



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 18 OCTOBER 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, Metcalfe, Mugglestone, Ramsdale, Scuplak Suleman and Vincent

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 27 September 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

Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee – 16 September 2004

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

Revenue Outturn 2003/04

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Committee felt that views expressed previously about a crisis in the Council's finances had been exaggerated, leading to greater cuts than were necessary, and
- (2) that the Committee request that the Cabinet take note of their view in light of future budget discussions.

Councillor Coley to respond

5. GRANT AID PROJECTS AUDITED ACCOUNTS

Appendix B

Councillor Blackmore submits a report setting out the requirements placed on projects to supply the Council with a copy of their audited accounts. It also further identifies those projects that have failed to supply such accounts by the initial deadline and recommends appropriate action. The Cabinet is recommended to confirm monthly funding arrangements for grant aided projects still receiving Council funding that did not forward their accounts by the initial deadline and request Officers to bring a report to Cabinet at the earliest

opportunity recommending the appropriate action in response to those Grant Aid Projects whose accounts are still outstanding by the final deadline of 31 December 2004.

6. NEWARKE HOUSES LOTTERY FUNDED PROJECT Appendix C

Councillor Mugglestone submits a report seeking authority to commence the Newarke Houses project, at a total cost of £1,510,000, in accordance with project management standards for major projects. The Cabinet is recommended to authorise commencement of the Newarke Houses project, with total costs £1,151,000, and to note the action of the Corporate Director, Regeneration and Culture, in authorising an exception to contract procedure rule 4.1k.

7. PROPOSALS FOR THE RELOCATION OF GATEWAY COLLEGE TO THE RUSHEY MEAD SECONDARY SCHOOL/SOAR VALLEY COLLEGE CAMPUS Appendix D

Councillor Johnson submits a report outlining the proposal to relocate Gateway College from its current city centre site to a new purpose built campus on the Rushey Mead school playing fields. The relocation fits into the wider secondary transformation agenda, including Building Schools for the Future and would be part of a wider set of linked regeneration proposals being developed by the Council's partners. The Cabinet is recommended to note the proposals and take a number of decisions in relation to the relocation of Gateway College.

The relevant minute extract from the Education and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee held on 7 October 2004 will be circulated when it is available.

Members are asked to note that as part of this report, financial information relating to the relocation will be sent out to follow. This paper will be marked 'NOT FOR PUBLICATION'. The information in this paper will be 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.

8. 2004/05 CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - PERIOD 4 Appendix E

Councillor Coley submits a report updating the Cabinet on the progress of the capital programme for 2004/05 up to the end of July (period 4). The Cabinet is recommended to approve a revised level of programmed expenditure of £96.5 million, note the level of expenditure to the end of July 2004, note the position relating to capital receipts, approve additions to the Social Care and Health programme, approve an increase in the gross cost of the Victoria Road East/Lewisher Road link scheme, approve the ring fencing of £500,000 from the anticipated increased capital receipt from the Pocklington's Walk site, note

the forecast capital programme performance is 96% of the approved programme, note the actual prudential indicators for 03/04, approve spend to save funding for the multi disciplinary centre and approve prudential borrowing to meet combined costs relating to a combined heat and power unit at Braunstone Leisure Centre.

9. ICT/E MODERNISING LEICESTER STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK **Appendix F**

Councillor Coley submits a report presenting the corporate ICT/E Modernising Leicester Strategic Framework. The Cabinet is recommended to endorse the framework and advise whether they wish to see the component documents of the Strategic Framework.

10. EFFICIENCY REVIEW OF PROPERTY (CENTRALLY LOCATED ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDINGS) **Appendix G**

Councillor Scuplak submits a report informing Cabinet of the progress of the review currently being undertaken of Centrally Located Administrative Buildings (CLABS), this review being part of the wider property efficiency review. The Cabinet is recommended to note the information contained in the report and take a number of decisions in relation to the accommodation needs of the City Council.

11. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE **Appendix H**

Councillor Coley submits a report concerning the Annual Corporate Governance Report for 2003/04 which was discussed at Council on 30 September 2004, in particular in relation to the Council's Consultation Strategy and Toolkit in light of the recent Judicial review. The Cabinet is recommended to note the views of Officers following a review of the Consultation Strategy/Toolkit following the recent Judicial Review judgement, agree that the Consultation Strategy/Toolkit does not need to be revised in light of the judgement, note that contractual arrangements will be reviewed as part of the development work relating to the purchase of service agreements with the voluntary and community sector and authorise the Leader and Chief Executive to sign off the Annual Corporate Governance Report for 2003/04.

12. PROGRESS REPORT - DEVELOPING EXTRA CARE HOUSING **Appendix I**

Councillor Vincent submits a report outlining progress made on Extra Care Housing Developments which was originally considered by Cabinet on 16th August 2004. The Cabinet is recommended to confirm their agreement to the disposal of the affordable housing element on the Wycombe Road site to Hanover Housing Association for an Extra Care Housing Scheme, on terms to be agreed by the Corporate Director for Resources, Access and Diversity in accordance with the Council's Disposal Framework.

13. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

14. 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 report in private on the grounds that it contains '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 report in accordance with the provisions of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, because it involves 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.

15. EFFICIENCY REVIEW OF PROPERTY (AREA REVIEW)

Appendix B1

Councillor Scuplak submits a report.

