



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 27 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:

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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 6 September 2004 have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet asked to approve them as a correct record.

4. MATTERS REFERRED FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

Appendix A

Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee (Social Care Stream) – 1 September 2004

Revenue Outturn 2003/04

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

RESOLVED:

That the committee:

- (1) Notes the final outturn for the Social Care and Health Department budget for the 2003/2004 financial year; and
- (2) Congratulates the department on its achievement in ensuring that the budget has been brought in within the cash limit; and
- (3) Asks that its concern that the Councils overall budget for 2003/04 was under spent be brought to the attention of the Cabinet, given the financial pressures on the Social Care and Health Department.
- (4) Asks that the committees concerns over the transport budget are brought to the Cabinets attention, given that the Departments costs are not fully funded

Councillor Gill to respond

Education and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny – 14 September

Lifelong Learning and Community Development Premises Review Update

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

RESOLVED:

1. That the Cabinet be asked to stop the Premises review and divisional organisational review with immediate effect and to reinstate those made redundant;
2. That a report be brought back to the meeting on 7 October outlining the impact of the reviews on staff and service users;
3. That the whole issue of the premises and organisational reviews be considered together.

Councillor Suleman to respond

5. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE: ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2003/04 **Appendix B**

Councillor Coley submits a report to enable compliance with the requirements of the Council's Corporate Governance Code by carrying out an annual review of Corporate Governance arrangements for the year 2003/04, and to enable the Council's Leader and Chief Executive to sign a Corporate Assurance Statement. The Cabinet is recommended to review the current position and authorise the Service Director (Legal Services) to finalise a form of Corporate Assurance Statement to be signed by the Council's Leader and Chief Executive to be published on the Council's website.

The relevant minute extract from the Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee held on 16 September 2004 will be circulated when it is available.

6. CENTRAL MAINTENANCE FUND AUTHORISATION OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE **Appendix C**

Councillor Scuplak submits a report seeking authorisation for the release of capital monies to the Central Maintenance Fund for health and safety works identified in the report. Cabinet is recommended to approve the release of the allocated funds of £300,000 within the Capital programme to the Central Maintenance Fund for the implementation of the works.

7. THE AALBORG COMMITMENTS - A FRAMEWORK FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL SERVICES **Appendix D**

Councillor Ramsdale submits a report outlining the Aalborg Commitments which will provide a useful framework within which to develop the Leicester Partnership's new Community Strategy and to deliver key sustainability outcomes in the Council's Corporate Plan. The Cabinet is recommended to endorse Leicester Partnership's signing of the Aalborg commitments.

8. SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2005/06 AND BEYOND **Appendix E**

Councillor Suleman presents a report recommending term dates for 2005/06 and a strategy for determining dates for 2006/07 and 2007/08. The Cabinet is recommended to support the term dates for 2005/06, note the date patterns proposed by the School Terms and Holiday Dates Working party for 2006/07 and 2007/08 and agree to receive further recommendations from the Corporate Director of Education and Lifelong Learning with respect to 2006/07 and 2007/08 upon completion of further research, consultation and reflection by the Working Group and Corporate Director.

The relevant minute extract from the Education and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee held on 14 September 2004 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

9. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2004/05: CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE INITIATIVES AND RIVERSIDE BUDGETS **Appendix F**

Councillor Ramsdale submits a report seeking approval for schemes under the Capital Programme 2004/05. The Cabinet is recommended to approve the schemes set out in the supporting information of the report and endorse funding from the Capital Programme for these schemes from the Conservation and Heritage Initiatives and Riverside budgets.

10. BASE BUDGET PREPARATION **Appendix G**

Councillor Coley submits a report explaining the process by which the Council's 2005/06 base budget is being prepared, and summarises the principles supporting this process. The Cabinet is recommended to endorse the framework for base budget preparation and approve the cash limits for each department.

11. CAPITAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2005/06 TO 2007/08 **Appendix H**

Councillor Coley submits a report seeking Cabinet approval of the Council's Capital Strategy 2005/2008. The Cabinet is recommended to consider the draft capital strategy, and whether it wishes to seek the views of partner

organisations and consider whether it wishes to recommend its adoption to Council.

The minute extract from the Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee held on 16 September 2004 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

12. EFFICIENCY REVIEW OF PROCURMENT **Appendix I**

Councillor Coley submits a report presenting the work done to date, and consequent recommendations, of the efficiency review of procurement. The Cabinet is recommended to note the progress of the efficiency review so far, endorse the continued mandatory requirement to use ESPO and the proposed actions for ensuring this is enforced, note the finding of the review of IT procurement, note the findings of the review of stationary and paper, note the findings of the review of vehicle and plant procurement and consider the options for translating procurement savings into budget reductions and provide a view on how this should be done.

13. WIDE AREA DATA NETWORK MODERNISATION **Appendix J**

Councillor Coley submits a report seeking approval to upgrade the existing Wide Area Data Network to give a 5 fold increase in performance and at the same time reduce revenue costs for line rentals. The upgrade will also incorporate a redesign of the network to provide greater resilience. The Cabinet is recommended to approve an investment of £600,000 to improve the speed of wide area network to be funded by prudential borrowing under the 'spend to save' rules.

14. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2004/05 - PERIOD 4 **Appendix K**

Councillor Coley submits a report showing a summary position comparing spending with the budget for all General Fund Services. The report is the first in the regular cycle of reports for the 2004/05 financial year showing budget issues which have surfaced so far. The Cabinet is recommended to note the changes made to the original approved budget for 2004/05, note the expenditure to date and the budgetary issues which have emerged so far and note the proposals put forward to ensure that spending is contained within the Departments budgets.

15. DEVELOPING OPTIONS FOR THE GOVERNANCE OF HIGHFIELDS YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE **Appendix L**

Councillor Suleman submits a report seeking approval for the establishment of a Partnership Board to oversee the development of a strategic plan and development of recommendations regarding the engagement of the community in the governance of Highfields Youth and Community Centre. The Cabinet is recommended to request that the Corporate Director for Education and Lifelong Learning set up a Partnership Board to oversee the next stage of development

of the Highfields Youth and Community Centre, comment on the proposed membership of the Board and request that the Corporate Director bring a report back to Cabinet setting out recommendations from the Partnership Board for the future direction of the Centre.

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.

**18. UPPERTON ROAD VIADUCT - PURCHASE OF LAND
IN ADVANCE OF SCHEME**

Councillor Scuplak submits a report.

