# North Tyneside Council Report to Council Date: 26 July 2012

ITEM 7

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

Portfolio(s): Elected Mayor

**Cabinet Member(s):** 

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Finance

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Report from Directorate: Chief Executive's Office

**Finance and Resources** 

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Wards affected: All

## PART 1

# 1.1 Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council 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 Council note the progress in implementing the Council Strategic Plan 2012/15 and the Budget 2012/13.

#### 1.3 Forward plan:

The report appeared in the current Forward Plan for the period 1 July 2012 – 31 October 2012.

#### 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 Council Strategic Plan 2012/15 and Budget 2012/13 were agreed on 1 March 2012. Prior to that date and subsequently the Monitoring Officer, Section 151 Officer and Chief Executive have sought advice from Mr James Goudie QC concerning the Budget and Council Strategic Plan. Further advice has also been sought from Mr James Goudie in response to requests from Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.5.2 The advice has explained that Council in setting the Council Strategic Plan and Budget creates a policy and financial framework, but decisions regarding implementation are a

matter for Cabinet. The Implementation Plan identifies those matters which are the responsibility of Cabinet, those which are the responsibility of Council and those where there is a joint responsibility.

- 1.5.3 The Implementation Plan attached at Appendix 1 lists (in summary) the proposals contained within the agreed Budget 2012/13 and Council Strategic Plan 2012/15 which effectively proposed amendments to the Cabinet proposals which were in all other respects unaltered. It indicates the steps being taken by Cabinet up to and including the 9 July Cabinet. Decisions are being taken by Cabinet once reports have been prepared and considered. Revisions to the Implementation Plan have been agreed by Cabinet at Meetings on 28 March, 16 April, 14 May, 11 June and 9 July as decisions are taken. Updates are highlighted in bold type. It will be reported to each Cabinet meeting until all the proposals have been considered and, where appropriate, implemented.
- 1.5.4 Following each Cabinet meeting the Implementation Plan is being offered to Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration and then reconsidered by Cabinet at the next Cabinet meeting alongside any comments received from Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.5.5 Following a request from Council on15 March 2012 this report outlining implementation of the items in the Implementation Plan is being submitted to Council and further updated progress reports will be submitted to each subsequent Council meeting in 2012/13. It will also 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).

# 1.6 Decision options:

Council is asked note the content of this report and agree any comments on the Plan which then will be considered by the Cabinet in August.

## 1.7 Reasons for recommended option:

As the implementation of the Council Strategic Plan and Budget is an executive function for Cabinet there are no decision options in this report, which is being submitted for information only.

# 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
- (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
- (4) Addendum Note dated 16 April 2012 to the 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 this report on the Implementation Plan included as no decisions are being made as part of this agenda item.

The financial impact of Cabinet's considerations of the Implementation Plan at the meetings on 28 March 2012, 16 April 2012, 14 May 2012, 11 June 2012 and 9 July has been assessed. Based on the outcome of Cabinet's decisions up to and including the 9 July 2012 meeting, there are additional resources available totalling £0.218m.

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 Regulations, 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.

Bearing in mind their respective roles under executive arrangements, the implementation of the Council Plan is the responsibility of both Cabinet and Council. It is the primary responsibility of Cabinet, but Council has responsibility for decisions in relation to functions listed to be matters for the Council and, alongside the Cabinet, must 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. The Implementation Plan has also been submitted to Overview and Scrutiny after each Cabinet meeting and the views of the

Committee have been reported back to Cabinet and taken into account before final decisions are taken.

## 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 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 OF**

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

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Appendix 1: Implementation plan (revised 17 July)

	Summary of proposals	2012/2013 Budget Implication £	Decision making	Current Position	Timescale for Implementation
	General	implication 2			
1.	Budget and Council Plan Study Group to be abolished.		Council and O & S Committee who oversee the Budget and Council Plan process.	O & S Committee to consider early in the new municipal year.	Assume decision by June 2012.
2.	Finance Sub Committee to undertake an impact assessment on the impact of on-going 0% council tax rises on the Council's base budget.		Council.	Finance Sub-Committee to consider and agree timeline and scope.	Completion by 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.	The Strategic Leadership Group has discussed the potential creation of a Mayoral Task Group comprised of all Party representation to discuss the Review. There was no agreed way forward and the matter is now partly debated at Council and will be debated further on the 26 July.	July 2012.
4.	The appointment of consultants will be approved by Full Council,		Cabinet is responsible for deciding contracts for	No action.	-

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	including the renewal of		services.		
	consultant call off				
F	contracts. (Council Plan)		Cabinet is	The Christian Landarchin	luly 2010
5.	Create a politically balanced Board to oversee		responsible for the	The Strategic Leadership Group has discussed the	July 2012.
	the work on the Business		management and	potential creation of a	
	and Technical packages.		delivery of the	Mayoral Task Group	
	and roomical packages.		packages. O & S	comprised of all Party	
			Committee will	representation to	
			scrutinise.	discuss the Review.	
				Following the	
				discussions and a	
				subsequent discussion	
				with the Mayor, briefings	
				on the packages have	
				been offered to each	
				Group. Currently the Labour and Conservative	
				Groups have requested a	
				briefing and dates are	
				being arranged as soon	
				as possible.	
6.	Full Council to agree the		Cabinet is	No action.	-
	recommendations re. the		responsible for		
	Business and Technical		implementation of		
	packages at appropriate		decisions. O & S will		
	times.		scrutinise.		
7	The Council's Financial		Proposals could	No action pending	Report to full

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	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.		come forward through the Constitutional review to Council.	Constitutional change.	Council by October 2012.
8.	Delay the Business Package.	3,215 1,310 41,839 <u>104,216</u> 150,580	Cabinet is responsible for implementation of decisions. O & S will scrutinise.	No action.	Business Package will 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.	
10.	Reduce CEI reserve due to cessation of Community Based Trust and the delay	-150,000	Cabinet is responsible for the level of the reserve	Agreed. Cabinet on going review of use of reserves in relation to the Business	Use of the balance in the Reserve will be

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	in the implementation of the Business Package.		and use thereof under the Reserves and Balance Policy.	and Technical Packages.	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.	
14.	Voluntary reduction by 10% of those salaries over £50,000 per annum, with a floor of £50,000.	-20,000	Council decision. Cabinet decision to agree operational approach.	Cabinet has recommended that Council takes no further action.	Report to Council in July 2012.
15.	Introduction of a 36 hour working week.	-730,000	Council decision. Cabinet decision to agree operational approach.	Cabinet has recommended that Council takes no further action.	Report to Council in July 2012.
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	-600,000	Cabinet within their	Cabinet to review in the	Cabinet to review

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	months on ICT Strategy. (Capital Plan)	capital reduction	responsibility to manage the Capital Plan.	light of proposal emerging from the Business Package.	post award of Business Package contract
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.	- August 2012. On-going.
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 these.	Council can consider further.  Cabinet has received a report on the current position and legal flexibility.	Report to Cabinet on legal position that is emerging from recent Government consultation – October 2012
20.	Use renewable energy in our public buildings to minimise our energy costs.		Cabinet can seek development of plans/strategies.	Cabinet already progressing Implementation Plan as	-

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	Support the private sector, by allowing them to take advantage of the low costs while using local companies to manufacture the components. (Council Plan)		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.	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.	
			Cabinet has responsibility for implementation of these.		
21.	Research and develop options for renewable energy in Council and across Borough.	25,000	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	Cabinet already progressing implementation plan as part of Carbon Reduction Strategy. Cabinet may review in light of proposals that may emerge from Technical Package.	Report updating progress along with item 20 to Cabinet in June 2012. Cabinet to potentially consider in August 2012 after award of Technical Package contract.

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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 implementation of these. 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 to be circulated to Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members.
23.	Look for opportunities to expand our service delivery into the public and private sectors. (Council Plan)		Cabinet responsibility.	Cabinet to consider trading opportunities. Cabinet has agreed proposals to produce a revised Procurement Strategy, noted the approach to Fees and Charges and establish a Trading Company to extend the Councils trading opportunities, subject to a further report in October 2012.	Further report to Cabinet in October 2012.
24.	The Cabinet will continue to have representatives		Cabinet responsibility.	No action as NTSP Key Partners already attend	-

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	from our key partners including the trade unions at Cabinet meetings of the Council. (Council Plan)			Cabinet. Cabinet do not 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.	-
	Chief Executives Office				
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.	-
27.	Review of the Strategic Projects Team.	-50,000	Cabinet has responsibility for development of staff structures.	No action.	-
28.	Voluntary reduction in the Mayoral Allowance.	-10,000	Elected Mayor. Reduction is	No action.	-

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	(Council Plan £50,000)		voluntary.		
	Strategic Services				
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.	On-going	
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	proposals is a matter for Cabinet. However proposals could come forward through the	No action (pending Constitutional <b>change</b> and decision by Council).	Council decision on 17 May 2012 to defer annual review of Constitution for 2 months.
31.	Create a ward community budget. (Capital Plan)	80,000 capital	Development of proposals is a matter for Cabinet. However proposals could come forward through the Constitutional review to Council.	No action (pending Constitutional <b>change</b> and decision by Council).	Council decision on 17 May 2012 to defer annual review of Constitution for 2 months.
32.	Delete Widening Horizons. (Capital Plan)	-80,000 capital	·	No action (pending Constitutional <b>change</b> and decision by Council).	Council decision on 17 May 2012 to defer annual

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			forward through the Constitutional review to Council.		review of Constitution for 2 months.
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.	-
34.	Merge all council publications into one which will be self funding through advertising. (Council Plan)		Cabinet responsibility.	On-going 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 <b>September</b> 2012.
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 <b>September</b> 2012.
37.	Delete subscription to Local Government Association (give notice		Cabinet to decide and give appropriate notice (before 1 April	No action.	

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	from 1 April 2012).		2012).		
38.	Delete Local Government Association Conference attendance.	-4,000	Cabinet decision.	Agreed.	
39.	Review NTSP to determine effectiveness, value for money, representation and areas of work. (Council Plan)		Cabinet decision.	Recently undertaken. No action.	
	Community Services				
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 have 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 have 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 have agreed to implement their original proposal for 2012/13.	Completed.
44.	Remove proposed increase in fees and	3,000	Cabinet decision.	Cabinet have agreed to implement their original	Completed.

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	charges for visitors and schools included in the alternative management options for the Rising Sun Country Park and review staffing.			proposal for 2012/13.	
45.	Remove the proposed above inflation increase in allotments income.	16,000	Cabinet decision.	Cabinet have 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 have agreed to implement their original proposal for 2012/13.	Completed.
47.	Keep the Kids Club at Battle Hill.	6,000	Cabinet decision.	Cabinet have 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 have agreed a 3 month review period and then to receive a report back.	Report to Cabinet in <b>September</b> 2012.
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 have agreed to implement their original proposal for 2012/13.	Completed.
52.	Defer expenditure for 12	-3,100,000	Council approval	Cabinet have given	Scheme to be

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	months on North Shields Customer First. (Capital Plan)	capital	required for borrowing levels and individual projects requiring more than £1m of borrowing. Cabinet may consider alternative funding sources.	delegation to consider alternative financing and delivery arrangements and if necessary refer the matter back to Council.	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.	Cabinet have given delegation to negotiate with Wallsend Boys Club.	
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).	On going.  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.	

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	CYPL				
55.	Freeze School Meal prices.	178,000	Cabinet decision.	Cabinet have agreed to implement their original proposals for 2012/13.	By September 2012.
56.	Freeze Meals on Wheels prices.	17,000	Cabinet decision.	Cabinet have agreed to implement their original proposals for 2012/13.	By September 2012.
57.	Reduce Committee Teas.	-17,000	Cabinet decision.	Cabinet have agreed refreshments only for formal Council, Cabinet, Committee or Sub Committee meetings.	New arrangements to apply from the start of the new Municipal year on 18 May 2012.
58.	Remove apprenticeships (including Armed Forces return to employment).	-83,719	Cabinet decision.	Awaiting report on alternative sources of funding.	Report to Cabinet in <b>August</b> 2012.
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 have agreed use of the existing resources.	
60.	Review youth provision and create a new youth		Cabinet has responsibility for any	No action as this has recently been completed	-

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	provision strategy for submission to full council. (Council Plan)		review.  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	with O & S engagement.	
61.	The Multiversity partnerships with universities in Britain and Europe, will offer training and education from apprenticeship to post doctorate levels. Companies will benefit		these.  Cabinet responsibility.	On-going partnership so no further action required beyond that which is already in play.	-

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	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)				
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 to receive a report to check progress of Learning Village Phase 2 and potential other sources of funding.	Report for September 2012 Cabinet.
63.	The Multiversity will offer opportunities for local companies to up skill their own staff and offer work experience. (Council Plan)		Cabinet decision.	Cabinet to receive a report to check progress of Learning Village Phase 2 and potential other sources of funding.	Report for September 2012 Cabinet.
64.	Schools and colleges will collaborate with the Multiversity and local employers to develop their		Cabinet decision.	Cabinet to receive a report to check progress of Learning Village Phase 2 and potential other sources	Report for September 2012 Cabinet.

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	curriculum appropriately. (Council plan)			of funding.	
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 have 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.	Cabinet will consider ongoing representations to Government using Mayoral Task Group work as the basis for the representations.  Government have recently announced a	-

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				significant programme of capital infrastructure works for 4 schools within the borough.	
67.	Encourage non member schools to join the learning trust. (Council Plan)		Cabinet.	Matter for the schools. No action.	-
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.	-
	Development				
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 September 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	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.

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			alternative funding		
71.	The Council will work collectively to improve the viability of all of our Town and Local Shopping centres. (Council Plan)		Sources.  Cabinet decision.	On-going 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.
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	Report for August Cabinet.

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73.	Promote use of brown field		Cabinet responsible	new build council homes and a Building Fund has been established. All expenditure is anticipated to be contained within the resources available.  Already provided within	Submit to Council
	sites for affordable and rented homes (Council Plan)		for proposals (Core Strategy); final proposals to be agreed by Council for submission to Secretary of State.	Draft Core Strategy that awaits consideration by full Council.	in June 2012.
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.		Cabinet responsible for proposals (Core Strategy); final proposals to be	Already provided within Draft Core Strategy that awaits consideration by full Council.	Submit to Council in June 2012.

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	(Council plan)		agreed by Council for submission to Secretary of State.		
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 but Government have issued a recent consultation paper on possible shared/ joint arrangements which will be reported to Council Committees.	