

# **MEETING OF THE CABINET**

DATE: MONDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2005 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, Councillor 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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## **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

### <u>AGENDA</u>

#### 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 24 January 2005, have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

#### 4. MATTERS REFERRED FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

#### 5. REVENUE BUDGET STRATEGY 2005/06 2007/08 Appendix A

Councillor Draycott submits a report requesting the Cabinet's approval for a provisional three year corporate budget strategy, three year departmental revenue strategies for each department and a general fund budget for 2005/06;and recommends that Cabinet recommend these to Council for approval.

The full revenue budget strategy is attached for Members of the Cabinet only. Copies are also available on the Council's website at <u>www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk</u>, in the Members Area or by phoning Committee Services on (0116) 252 7154

#### 6. A CITY ACADEMY FOR LEICESTER

#### Appendix B

Councillor Waddington submits a report to enabling Cabinet to decide whether to approve the establishment of a City Academy on the site of the former Mary Linwood Secondary School by the Church of England and their industry partner. The report also sets out a number of other updates on the proposals. Cabinet is recommended to consider a number of proposals outlined in the report.

The relevant minute extract of the Education and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee held on 11 January 2005 is attached.

### 7. SUPPORT SERVICES REVIEW

#### Appendix C

Councillor Draycott submits a report outlining a project seeking to improve the efficiencies of the Council's back office operations. Cabinet is recommended to

support a review to improve back office efficiencies, approve a pilot review of personnel administration, authorise a release of £40,000 of the £400,000 set aside for the purposes of the support services review, but no more until a subsequent report is considered by Cabinet and request a further report on completion of the pilot work.

### 8. ENERGY SERVICES

### Appendix D

Councillor Bhatti submits a report advising Cabinet of the outcome of consultation with Members of the Housing, Strategic Planning and Regeneration, Resources and Equal Opportunities and Leisure and Environment Scrutiny Committees, and seeks approval on the way forward for Energy Services in the City. The Cabinet is recommended to consider the report, and advise on a number of options contained in the report.

### 9. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS