



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 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 8 November 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 – 11 November 2004

The following was agreed at the above meeting. The full minute extract and an Officer response are attached as appendix A.

Political Stands on the Highway

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Committee request that Cabinet adopt a policy which respects and upholds the right of free speech in the City, within the bounds of the Law and that any exceptions to the Council's policy be agreed cross-party and,
- (2) that a further report be submitted to the Committee when a policy on how to deal with applications is proposed

Councillor Coley to respond

Overseas Links Working Party

The following was agreed at the above meeting. The full minute extract is attached as appendix A1.

Visits Involving Overseas Contacts

RESOLVED:

- (1) **that clarification be sought from Cabinet about officers making overseas visits.**

Councillor Mugglestone to recommend that the comments of the Working Party be noted and a full report be submitted to the next meeting of the cabinet responding to the issues raised.

5. PRESENTATION ON RISK MANAGEMENT

The Head of Audit and Governance and the Corporate Risk Manager will give a presentation on risk management.

6. COUNCIL TAX PROGRESS REPORT - HALF YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2004 Appendix B

Councillor Metcalfe submits a report providing members with an update on progress made, and the initiatives being deployed by the Housing department to increase the income to the Authority in respect of Council Tax and Business Rate payments for 2004/2005 and in future years. The Cabinet is recommended to note the progress made to date to collect the charges and endorse the initiatives taken by the Revenues service to increase the in year collection rates for 2004/2005, endorse the ongoing improvements planned to ensure collection rates increase to achieve upper quartile of the National Best Value Performance Indicators within three years, and to support a strong enforcement approach, including committal action, to facilitate the collection of Council Tax and Business Rates.

7. WAIVER OF CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES Appendix C

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 recommended to note the waivers.

8. NEW WALK MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE PLAN Appendix D

Councillor Scuplak submits a report giving details of a 10 year management and maintenance plan for New Walk. The Cabinet is recommended to adopt the management and maintenance plan as the standard to be achieved.

The full management and maintenance plan 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 7154

9. BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE Appendix E

Councillor Johnson submits a report advising the Cabinet of the strategic business case for the proposed Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme which is complete in draft form, the revenue implications associated with the Capital Programme and the risks identified and the assumptions underlying the proposals and of the proposed consultation

and timescale, and seek Cabinets approval to engage in a consultation process with all stakeholders. Feedback from the consultation will inform a more detailed report to Education and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet in early February 2005. Cabinet is recommended to authorise the Corporate Director of Education and Lifelong Learning to undertake stakeholder's consultation, with specific regard to the affordability options referred to in the report, request that the Corporate Director bring back a report in February 2005 detailing the results of the stakeholder consultation and request that the Corporate Director bring a report to Cabinet in February 2005 seeking approval of the strategic business case for the BSF Programme and the outline business case for phase 1 schools. Draft consultation packs will be available in the Members area on the day of the Cabinet.

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10. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

