



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2009

TIME: 1PM

**PLACE: TEA ROOM, TOWN HALL, TOWN HALL SQUARE,
LEICESTER**

Members of the Cabinet

Councillor Willmott (Chair)

Councillor Dempster (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Connelly, Dawood, Kitterick, Osman, Palmer, Patel, Russell,
and Westley

Members of the Cabinet are invited to attend the above meeting to
consider the items of business listed overleaf.

for Director of Democratic Services

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

**YOU ARE VERY WELCOME TO ATTEND TO OBSERVE THE PROCEEDINGS.
HOWEVER, PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE MEETING.**

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INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND MEETINGS

You have the right to attend Cabinet to hear decisions being made. You can also attend Committees, as well as meetings of the full Council.

There are procedures for you to ask questions and make representations to Scrutiny Committees, Community Meetings and Council. Please contact Democratic Support, as detailed below for further guidance on this.

You also have the right to see copies of agendas and minutes. Agendas and minutes are available on the Council's website at www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk or by contacting us as detailed below.

Dates of meetings are available at the Customer Service Centre, King Street, Town Hall Reception and on the Website.

There are certain occasions when the Council's meetings may need to discuss issues in private session. The reasons for dealing with matters in private session are set down in law.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESS

Meetings are held at the Town Hall. The Meeting rooms are all accessible to wheelchair users. Wheelchair access to the Town Hall is from Horsefair Street (Take the lift to the ground floor and go straight ahead to main reception).

BRAILLE/AUDIO TAPE/TRANSLATION

If there are any particular reports that you would like translating or providing on audio tape, the Democratic Support Officer can organise this for you (production times will depend upon equipment/facility availability).

INDUCTION LOOPS

There are induction loop facilities in meeting rooms. Please speak to the Democratic Support Officer at the meeting if you wish to use this facility or contact them as detailed below.

General Enquiries - if you have any queries about any of the above or the business to be discussed, please contact Heather Kent or Julie Harget, Democratic Support on (0116) 229 8816/8809 or email heather.kent@leicester.gov.uk or call in at the Town Hall.

Press Enquiries - please phone the Communications Unit on 252 6081

PUBLIC SESSION

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare any interests they may have in the business to be discussed and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to them.

3. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2009 have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

5. MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES

6. ANNUAL REPORT ON PRIVATE FOSTERING 2009 [Appendix A](#)

Councillor Dempster submits a report that informs Members of the work of Social Care & Safeguarding and other children's services, with children who are privately fostered. Cabinet is asked approve the recommendations set out in Paragraph 3 of the report.

A minute extract from the meeting of the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee held on 3 November 2009, will be circulated as soon as it is available.

7. ANNUAL ADOPTION STATEMENT OF PURPOSE [Appendix B](#)
2009

Councillor Dempster submits a report that introduces Members to the updated Leicester City Council Adoption Agency Statement of Purpose and Annual report of activity during 2008-2009, contained within the Statement of Purpose at Appendix 1. Members are asked to note and formally approve the Statement of Purpose and the activity of the Adoption team (2008/2009).

A minute extract from the meeting of the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee held on 3 November 2009, will be circulated as soon as it is available.

8. GAMBLING POLICY - RENEWAL [Appendix C](#)

Councillor Russell submits a report that determines the Council's Gambling Policy for the coming three years, as required by the Gambling Act 2005.

Cabinet is asked to recommend that the Gambling Policy for 2010-2012 be approved by Council.

9. DISABLED FACILITIES GRANTS - INTRODUCTION OF LEGAL CHARGES [Appendix D](#)

Councillor Palmer submits a report that responds to a change in power that allows Councils to recover disabled facilities grants if the property is sold within 10 years of the grant being paid. The Council already has a policy to reclaim Home Improvement Grants. Cabinet is asked to approve the recommendations as set out in Paragraph 3 of the report.

A minute extract from the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board held on 5 November 2009, will be circulated as soon as it is available.

10. AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGY AND DELIVERY PLAN 2008-2013 [Appendix E](#)

Councillor Westley submits a report that seeks Cabinet's adoption of the Affordable Housing Strategy and Delivery Plan 2008 – 2013. Cabinet is recommended to adopt the Affordable Housing Strategy and Delivery Plan 2008 – 2013.

A minute extract from the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board held on 5 November 2009, will be circulated as soon as it is available.

11. 13-19 INTEGRATED SERVICE HUBS (ISH) CAPITAL STRATEGY [Appendix F](#)

Councillor Dempster submits a report that details the direction of travel for the capital strategy for the development of Integrated Services Hubs across each of the eight neighbourhoods within the City and lists the preferred locations of the hubs in each neighbourhood. Cabinet is asked to approve the recommendations set out in Paragraph 3 of the report.

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12. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

13. PRIVATE SESSION

AGENDA

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO NOTE

Cabinet deals with most business in public but is legally entitled to consider certain items in private. Members of the public and the press will be asked to leave the meeting when such items are discussed.

Cabinet is recommended to consider whether or not to deal with the following report in private on the grounds that it contains 'exempt' information as defined in the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, as amended, and consequently that the Cabinet makes the following resolution:-

i. "that the press and public be excluded during consideration of the following reports in accordance with the provisions of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, because they involve the likely disclosure of 'exempt' information, as defined in the Paragraphs detailed below of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act; **AND**

ii. taking all the circumstances into account, it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the information as exempt outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

DISPOSALS OF RESIDENTIAL LAND TO HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS

Paragraph 3

Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information)".

14. DISPOSAL OF RESIDENTIAL LAND TO HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS **Appendix B1**

Councillor Westley submits a report.

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