



Leicester  
City Council

## **MEETING OF THE CABINET**

**DATE: MONDAY, 20 DECEMBER 2004**

**TIME: 5:00 pm**

**PLACE: COMMITTEE ROOMS 2 & 3, 'B' BLOCK, NEW WALK  
CENTRE, KING STREET, LEICESTER**

### **Members of the Committee**

Councillor Willmott (Chair)

Councillor Draycott (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Bhatti, Connelly, Corrall, Getliffe, Kitterick, Waddington

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**

### **ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND MEETINGS**

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### **WHEELCHAIR ACCESS**

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### **BRAILLE/AUDIO TAPE**

If there are any particular reports that you would like translating into Braille or providing on audio tape, the Committee Administrator can provide this for you (production times will depend upon equipment/facility availability).

**General Enquiries - if you have any queries about any of the above or the business to be discussed, please contact Frances Wake/Roanne Dearing, Committee Services on (0116) 252 6028/7154 or call in at the Customer Service Centre.**

**Press Enquiries - please phone the Communications Unit on 252 6081**

## 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 29 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

#### 5. INVESTMENT IN REGENERATION AND CULTURE AND REMOVAL OF CHARGES AT THE GUILDHALL AND FOR PUBLIC CONVENIENCES Appendix A

Councillor Connelly submits a report seeking Cabinet approval to continue and enhance the programme of investment in cultural services and informs the Cabinet of the required procedures, along with financial and legal implications, to implement the Leader's Announcements made at Cabinet on 27 November 2004. The Cabinet is recommended to make a number of changes to Council Policy and to agree the mechanisms for making the changes set out in the report.

**Members are asked to note that as part of this report, financial information relating to the disposal of properties is attached. These papers are marked 'NOT FOR PUBLICATION'. The information in these papers is exempt as defined in paragraphs 7 and 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.**

#### 6. OFFICE CORE - (NEW BUSINESS QUARTER) AREA STRATEGY GUIDANCE DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE Appendix B

Councillor Willmott submits a report covering the preparation of Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) to the Local Plan, for the 'Office Core' (or 'New Business Quarter') area of the City Centre. The Cabinet is recommended to adopt this guidance as supplementary planning guidance to the City of

Leicester Local Plan.

**The relevant minute extract from the Strategic Planning and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held on 20 October 2004 is attached. The matter will also be considered by the Committee on 15 December 2004 and this minute will be circulated when it is available.**

**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](http://www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk) or by phoning Committee Services on (0116) 252 7154.**

**7. LEICESTERSHIRE, LEICESTER AND RUTLAND STRUCTURE PLAN** **Appendix C**

Councillor Willmott submits a report asking Cabinet to consider the next steps in the adoption of the Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland Structure Plan. The Cabinet is recommended to agree the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Structure Plan comprising the written statement and key diagram and authorise the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Culture to carry out any further necessary steps, including publishing a Statement of Decisions and Reasons on Objections to the Further Proposed Modification and a revised Technical Paper on housing, giving notice of the Council's intention to adopt the Structure Plan after a period of 28 days and subsequently adopting the Structure Plan, agreeing the date of adoption and undertaking all actions necessary to give effect to the adoption of the Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland Structure Plan and the subsequent publication of an Explanatory Memorandum.

**8. POLITICAL ACTIVITY ON THE HIGHWAY: POLICY** **Appendix D**

Councillor Draycott submits a report proposing a new policy to be adopted relating to political stands and campaigning on the highway. The Cabinet is recommended to accept the proposed policy relating to political stands and campaigning on the highway.

**9. COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL CARE INSPECTION OF LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL ADOPTION SERVICE AND THE ADOPTION SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT** **Appendix E**

Councillor Getliffe submits a report introducing to the Cabinet the outcome of the National Care Standards Commission Inspection (CSCI) of the Leicester City Adoption Service, which took place in October 2003. It is a requirement that the Council consider this formally. Associated with the inspection is the Adoption Service Annual Statement of Purpose, contained within the Adoption Team Annual Report. The Cabinet is recommended to note the final report of the Commission for Social Care Inspection into the Leicester City Adoption Service, acknowledge the statutory requirements and good practice recommendations contained within the confidential part of the CSCI inspection report, together with the departmental response and action plan and recognise the work of the Adoption Team and the monitoring of its activities as contained within the Annual Report and approves the Statement of Purpose, according to

standard 17.3 of the National Minimum Standards for Adoption.

The full Annual Report is attached for Members of the Cabinet only. Copies are also available on the Council's website at [www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk](http://www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk) or by phoning Committee Services on (0116) 252 7154

**10. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

**11. 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.

**12. LEICESTER MERCURY NEWSPAPER PROPOSALS**

Councillor Willmott presents a report.

