

Notice of proposed change to a Key Decision

In accordance with the requirements of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 (“the Regulations” which came into effect on 10 September 2012), this document gives notice of a proposed change to a key decision to be made in August 2020

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This document sets out details about a proposed change to the above-mentioned meeting(s). Any representations as to why any item should not be considered must be sent to the Service Manager Democratic Services at the address shown below.

The Council will publish a further notice 5 clear days before the relevant meeting which will give the Council’s response to any such representation

In accordance with Regulation 9 of the Regulations this document provides the following information:

- that a key decision is to be made on behalf of Newcastle City Council;
- the matter in respect of which the decision is to be made;
- where the decision maker is an individual, his/her name and position and, where the decision taker is a body, its name and details of membership;
- the date on which, or the period within which, the decision will be taken;
- a list of the documents submitted to the decision maker for consideration in relation to the matter in respect of which the key decision is to be made;
- the address from which, subject to any prohibition or restriction on their disclosure, copies of, or extracts from, any document listed is available;
- that other documents relevant to those matters may be submitted to the decision maker; and
- the procedure for requesting details of those documents (if any) as they become available.

Key decisions are those executive decisions which are likely-

- to result in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, **significant** having regard to the Council’s budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
- to be **significant** in terms of their effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the City.

The following will not usually be key decisions:

- matters involving revenue expenditure of £250,000 or less;
- matters involving capital expenditure of £1,000,000 or less; and
- matters involving land and property within the delegations of the Head of Property.

The government has published guidance on the meaning of 'significant'.

Details of Cabinet Membership

The Cabinet comprises the following Members with the portfolio responsibilities as indicated:

[Link to Cabinet Portfolios](#)

Further details of Council decision making can be found at-

[Cabinet and Committee meetings information and Committee papers](#)

[link to Decision Makers reports and decision details](#)

Copies of, or extracts from, any document referred to in this notice may be obtained from:

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In relation to **private business** the reason an item is expected to be considered ‘**in private**’ will be identified in accordance with the **exempt information categories** which are set out in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended):-

Paragraph	Category/explanation
1	Information relating to any individual.
2	Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
3	Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
4	Information relating to any consultations or negotiations or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority
5	Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings
6	Information which reveals that the authority proposes – a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
7	Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation of prosecution of crime.

IMPORTANT NOTE

This document sets out the Council’s intentions as to future decisions as at the date of publication. However, if circumstances change, the Council reserves the right to publish an updated version of this document and/or rely on the provisions in the Regulations as to urgent decisions.

	August 2020		Key
Who will decide and when	Delegated Decision: Michelle Percy, Director of Place	Portfolio: Employment and Culture	August 2020
		Ward: All Wards	
What about	<p>Improving Connectivity in Newcastle: City Wide Wayleave Agreements for Fixed Line Broadband Infrastructure: Newcastle City Council is committed to improving connectivity and access to faster broadband speeds across Newcastle. This delegated decision sets out a proposal to grant nonexclusive city-wide wayleave (access) agreements to providers of communication and broadband services to council owned properties and land in order to support digital inclusion, communications, networking, leisure and learning opportunities. The city-wide wayleave will be granted over all of Newcastle City Council's land and property as this streamlines the process for both the City Council and the telecommunication provider. Agreeing a city-wide wayleave with telecommunication providers will enable provision of new internet services to residents and visitors which is a vital step and will make better connectivity available to tenants and leaseholders. It will also have related benefits in adding to the choice of providers available in localities for other residential and business users.</p>		
Information available to the decision maker	<p>A detailed report will be available to the public at least 5 days before the decision is made and such other documents as may be relevant to the decision as are required. The Scrutiny Chair has given approval for the decision to be exempt from call-in. This will mean that Operators can begin to connect social housing properties to their networks as soon as possible. This would increase the accessibility of fibre across the city and therefore, secure faster connectivity speeds to residents across the city, particularly Your Homes Newcastle residents.</p>		
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Public or private meeting	n/a		