



Leicester  
City Council

## **MEETING OF THE CABINET**

**DATE: MONDAY, 12 JULY 2004**

**TIME: 5:00 pm**

**PLACE: COMMITTEE ROOMS 2 & 3, 'B' BLOCK, NEW WALK  
CENTRE, KING STREET, LEICESTER**

### **Members of the Committee**

Councillor Roger Blackmore (Chair)  
Councillor Johnson (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Coley, Gill, Hunt, Metcalfe, Mugglestone, Ramsdale,  
Scuplak and Suleman

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

for Town Clerk

### **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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## **PUBLIC SESSION**

### **AGENDA**

#### **1. 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.

#### **2. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2004 have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

#### **4. MATTERS REFERRED FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

**Appendix A**

**Finance, Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee – 14 June 2004**

Needs of the Somali Community

**Appendix A1**

The following was agreed at the above meeting. The full minute extract is attached.

#### **RESOLVED:**

that the following issues be co-ordinated in to a report and submitted to Cabinet:-

- (1) to instruct Officers to create or revive a working party / taskforce which looks at the needs of the Somali Community and has representation from all Council Departments and relevant agencies;
- (2) to instruct this working party/taskforce to produce proposals to address the issues raised in the report and the presentations;
- (3) that a report be produced by the working party/taskforce which considers the long term needs of the Somali Community;
- (4) to instruct Officers to enable the Somali Community to have a full opportunity to access the Community Cohesion Fund;

- (5) that Cllr. Suleman, as Cabinet Lead for Community Cohesion and the Chief Executive, or the entire Cabinet if necessary, be requested to meet with representatives of the Somali Community to explain how the Community Cohesion fund will work and to discuss in detail any issues which the Somali Community have raised;
- (6) that the Leader be requested to make a formal response to the meeting held on 12 March 2004 with Mr. Haji outlining what action has been taken following that; and
- (7) that progress on these matters be reported to the next meeting this Committee.

**Councillor Blackmore to respond.**

NRF Programme 2004/06 – Leicester Partnership  
Infrastructure and Capacity Programme

**Appendix A2**

The following was agreed at the meeting. The full minute extract and an Officer response is attached.

RESOLVED:

that Cabinet be informed of that it is the view of the Committee that the amount of money being spent on administration of the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund is disproportionate and that Cabinet be asked to look at ways of rebalancing expenditure between activities and administration.

**Councillor Scuplak to respond.**

**5. DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT INITIATIVES  
2004/2005**

**Appendix B**

Councillor Coley submits a report advising Cabinet of the works recommended, to be funded from the Disability Discrimination Act Initiatives budget for 2004/2005, including the Access to Work portion of the budget and to seek approvals to enable the programme to proceed. The Cabinet is asked to approve the works as outlined in Appendix 1 of the report, authorise the Corporate Director of Resources, Access and Diversity to order the works, seek all the necessary consents and to approve further works or amend the programme as necessary throughout the year in consultation with the Lead Member for Property and Regeneration, authorise the Head of Legal Services to sign any contracts, and to note at Appendix 3 the duties that the Council will have under Part 3 of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.

**6. PERFORMING ARTS AND CONVENTION CENTRE (PACC) - PROPERTY APPROPRIATION TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF PLANNING CONSENT AS ENVISAGED BY CABINET DECISION OF 2ND MARCH 2004** **Appendix C**

Councillor Scuplak submits a report seeking the Cabinet's approval to appropriate land forming the site of the Performing Arts and Conference Centre (PACC) under s.237 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1990, for the purposes of implementation of the planning consent for the PACC and to invoke the authorisation contained in section 237 of the Act to construct the PACC in accordance with the planning consent notwithstanding that which will interfere with adverse property rights. The Cabinet is also asked to authorise the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Culture in consultation with the Head of Legal Services to conclude with property owners adversely affected any compensation arrangements.

**Members are asked to note that as part of this report, financial information relating to the properties is attached. These papers are marked 'NOT FOR PUBLICATION'. The information in these papers is exempt as defined in paragraph 9 of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended. The information therefore must not be disclosed or discussed at the meeting. Should Members wish to refer to any of these details it is recommended that the meeting move into private session.**

**7. 2003/04 CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - OUTTURN** **Appendix D**

Councillor Coley submits a report showing the outturn position of the 2003/2004 capital programme. The Cabinet asked to note a number of recommendations which clarify the position of the outturn of the Capital programme.

**8. THE EMPTY HOMES STRATEGY - COMPULSORY PURCHASE OF VARIOUS HOUSES 2004 (NO.12)** **Appendix E**

Councillor Metcalfe submits a report that seeks approval to make three Compulsory Purchase Orders under the City Council's Empty Homes Strategy on three long-term privately owned vacant properties in areas of priority housing need. The Cabinet is asked to give approval to make the land and dwellings, as outlined in the report, the subject of individual Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs), in order to secure their improvement, proper management and occupation as residential dwellings.

**Members are asked to note that as part of this report, financial information relating to the properties is attached. These papers are marked 'NOT FOR PUBLICATION'. The information in these papers is exempt as defined in paragraphs 7 and 8 of Section 100A(4) of the Local**

**Government Act 1972, as amended. The information therefore must not be disclosed or discussed at the meeting. Should Members wish to refer to any of these details it is recommended that the meeting move into private session.**

**9. USE OF COMPULSORY PURCHASE POWERS - Appendix F  
SHIRES WEST**

Councillor Coley submits a report seeking approval to make small amendments to the area to be included in the Compulsory Purchase Order for the Shires West extension, as reported and approved by Cabinet on 26 April 2004. The Cabinet is asked to reaffirm its resolution of the 26 April subject to an amendment of part of that resolution.

**10. ADDITIONAL PROPERTY RESOURCES - Appendix G  
AUTHORISATION OF EXPENDITURE**

Councillor Coley submits a report seeking approval for expenditure of the additional resources for premises as approved in the budget. The Cabinet is asked to approve a number of recommendations to enable the budget to be spent.

**11. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

**12. PRIVATE SESSION**

**AGENDA**

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO NOTE**

Under the law, the Cabinet is entitled to consider certain items in private. Members of the public will be asked to leave the meeting when such items are discussed.

The Cabinet is recommended to consider the following reports in private on the grounds that they contain 'exempt' information as defined by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, and consequently that the Cabinet makes the following resolution:-

“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.”

Paragraph 9

Any terms proposed or to be proposed by or to the authority in the course of negotiations for a contract for the acquisition or disposal of property or the supply of goods or services.

Paragraph 7

Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (other than the authority).

**AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF BUILDING CLEANING SERVICES**

**13. BUILDING CLEANING CONTRACT**

**Appendix B1**

Councillor Ramsdale submits a report.

