

North Tyneside Council Report to Council Date: 14 March 2013

ITEM 15

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 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 6 February 2013 – 30 May 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 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. 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, 9 July, 13 August, 10 September, 8 October and 12 November 2012 as decisions were taken. On 12 November Cabinet decided that the Implementation Plan as a whole need not be presented to Cabinet at further Cabinet meetings. Instead separate reports will be submitted to Cabinet on items 58, 62, 63, 64, 69, 73 and 76 and other matters as appropriate.
- 1.5.4 Following each Cabinet meeting the Implementation Plan has been offered to Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration and then reconsidered by Cabinet alongside any comments received from Overview and Scrutiny Committee. At the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 3 December 2012 at which the Implementation Plan was presented, the Committee decided that they only wish to receive information on updates to the Implementation Plan since the previous meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.5.5 Following a request from Council on 15 March 2012 this report outlining implementation of the items in the Implementation Plan is being submitted to Council for consideration. Previous versions of the Plan have been considered by the Council at its meetings on 4 July, 26 July, 27 September, 25 October, 29 November 2012 and 24 January 2013. This being the last ordinary meeting of Council for 2012/13 it is anticipated that this will be the final occasion on which the plan is presented to Council.

1.6 Decision options:

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

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

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, 16 April, 14 May, 11 June, 9 July, 13 August, 10 September, 8 October, 12 November 2012 and 10 December 2012 has been assessed. Based on the outcome of Cabinet's decisions up to and including the 11 February 2013 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 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.

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. Monitoring of the budget is undertaken by the Cabinet throughout the year.

The division of responsibilities as between Cabinet and Council under current legislation with respect to specific items in the agreed Budget 2012/13 and Council Strategic Plan 2012/15 are set out in the "Decision making" column of the Implementation Plan. The Council Plan itself cannot undermine this statutory division of responsibilities.

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

- Mayor/Cabinet Member(s)

- Chief Finance Officer

- Monitoring Officer

- Strategic Manager (Policy and Partnerships)

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Appendix 1: Implementation plan (revised 5 March 2013. Changes since 24 January 2013 highlighted in bold.)

	Summary of proposals	2012/2013 Budget Implication £	Decision making	Current Position	Timescale for Implementation
	General				
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 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.	Completed on 4 February 2013.
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.	Reported to Finance Sub Committee 18 July 2012.	Complete.
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 approved by Full Council, including the renewal of consultant call off		Cabinet is responsible for deciding contracts for services.	No action.	-

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	contracts. (Council Plan)				
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 conclusion of the work being undertaken by the Constitution Task Group.
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 now implemented with effect from 1.11.2012.
9.	Increase CEI contingency	684,000	Council to agree level	Agreed.	Completed.

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	provision.		of contingency but Cabinet will manage the use of the contingency in year.		
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.	Completed.
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.	Council has agreed to take no further action.	Completed.
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.

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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.	Completed.
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 these.	Council can consider further. Cabinet has received a report on the current position and legal flexibility.	Cabinet to consider a new Procurement Strategy at its meeting on 11 March 2013.
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)		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	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.	Completed.

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			is to be taken by full Council. 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 Council. Cabinet has responsibility for implementation of these.	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 went to Cabinet in June 2012. Completed.
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		Cabinet responsibility.	Cabinet agreed the creation of a trading company as a company	With immediate effect. Trading Companies

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	delivery into the public and private sectors. (Council Plan)			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.	now established and Business Plan approved by Cabinet.
24.	The Cabinet will continue to have representatives from our key partners including the trade unions at Cabinet meetings of the Council. (Council Plan)		Cabinet responsibility.	No action as NTSP Key Partners already attend 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. The Council on 26 July requested Cabinet to consider commencing a	-

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				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 structures.	No action.	-
28.	Voluntary reduction in the Mayoral Allowance. (Council Plan £50,000)	-10,000	Elected Mayor. Reduction is voluntary.	No action.	-
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.	Ongoing. The recent Voice your Choice Budget Engagement exercise for 2013/14 has increased participation substantially.	Budget engagement completed.
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.	No action re change of name. However, reduction to £120,000 agreed. Cabinet on the 12 November agreed virement of remaining uncommitted Revenue and Capital budgets to progress the Flood Task Group proposals.	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.	-80,000	Development of	No action.	Completed.

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	(Capital Plan)	capital	proposals is a matter for Cabinet.		
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.	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.	Completed.
39.	Review NTSP to determine effectiveness, value for money, representation and		Cabinet decision.	Recently undertaken. No action.	-

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	areas of work. (Council Plan)				
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 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	14,000	Cabinet decision.	Cabinet has agreed to implement their original proposal for 2012/13.	Completed.

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	Bowling Greens.				
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.	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.	Complete. However subject to planning development, should commence by 31/3/13.
54.	Work with Northumbria Health Care NHS Foundation Trust and the		Cabinet decision (working with partners).	Ongoing. A briefing note on the implementation of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and closer	Ongoing. Further proposals for closer integration are

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	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)			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.	to be put forward as part of Revised Draft budget for 2013/14 which goes to Cabinet on the 28 January and O&S Committee on 30 January.
CYPL					
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.	Cabinet has agreed to implement their original proposal for 2012/13 with a particular emphasis on working with the Business partners Balfour Beatty and Capita Symonds.	Completed.
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	Cabinet has agreed use of the existing resources.	Completed.

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			£1m of borrowing. Cabinet may consider alternative funding sources.		
60.	Review youth provision and create a new youth provision strategy for submission to full council. (Council Plan)		Cabinet has responsibility for any 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 these.	No action as this has recently been completed 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		Cabinet responsibility.	Ongoing 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 received a report on progress of Learning Village Phase 2 and potential other sources of funding and agreed a way forward. In addition an Employment and Skills Programme Board has been set up with a remit to work strategically to improve learning and employment opportunities through the development of the Learning Village. The recommendations of the Board will be reported to Cabinet.	Further report to Cabinet as appropriate.
63.	The Multiversity will offer opportunities for local companies to up skill their own staff and offer work experience. (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 In addition an Employment and Skills Programme Board has been set up with a remit to work strategically to improve learning and employment opportunities through the development of the Learning Village. The	Further report to Cabinet as appropriate.

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				recommendations of the Board will be reported to Cabinet.	
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. In addition an Employment and Skills Programme Board has been set up with a remit to work strategically to improve learning and employment opportunities through the development of the Learning Village. The recommendations of the Board will be reported to Cabinet.	Further report to Cabinet as appropriate.
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		Council and/or	Officers are currently working in	-

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	the Government to bring forward aid to help with the condition of our school buildings. (Council Plan)		Cabinet.	<p>partnership with individual schools regarding delivery of the Asset Management Investment Strategy (as agreed Cabinet March 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 2nd 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 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.		Cabinet decision.	No action as already undertaken in Carbon Reduction Strategy work.	-

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	(Council plan)				
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.	Proposals being developed by the Technical Partner Capita Symonds as part of a review of the commercial portfolio.	Report to Cabinet on completion of review
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.
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	Initial schemes agreed at Cabinet 13 August for commencement as soon as practicable.

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				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.	
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.	Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report on the Core Strategy on 3rd Dec 12, and appointed a task and finish group of Councillors to consider it and report back to future meeting of Committee.
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.	Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report on the Core Strategy on 3rd Dec 12, and appointed a task and finish group of Councillors to

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					consider it and report back to future meeting of Committee.
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. The Council has responded to the Law Commission’s consultation paper on possible shared/join arrangements (Reforming the Law of Taxi and Private Hire Services), a copy of which was submitted to Regulation and Review Committee for information at its meeting on 31 October. Consultation response agreed and submitted.	Draft Bill expected November 2013.