



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 16 AUGUST 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, 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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INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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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 12 July 2004, have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

4. MATTERS REFERRED FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

5. ADVICE SERVICES REVIEW - FINAL PROPOSALS Appendix A

Councillor Scuplak submits a report providing proposals for a future configuration of selected advice services which aim to best meet the corporate priorities of the Council. The review also delivers a level of savings as identified in the Council's budget strategy. The Cabinet is asked to approve; the proposed savings measures as set out in the table at paragraph 1.4 of the supporting information; the proposed priorities for future advice service delivery as set out in paragraph 2.13 of the cover report and 3.4 of the supporting information; the proposed future configuration of advice service provision as set out in the table at paragraph 2.1 of the supporting information; and that officers conduct a review of directly delivered welfare benefits functions with a view to re-investing any savings that may arise in the service.

The relevant minutes extract from the Strategic Planning and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held on 4 August 2004 will be circulated as soon as they are available.

The Appendices to the report are attached for members of the Cabinet only, copies of the appendices can be obtained either from the Council's website www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk or by phoning Committee Services on (0116) 252 6022.

6. CHILDRENS CENTRE STRATEGY Appendix B

Councillor Suleman submits a report which sets out the background to the government's children's centres development and Leicester's strategic response. The report also provides a framework for members for the future governance of local Sure Start programmes in Leicester as they evolve into

children's centres. The report also seeks approval for the transfer of New Parks Sure Start to the governance of Leicester City Council and for the transfer of the lead agency role for the Beaumont Leys and Stocking Farm Sure Start Programme to Leicester City Council. The Cabinet is asked to endorse the strategy and its implementation, agree in principle the future transfer of Sure Start programmes to the governance of the Leicester City Council where necessary or appropriate with authority delegated to relevant Corporate Directors to make the necessary arrangements, agree that the City Council becomes the lead agency and accountable body for the New Parks Sure Start Programme and approve the transfer of the lead agency role for Beaumont Leys and Stocking Farm Sure Start Programme to the City Council.

The relevant minutes extract from the Education and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny from the 27 April 2004 are attached to the report.

7. THE SOMALI COMMUNITY IN LEICESTER **Appendix C**

Councillor Blackmore submits a report which responds to the resolution made by the Finance, Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee held on 12 July. The Cabinet is asked to create an officer-level task and finish group involving appropriate partner organisations to be accountable to the Community Cohesion Project Board, to consider the issues raised by the Somali Community in the context of a wider review of the way in which the Council and other bodies provide services for new and existing communities within the City; and ask officers to write to key representatives of the Somali Community to inform them how the Council will be considering the issues they have raised.

8. BEST VALUE REVIEW OF SUPPORTING PEOPLE PROGRAMME **Appendix D**

Councillor Metcalfe submits a report presenting the Audit Commission's 'Star Rating' for the Supporting People Programme which was published on 25 June 2004. The Cabinet is asked to note the Audit Commission's 'good', two star rating for the Supporting People Programme, note the areas of good practice highlighted in the report, note that the actions being taken in respect of recommended improvements and to commend staff and partners for their efforts in achieving this rating.

The full best value review is attached for members of the Cabinet only, copies of the appendices can be obtained either from the Council's website www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk or by phoning Committee Services on (0116) 252 6022.

9. DEVELOPING HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE CENTRES THROUGH LIFT AND NEW DEAL FOR COMMUNITIES **Appendix E**

Councillor Gill submits a report requesting that delegated powers be given to the Corporate Director of Social Care and Health, in consultation with the Head

of Legal Services, to determine whether the Council signs the Strategic Partnering Agreement for Leicester LIFT initiative. The Cabinet is asked to authorise the Corporate Director of Social Care and Health, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to determine on behalf of the Council whether or not to enter into the Strategic Partnering Agreement and if so on what terms.

10. EXTRA CARE HOUSING

Appendix F

Councillor Gill submits a report outlining the potential to develop Extra Care Housing in Leicester and seeking an agreement to submit a bid to the Department of Health Extra Care Housing Development Fund (to develop a local strategy for extra care as part of the bid preparation). The Cabinet is asked to approve a number of recommendations which seek to make progress with providing extra care housing.

11. REVIEW OF CENTRALLY LOCATED ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDINGS

Appendix G

Councillor Coley submits a report informing the Cabinet of the progress to date with regard to the review currently being undertaken of centrally located administrative buildings, this review being part of the wider Property Efficiency Review. The Cabinet is asked to note and comment on the report and to request a further report for the end of September 2004 to include additional information where necessary, financial implications and timetable for implementation.

12. HIGHWAYS CAPITAL SPEND 2004/05

Appendix H

Councillor Ramsdale submits a report seeking Cabinet approval of expenditure from the City Council Capital Budget 2004/5. The Cabinet is recommended to approve the expenditure of £300,000 on Local Environmental Works from the City Council's 2004/05 Capital Budget as detailed in paragraph 1.4 of the supporting information, and the expenditure of £100,000 on Highway Maintenance from the City Council's 2004/05 Capital Budget as detailed in paragraph 1.6 of the supporting information.

13. WAIVER OF CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES

Appendix I

Councillor Coley submits a report advising the Cabinet of Waivers to Contract Procedure Rules approved by the Town Clerk, as required by paragraph 4.2(b) of these rules. The Cabinet is asked to note the waivers.

14. THE EMPTY HOMES STRATEGY COMPULSORY PURCHASE OF VARIOUS HOUSES 2004 (NO.13)

Appendix J

Councillor Metcalfe submits a report that seeks approval to make six 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, 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.

15. CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL SCHEME

Appendix K

Councillor Ramsdale submits a report responding to his request to the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Culture to reinstate elements of the changes made to the Concessionary Travel Scheme. The Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee also requested that Cabinet make changes to the scheme.

The relevant minutes extract from the Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee held on 16 June 2004 are attached to the report.

16. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

17. 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.

MUSEUM COLLECTIONS FACILITY

PROPOSAL BY DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY

18. MUSEUMS COLLECTIONS FACILITY **Appendix B1**

Councillor Scuplak submits a report.

19. PROPOSAL BY DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY **Appendix B2**

Councillor Scuplak submits a report.

