given two weeks to indicate their commitment to the inclusion of a 50 metre pool in the preferred facility mix.</p> <p>(i) In the event that there is insufficient support in this regard, the Portfolio Holder for Culture and Active Communities be authorised to decide that no further work be undertaken on the 50 metre pool option and that officers revert to the 25 metre pool element as previously agreed.</p> <p>(ii) In the event that there is sufficient evidence that funding partners support the 50 metre pool option then officers report back to Cabinet on this matter supported by a Clear Business Plan demonstrating viability of this option.</p>

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			(d) That Members note the progress made on site selection.
10.	Local Strategic Partnership – Thematic Groups	That the County Council proposals be supported.	(a) As per recommendation. (b) That this matter be reviewed in 12 months.