

# North Tyneside Council Report to Cabinet Date: 12 November 2012

## ITEM 7(m)

Title: Council Strategic  
Plan and 2012/13 Budget –  
Implementation Plan

Portfolio(s): Elected Mayor  
Finance

Cabinet Member(s): Mrs Linda Arkley  
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Wards affected: All

### PART 1

#### 1.1 Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide Cabinet with a progress report on the delivery of items in the Budget 2012/13 and Council Strategic Plan 2012/15 - Implementation Plan.

#### 1.2 Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that Cabinet

- (1) Agrees the revised Implementation Plan and agrees that it is to be further updated in the light of decisions taken at this meeting.
- (2) Notes the position in the current version of the Implementation Plan and agrees the Implementation Plan need not be presented to future Cabinet meetings as separate reports will be submitted to Cabinet on items 58, 62, 63, 64, 69, 73 and 76 and other matters as appropriate.

#### 1.3 Forward plan:

The report appears in the current Forward Plan for the period 1 October 2012 – 28 February 2013.

#### 1.4 Council plan and policy framework:

The report relates to the Budget 2012/13 and the Council Strategic Plan for 2012/15.

## **1.5 Information:**

- 1.5.1 The Implementation Plan attached at Appendix 1 lists (in summary) a number of proposals contained within the agreed Budget 2012/13 and Council Strategic Plan 2012/15.
- 1.5.2 This report identifies where decisions are to be taken at the November Cabinet meeting including endorsement of updated information in relation to specific items. The Implementation Plan, if approved, will need to be amended after Cabinet accordingly.
- 1.5.3 The Implementation Plan is being submitted to Overview and Scrutiny Committee for comments after every Cabinet Meeting. It was last submitted to Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 5 November 2012.

## **1.6 Decision options:**

Option 1: Cabinet agrees all the recommendations.

Option 2: Cabinet agrees one but not both recommendations, for instance it may require the Implementation Plan to be presented to future Cabinet Meetings.

Option 3: Cabinet does not agree the recommendations.

Option 1 the recommended option, will enable the Implementation Plan to be duly agreed as updated.

## **1.7 Reasons for recommended option:**

Option 1 the recommended option to enable relevant work on the Implementation Plan to be taken forward in the light of decisions taken at this meeting.

It was originally agreed by Cabinet 28 March 2012 that the Implementation Plan would be reported to each Cabinet meeting until all the proposals have been considered and where appropriate implemented.

As Cabinet has now considered the majority of items in the Implementation Plan which are the responsibility of Cabinet, it is recommended that the Implementation Plan need not be considered at future Cabinet Meetings. Separate reports on specific items 58, 62, 63, 64, 69, 73 and 76 and other matters as appropriate, in the Implementation Plan will still be reported to Cabinet.

## **1.8 Appendices:**

Appendix 1: Implementation Plan

## **1.9 Contact officers:**

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## **1.10 Background information:**

The following background papers and research reports have been used in the compilation of this report and are available at the offices of the author:

- (1) The Council's Budget 2012/13 and Council Strategic Plan 2012/15  
[Council Meeting 1 March 2012](#)
- (2) Report to Cabinet 28 March 2012: Council Strategic Plan and 2012/13 Budget –  
[Implementation Plan](#)
- (3) [Briefing](#) Note to all Members – Local Authority Governance and Decision Making, 26 March 2012

## **PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING**

### **2.1 Finance and other resources**

There are no financial implications directly arising from the amendments to the Implementation Plan included in this report as no decisions are being made as part of this agenda item.

Any decisions in relation to items 58, 62, 63, 64, 69, 73 and 76 contained in the Implementation plan would be submitted to future Cabinet meetings and reflected in the Implementation Plan.

The financial impact of Cabinet's considerations of the Implementation Plan at the meetings on 28 March, 16 April, 14 May, 11 June, 9 July, 13 August, 10 September and 8 October 2012 has been assessed. Based on the outcome of Cabinet's decisions up to and including the 8 October 2012 meeting, there are additional resources available totalling £0.302m.

Unless alternative proposals are agreed by Cabinet, any such amounts would be added to the Strategic Reserve and its future use will be determined in accordance with the Reserves and Balances Policy.

### **2.2 Legal**

Under the Council's executive arrangements, Cabinet has responsibility for all matters of Council business except where otherwise provided for in law, in particular by the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000. Under these Provisions, some Council functions are reserved to full Council, and others are shared between Cabinet and Council. The Implementation Plan identifies where responsibility lies in relation to each proposal. In this report Cabinet is requested to agree the steps (if any) to be taken in respect of those proposals which fall within its areas of responsibility.

Bearing in mind their respective roles under executive arrangements, the implementation of the Council Plan is the responsibility of both Cabinet and Council, and it is the responsibility of both Cabinet and Council to ensure that the Council's Budget remains balanced at all times.

### **2.3 Consultation/community engagement**

#### **2.3.1 Internal consultation**

Council approved the Budget 2012/13 and Council Plan 2012/15 on 1 March 2012. Internal consultation regarding the Implementation Plan has been undertaken with the Strategic

Directors, Heads of Service and the Elected Mayor.

### 2.3.2 External consultation/ engagement

Consultation on some elements of the Council Plan and Budget has taken place. More detailed engagement will take place as required on actions to support decision making. This will form part of the Implementation Plan.

### 2.4 Human rights

The Council's human rights obligations will be complied with as the Implementation Plan is taken forward.

### 2.5 Equalities and diversity

Full Impact assessments have and will be completed as required prior to any individual decisions on relevant items in the Implementation Plan.

### 2.6 Risk management

Individual projects within the Council Plan are subject to full risk reviews. For larger projects, individual project risk registers are established as part of the Council's agreed approach to project management. Risks will be entered into the appropriate directorate, corporate/ strategic or project risk register(s) and will be subject to ongoing management to reduce the likelihood and impact of each risk.

### 2.7 Crime and disorder

There are no crime and disorder implications directly arising from this report.

### 2.8 Environment and sustainability

The Implementation Plan refers to a number of items in the Council Strategic Plan which are concerned with environmental and sustainability issues.

## PART 3 - SIGN OFF

- Strategic Director(s)
- Mayor/Cabinet Member(s)
- Chief Finance Officer
- Monitoring Officer
- Strategic Manager for Policy and Partnerships
- Chief Executive

## **Appendix 1: Implementation Plan**

### **1. Introduction**

Following the approval of the Council Plan and Budget 2012/13 on 1 March 2012, Cabinet need to consider the implementation arrangements. In setting the Council Plan and Budget, the Council creates a policy and financial framework but decisions with regard to implementation are matters for Cabinet.

The Cabinet is able to take no decision in respect of a matter or issue where they do not wish to create a new activity or terminate/change an existing arrangement. Simply, Cabinet is under no obligation or instruction to positively implement proposals in the Plan or Budget, provided they do not take decisions that would lead to a potential deficit budget. Taking no action is not a decision in this sense but merely allows the status quo to continue.

Where the Cabinet wish to make a decision they must have regard to the Plan and Budget as described above plus they must have regard to their other statutory duties in reaching a decision.

### **2. Implementation Plan**

The Implementation Plan indicates the position that Cabinet has adopted for each of the proposals emerging from Council on 1 March 2012. In some cases No Action is to be taken, in other cases further reports have been or are to be prepared and considered by Cabinet within the timescales indicated in the Implementation Plan. Decisions have and will be taken at Cabinet meetings when appropriate reports have been prepared and considered.

Attached is the latest version of the Implementation Plan prepared in consultation with the Elected Mayor for Cabinet's consideration, discussion and amendment if necessary. Changes are highlighted in bold type. Previous versions of the implementation Plan agreed by Cabinet on 28 March, 16 April, 14 May, 11 June, 9 July, 13 August, 10 September and 8 October 2012 have been provided to Overview and Scrutiny for their consideration. Following approval of the current, revised Implementation Plan by Cabinet on 12 November, the Implementation Plan will be offered to Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration at its meeting on 3 December 2012. At that meeting the views of Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be sought as to whether they wish to receive the Implementation Plan on further occasions or whether they are content to receive individual reports on specific items as they come forward following consideration by Cabinet.

In terms of reporting on progress with regard to the Implementation Plan, it was proposed that as it is clearly Cabinet's Implementation Plan it would be reported to each Cabinet meeting until all the proposals have been considered and, where appropriate, implemented. It was also agreed that it would be reported to Overview and Scrutiny Committee alongside the existing Performance Reports on the Change, Efficiency and Improvement Programme (in year and future years) and the budget (usually to Finance Sub-Committee on behalf of Overview and Scrutiny Committee). There is also a specific requirement to report the Implementation Plan to each Council meeting from the Ordinary Council Meeting in June 2012 onwards.

### **3. Ninth Consideration**

The Draft Implementation Plan was initially considered by the Special Cabinet meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> March. Cabinet considered what, if any, decisions need to be taken and indeed where No Action is to be taken. The decisions and indications of No Action identified in the draft will continue to deliver a balanced, non deficit budget as explained in the financial implications section of the covering report.

Versions of this Implementation Plan, as it has developed, have been agreed at Cabinet Meetings on 28 March, 16 April, 14 May, 11 June, 9 July, 13 August, 10 September and 8 October 2012. This report also allows Cabinet to have regard to the comments received from Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Decisions, as opposed to No Action, have and will be judged against the legal advice in relation to the considerations that Cabinet must have in mind, including any decision that may be argued to be contrary to the Council Plan.

#### **4. Resolution of Uncertainty**

Where there is uncertainty about any proposal (either lack of clarity in the Council Plan wording or descriptions used in the budget resolution of 1 March 2012), then the Chief Executive will seek to convene a discussion between the Elected Mayor and Group Leaders to endeavour to resolve the uncertainty by agreement.

### Appendix 1: Implementation plan (revised 26 October)

	Summary of proposals	2012/2013 Budget Implication £	Decision making	Current Position	Timescale for Implementation
<b>General</b>					
1.	Budget and Council Plan Study Group to be abolished.		Council and O & S Committee who oversee the Budget and Council Plan process.	<b>O &amp; S Committee agreed at meeting of 1 October not to have a Budget and Council Plan Study Group and to replace it with a single extra meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in January 2013 to consider Cabinet's draft proposals.</b>	<b>January 2013.</b>
2.	Finance Sub Committee to undertake an impact assessment on the impact of Ongoing 0% council tax rises on the Council's base budget.		Council.	<b>Reported to Finance Sub Committee 18 July 2012.</b>	Completion by the end of September 2012.
3.	Create a politically balanced working group to oversee a review of the Council's management structure. Review to be undertaken by the Strategic Directors.		Cabinet is responsible for any senior management structure reviews.  Appointments and Disciplinary Committee would deal with any senior appointments that are required.	No action	-
4.	The appointment of consultants will be		Cabinet is responsible for	No action.	-

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	approved by Full Council, including the renewal of consultant call off contracts. (Council Plan)		deciding contracts for services.		
5.	Create a politically balanced Board to oversee the work on the Business and Technical packages.		Cabinet is responsible for the management and delivery of the packages. O & S Committee will scrutinise.	Briefings will be offered to each Group on an on going basis.	Ongoing.
6.	Full Council to agree the recommendations re. the Business and Technical packages at appropriate times.		Cabinet is responsible for implementation of decisions. O & S will scrutinise.	No action.	-
7	The Council's Financial Regulations will apply to any financial management of this budget, except for the following: Any virements above £50,000, revenue or capital, to be approved by Full Council with effect from 1 April 2012, pending a full review of the Financial Regulations to be reported to Council by October 2012.		Proposals could come forward through the Constitutional review to Council.	No action pending Constitutional change.	Report to full Council on <b>conclusion of the work being undertaken by the Constitution Task Group.</b>
8.	Delay the Business Package.	3,215 1,310	Cabinet is responsible for	No action.	Business Package will



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		41,839 <u>104,216</u> 150,580	implementation of decisions. O & S will scrutinise.		continue to current programme for completion October 2012.
9.	Increase CEI contingency provision.	684,000	Council to agree level of contingency but Cabinet will manage the use of the contingency in year.	Agreed.	<b>Completed.</b>
10.	Reduce CEI reserve due to cessation of Community Based Trust and the delay in the implementation of the Business Package.	-150,000	Cabinet is responsible for the level of the reserve and use thereof under the Reserves and Balance Policy.	Agreed. Cabinet on going review of use of reserves in relation to the Business and Technical Packages.	Use of the balance in the Reserve will be decided in accordance with Reserves and Balances Policy.
11.	Defer Capital projects funded from borrowing and not yet committed for 12 months.	-115,000	Council has to agree borrowing above approved limits.	Cabinet has noted the implications of delay.	Cabinet to keep under review.
12.	Reserve capital schemes will be presented to Full Council for approval before moving from the reserve list. (Council Plan)		Cabinet manages the Capital Programme in line with resources available.	No action.	-
13.	Savings on third party payments through better control of waivers.	-10,000	Cabinet responsibility.	Agreed.	<b>Completed.</b>
14.	Voluntary reduction by 10% of those salaries over £50,000 per annum, with a	-20,000	Council decision. Cabinet decision to agree operational	Council has agreed to take no further action.	Completed.

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	floor of £50,000.		approach.		
15.	Introduction of a 36 hour working week.	-730,000	Council decision. Cabinet decision to agree operational approach.	Council has agreed to take no further action.	Completed.
16.	Reduce officer mobile phones by 20%.	-14,400	Cabinet to implement.	Cabinet has agreed a report achieving the required saving.	Completed.
17.	Defer expenditure for 12 months on ICT Strategy. (Capital Plan)	-600,000 capital reduction	Cabinet within their responsibility to manage the Capital Plan.	Cabinet to review in the light of proposal emerging from the Business Package.	Cabinet to review post award of Business Package contract in November 2012.
18.	Reduce the current levels of sickness by a minimum of 10%. (Council Plan)		Cabinet have responsibility for staff management issues.	Cabinet review and monitor, as currently.	Ongoing.
19.	Introduce a local procurement policy to reduce the Council's carbon footprint and create /support local employment opportunities. (Council Plan)		Cabinet can seek development of plans/strategies. Council can determine that the decision whether or not a plan or strategy (formulated by Cabinet) should be adopted or approved is to be taken by full Council. Cabinet has responsibility for implementation of	Council can consider further.  Cabinet has received a report on the current position and legal flexibility.	<b>Cabinet to consider a new Procurement Strategy by March 2013.</b>

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			these.		
20.	Use renewable energy in our public buildings to minimise our energy costs. Support the private sector, by allowing them to take advantage of the low costs while using local companies to manufacture the components. (Council Plan)		<p>Cabinet can seek development of plans/strategies. Council can determine that the decision whether or not a plan or strategy (formulated by Cabinet) should be adopted or approved is to be taken by full Council.</p> <p>Cabinet has responsibility for implementation of these.</p>	<p>Cabinet already progressing Implementation Plan as part of Carbon Reduction Strategy. Cabinet has received a report indicating good progress in delivery of the Carbon Reduction Strategy. Progress will be monitored through the Change, Efficiency and Improvement Theme C Board.</p>	<b>Completed.</b>
21.	Research and develop options for renewable energy in Council and across Borough.	25,000	<p>Cabinet can seek development of plans/strategies. Council can determine that the decision whether or not a plan or strategy (formulated by Cabinet) should be adopted or approved is to be taken by full Council.</p> <p>Cabinet has</p>	<p>Cabinet already progressing implementation plan as part of Carbon Reduction Strategy. Cabinet may review in light of proposals that may emerge from Technical Package.</p>	Report updating progress along with item 20 went to Cabinet in June 2012.

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			responsibility for implementation of these.		
22.	Seek out best value contracts via negotiation, and offering longer periods for discounted rates which should reduce overheads in annual renewals. (Council Plan)		Cabinet has responsibility for contract negotiation, awards and renewals.	Already consider these options as part of procurement. Cabinet has noted a detailed report.	Report to Cabinet in May 2012 was circulated to Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members. Completed.
23.	Look for opportunities to expand our service delivery into the public and private sectors. (Council Plan)		Cabinet responsibility.	<b>Cabinet agreed the creation of a trading company as a company limited by shares delegated authority to the Head of Legal, Governance and Commercial Services, in conjunction with the Strategic Director of Finance , the Elected Mayor and Cabinet Member for Finance to take the relevant steps to establish a trading Company and approved a process for appraising business opportunities.</b>	<b>With immediate effect.</b>
24.	The Cabinet will continue to have representatives from our key partners		Cabinet responsibility.	No action as NTSP Key Partners already attend Cabinet. Cabinet do not	-

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	including the trade unions at Cabinet meetings of the Council. (Council Plan)			believe it is appropriate for Trade Unions to attend Cabinet as they have a very different relationship with the Council than key partners.	
25.	Introduce new ways to encourage the Council's own staff to bring forward new ideas for modern ways to pay for and deliver services. (Council plan)		Cabinet responsibility.	Already developing new approaches with Staff Panel, Staff Question Line etc.	-
<b>Chief Executives Office</b>					
26.	Terminate contract for Interim Chief Executive from 1 April 2012.	-178,000	Cabinet has responsibility for developing senior management arrangements and contracts for services.	Cabinet has agreed to extend the existing Interim Chief Executive contract to the end of May 2013. Revised cost is £138,000.  The Council on 26 July requested Cabinet to consider commencing a recruitment process for a permanent appointment.  Cabinet on the 10 September decided to take no action.	-
27.	Review of the Strategic Projects Team.	-50,000	Cabinet has responsibility for development of staff	No action.	-

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			structures.		
28.	Voluntary reduction in the Mayoral Allowance. (Council Plan £50,000)	-10,000	Elected Mayor. Reduction is voluntary.	No action.	-
<b>Strategic Services</b>					
29.	Review the way we involve residents and businesses to involve greater numbers of our population. (Council Plan)		Matter for Cabinet as to whether to review how engagement is undertaken.	Ongoing	<b>Ongoing.</b>
30.	Create Ward Forums with devolved Area Forum budgets. (revenue and capital)	£150,000 removed from Area Forums Budget £120,000 included in new Ward Community Budgets	Development of proposals is a matter for Cabinet.	<b>No action re change of name. However, reduction to £120,000 agreed.</b>	Completed.
31.	Create a ward community budget. (Capital Plan)	80,000 capital	Development of proposals is a matter for Cabinet.	No action.	Completed.
32.	Delete Widening Horizons. (Capital Plan)	-80,000 capital	Development of proposals is a matter for Cabinet.	<b>No action.</b>	<b>Completed.</b>
33.	Cessation of all advertising in the News Guardian. Advertising to be restricted to publications that cover the whole borough. (Council plan)	-32,000	Cabinet responsibility.	No action.	-

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34.	Merge all council publications into one which will be self funding through advertising. (Council Plan)		Cabinet responsibility.	Ongoing review.	
35.	Additional advertising income.	-65,000	Cabinet responsibility.	Cabinet agreed an Advertising and Sponsorship Protocol July, before consideration as part of the Technical package.	Report to Cabinet in September 2012 no longer required as included in Technical Package.
36.	Use assets to generate income from marketing and advertising. (Council Plan)		Cabinet responsibility.	Cabinet agreed an Advertising and Sponsorship Protocol July, before consideration as part of the Technical package.	Report to Cabinet in September 2012 no longer required as included in Technical Package.
37.	Delete subscription to Local Government Association (give notice from 1 April 2012).		Cabinet to decide and give appropriate notice (before 1 April 2012).	No action.	-
38.	Delete Local Government Association Conference attendance.	-4,000	Cabinet decision.	Agreed.	<b>Completed.</b>
39.	Review NTSP to determine effectiveness, value for money, representation and areas of work. (Council Plan)		Cabinet decision.	Recently undertaken. No action.	-

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<b>Community Services</b>					
40.	Create Adult Social Care Repair Fund.	257,539	Cabinet decision	No action.	
41.	Remove the establishment of a Community Based Trust.	250,000	Cabinet decision to be taken forward in timely way.	Cabinet has agreed to not proceed with the CBT but receive a report on Trading. (See no 23 above.)	Completed.
42.	Remove the proposed above inflation increase in fees and charges for Sports and Leisure.	80,000	Cabinet decision.	Cabinet has agreed to implement their original proposal for 2012/13.	Completed.
43.	Remove the proposed above inflation increase in Arts Services fees and charges.	5,000	Cabinet decision.	Cabinet has agreed to implement their original proposal for 2012/13.	Completed.
44.	Remove proposed increase in fees and charges for visitors and schools included in the alternative management options for the Rising Sun Country Park and review staffing.	3,000	Cabinet decision.	Cabinet has agreed to implement their original proposal for 2012/13.	Completed.
45.	Remove the proposed above inflation increase in allotments income.	16,000	Cabinet decision.	Cabinet has agreed to implement their original proposal for 2012/13.	Completed.
46.	Remove the proposed subsidy reduction for Sports Pitches and Bowling Greens.	14,000	Cabinet decision.	Cabinet has agreed to implement their original proposal for 2012/13.	Completed.



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47.	Keep the Kids Club at Battle Hill.	6,000	Cabinet decision.	Cabinet has agreed to retain the weekly service at all Kids Clubs not just Battle Hill.	Completed.
48.	Delete the provision of a pool car.	-5,000	Cabinet decision.	Cabinet has agreed to retain the pool car	Completed.
49.	Delete Mouth of the Tyne contribution.	-92,000	Cabinet decision.	No action.	-
50.	Reduce the Events Team.	-30,000	Cabinet decision	No action.	-
51.	Delete Killingworth Lake Area Improvements.	-50,000	Cabinet decision.	Cabinet has agreed to implement their original proposal for 2012/13.	Completed.
52.	Defer expenditure for 12 months on North Shields Customer First. (Capital Plan)	-3,100,000 capital	Council approval required for borrowing levels and individual projects requiring more than £1m of borrowing. Cabinet may consider alternative funding sources.	Cabinet have approved the scheme with revised funding arrangements	Scheme to be completed by spring 2013.
53.	Ringfence any capital receipt from the sale of the existing Wallsend Boys Club Site and give a capital grant to the Wallsend Boys Club of that amount to help them towards a new facility. (Council Plan)	Not known at this stage	Cabinet has responsibility for declaring land surplus and accepting any sale proposals.	<b>The Council's acquisition of the Wallsend Boys Club site was completed on 15 October 2012. Cabinet propose to build Council homes on the site. North Tyneside Homes are working with Kier North Tyneside to progress the proposal.</b>	<b>Ongoing.</b>

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54.	Work with Northumbria Health Care NHS Foundation Trust and the emerging GP Commissioning Consortia to enhance health and well-being across the Borough by providing additional financial resources for additional jointly funded activities. (Council plan)		Cabinet decision (working with partners).	Ongoing. A briefing note on the implementation of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and closer working with NHS colleagues was provided to all members in June and information was provided at the Member Briefing sessions on 6 and 7 June.	<b>Ongoing.</b>
<b>CYPL</b>					
55.	Freeze School Meal prices.	178,000	Cabinet decision.	Cabinet has agreed to implement their original proposals for 2012/13.	Completed.
56.	Freeze Meals on Wheels prices.	17,000	Cabinet decision.	Cabinet has agreed to implement their original proposals for 2012/13.	Completed.
57.	Reduce Committee Teas.	-17,000	Cabinet decision.	Cabinet has agreed refreshments only for formal Council, Cabinet, Committee or Sub Committee meetings.	Completed.
58.	Remove apprenticeships (including Armed Forces return to employment).	-83,719	Cabinet decision.	Awaiting report on alternative sources of funding. Holding report considered by Cabinet on 13 August and deferred for discussion with preferred bidders.	<b>Further report to Cabinet following discussions with Business partners after the implementation of the business packages.</b>

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59.	Defer expenditure for 12 months on Youth Facilities. (Capital Plan)	-1,000,000 capital	Council approval required for borrowing levels and individual projects requiring more than £1m of borrowing. Cabinet may consider alternative funding sources.	Cabinet has agreed use of the existing resources.	<b>Completed.</b>
60.	Review youth provision and create a new youth provision strategy for submission to full council. (Council Plan)		<p>Cabinet has responsibility for any review.</p> <p>Cabinet can seek development of plans/ strategies.</p> <p><b>Council can determine that the decision whether or not a plan or strategy (formulated by Cabinet) should be adopted or approved is to be taken by full Council.</b></p> <p>Cabinet responsible for implementation of</p>	No action as this has recently been completed with O & S engagement.	-

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			these.		
61.	The Multiversity partnerships with universities in Britain and Europe, will offer training and education from apprenticeship to post doctorate levels. Companies will benefit from the research provision at the multiversity (as a centre of excellence for research and development in renewable offshore energy provision and engineering) and associated universities. (Council Plan)		Cabinet responsibility.	Ongoing partnership so no further action required beyond that which is already in play.	-
62.	Multiversity -The Council will provide appropriate infrastructure and support investment in buildings and seek endowments and collaborations between universities and companies in an innovative partnership ... (Council plan)		Cabinet decision.	Cabinet received a report on progress of Learning Village Phase 2 and potential other sources of funding and agreed a way forward.	Further report to Cabinet in January/ February 2013.
63.	The Multiversity will offer opportunities for local companies to up skill their own staff and offer work		Cabinet decision.	Cabinet received a report on progress of Learning Village Phase 2 and potential other sources of	Further report to Cabinet in January/ February 2013.

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	experience. (Council Plan)			funding and agreed a way forward.	
64.	Schools and colleges will collaborate with the Multiversity and local employers to develop their curriculum appropriately. (Council plan)		Cabinet decision.	Cabinet received a report on progress of Learning Village Phase 2 and potential other sources of funding and agreed a way forward.	Further report to Cabinet in January/ February 2013.
65.	Present a travel plan for 16 to 18 year olds to September Council. (Following discussions with TWITA to minimise the cost of travel for 16 to 18 year olds attending further education and training.)(Council Plan)		Cabinet can seek development of plans/ strategies.  Council can determine that the decision whether or not a plan or strategy (formulated by Cabinet) should be adopted or approved is to be taken by full Council.  Cabinet responsible for implementation of these.	Cabinet has agreed to continue the existing arrangements following a report explaining the current provision.	Completed.
66.	Make representations to the Government to bring forward aid to help with the condition of our school buildings. (Council Plan)		Council and/or Cabinet.	<b>Officers are currently working in partnership with individual schools regarding delivery of the Asset Management Investment Strategy (as agreed Cabinet March</b>	-

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				<p>2012). In addition, ongoing dialogue is continuing with the Education Funding Agency (EFA) regarding the Priority Schools Rebuilding Programme. Longbenton Community College as a new build, is included within the 'first batch' and it is anticipated that the new school will open September 2015.</p> <p>The remaining schools, John Spence High School, Marden High School and Whitehouse Primary School have been identified as receiving 'first contact' / enter dialogue with the EFA in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2015. It is therefore assumed that the new premises for the three schools would be handed over within the period April 2017 – September 2018.</p>	
67.	Encourage non member schools to join the learning		Cabinet.	Matter for the schools. No action.	-

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	trust. (Council Plan)				
68.	Encourage our schools to invest in renewable energy to reduce their day to day energy costs. (Council plan)		Cabinet decision.	No action as already undertaken in Carbon Reduction Strategy work.	-
<b>Development</b>					
69.	Offer the Council's 52 empty business premises to new start up and existing businesses rent free.	Not known at this stage.	Cabinet decision.	Awaiting report once Technical package determined as there are investment proposals and new initiatives proposed in the emerging bids.	Report for January 2013 Cabinet.
70.	Defer expenditure for 12 months on Coastal Developments. (Capital Plan)	-1,000,000 Capital	Council approval required for borrowing levels and individual projects requiring more than £1m of borrowing. Cabinet may consider alternative funding sources.	Cabinet to consider alternative funding sources and implications of delay.	Further report to be submitted to Cabinet should a Coastal Communities Fund bid be successful.
71.	The Council will work collectively to improve the viability of all of our Town and Local Shopping centres. (Council Plan)		Cabinet decision.	Ongoing proposals which are being delayed by the capital "freeze". Cabinet will be advised that Council may consider releasing individual schemes where additional funding becomes available or circumstances change.	Reports for Cabinet will be produced as alternative sources of funding are identified.

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72.	Provide additional council housing. (Council Plan)		Cabinet decision.	Cabinet to receive a report on the development of new council homes. The Council has signed up to a local agreement with the Government on 27 June to invest capital receipts from additional sales through the Right to Buy scheme into developing new affordable homes in the borough. A 30 year HRA business plan has been agreed by Council identifying resources for new build council homes and a Building Fund has been established. All expenditure is anticipated to be contained within the resources available.	Initial schemes agreed at Cabinet 13 August for commencement as soon as practicable.
73.	Promote use of brown field sites for affordable and rented homes (Council Plan)		Cabinet responsible for proposals (Core Strategy); final proposals to be agreed by Council for submission to Secretary of State.	Already provided within Draft Core Strategy that awaits consideration by full Council.	<b>Report on Core Strategy Growth Options noted by Council in July 2012. Cabinet to next consider Core Strategy in June 2013 followed by further public consultation prior to Council</b>



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					<b>consideration.</b>
74.	Support private sector to make home improvements to support vulnerable people (Council Plan)		Cabinet decision.	Clarification of the wording/objective now received and confirmed funding already in Budget. So no further action required.	Completed.
75.	Introduce a service to manage privately rented accommodation. (Council Plan)		Cabinet decision.	No action.	-
76.	Mould Core Strategy to encourage more building on brown field sites to protect green spaces. (Council plan)		Cabinet responsible for proposals (Core Strategy); final proposals to be agreed by Council for submission to Secretary of State.	Already provided within Draft Core Strategy that awaits consideration by full Council.	<b>Report on Core Strategy Growth Options noted by Council in July 2012. Cabinet to next consider Core Strategy in June 2013 followed by further public consultation prior to Council consideration.</b>
77.	River Tyne – seek innovative and diverse opportunities to create local jobs. (Council plan)		Cabinet decision.	Already acting on Growth Strategy to create local jobs. No further action required.	-
78.	Investigate having a City Region Taxi and Private Hire Regulation Body. (Council plan)		Any such joint arrangement on licensing –Council decision.	Report on legal powers to set up joint arrangements received by Cabinet. <b>The Council has responded to the Law Commission’s</b>	<b>Draft Bill expected November 2013.</b>

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				<p>consultation paper on possible shared/join arrangements (Reforming the Law of Taxi and Private Hire Services), a copy of which is to be submitted to Regulation and Review Committee for information at its meeting on 31 October.</p>	