



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 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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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 Monday 16 August 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. BEST VALUE REVIEW - HOUSING MANAGEMENT SERVICE: AUDIT COMMISSION INSPECTION REPORT Appendix A

Councillor Metcalfe submits a report presenting the Audit Commission's final report following its inspection of the Housing Management Service and recommends additional actions to be included in the Improvement Plan to address the issues raised within the report. The Cabinet is recommended to receive the Audit Commission's report in relation to its inspection of the Council's Housing Management Service, note the action being taken to address areas for improvement, support the new and revised actions contained in Appendix A to be added to the Housing Management Improvement Plan and note the areas of good and positive practice within the Housing Management Service.

The relevant minute extract from the Housing Scrutiny Committee held on 19 August 2004 are attached to the report.

6. CAPITAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2005/06 TO 2007/08

Councillor Coley submits a report seeking Cabinet approval of the Council's Capital Strategy 2005/2008. The Cabinet is recommended to approve the capital strategy.

7. BEST VALUE REVIEW OF HERITAGE SERVICES Appendix B

Councillor Mugglestone submits a report seeking Cabinet approval for the

Improvement Plan arising from recommendations of the Best Value Review of Heritage Services. The Cabinet is recommended to note the recommendations of the Best Value Review of Heritage Services as previously agreed and implemented as part of the 2004/05 Departmental Revenue Strategy, and approve the Heritage Services Best Value Review Improvement Plan.

The full report is attached for Members of the Cabinet only. Copies are also available on the Council's website at www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk or by phoning Committee Services on (0116) 252 6022.

8. SECOND GENERATION LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICE AGREEMENT: SHORTLIST OF PROPOSALS Appendix C

Councillor Coley submits a report informing the Cabinet of progress made to date with the Council's proposed Second Generation Local Public Service Agreement (LPSA). The Cabinet is recommended to endorse the shortlist of proposals outlined in appendix one as the basis of the Council's 2nd Generation LPSA submission, to agree to the withdrawal of any proposal from the shortlist prior to the submission of the strategy should it fail to address concerns detailed in the report or if there are significant financial risks, and to note the areas of concern identified and the issues to consider when developing our LPSA strategy.

9. THE EMPTY HOMES STRATEGY - COMPULSORY PURCHASE OF VARIOUS HOUSES 2004 (NO 14) Appendix D

Councillor Metcalfe submits a report proposing that Compulsory Purchase Orders are sought under the City Council's Empty Homes Strategy on five long term privately owned vacant properties in areas of priority housing needs. 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.

10. LEARNING DISABILITIES - DAY SERVICES MODERNISATION PROGRAMME Appendix E

Councillor Gill submits a report bringing to Cabinet's attention the need to modernise and reprovide Learning Disability Day Centres. The report also briefly outlines the Social Care and Health Department's plans to

modernise/reprovide large day centres and gives an indication of financial resources required to carry out the day services reprovion and modernisation programme. The Cabinet is recommended to note the need to meet the requirement to modernise Learning Disability Day Services, enforce the modernisation of Day Services plans, note the need to modernise the Hastings Road Day Centre to provide specialist services to people with profound learning disabilities, agree the timescales outlined in the Day Services reconfiguration plan and agree to receive a further detailed report on Corporate property which will indicate how the financial requirement will be met.

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.

13. DISPOSAL OF LAND AT WELFORD ROAD

Councillor Coley submits a report.

