



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 4 APRIL 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, 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

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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 ordinary meeting held on 7 March 2005, and the special meeting held on 29 March 2005, have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet asked to approve them as a correct record.

4. MATTERS REFERRED FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

Appendix A

Housing Scrutiny Committee – 10 February 2005

The following was agreed at the above meeting. The full minute extract and an Officer response to each of the issues raised are attached as appendix A1, A2 and A3.

Issues referred from Council

RESOLVED:

- (1) That Cabinet be recommended that for the year 2005/06 the figure of £3million be programmed for 'HomeCome' this being the anticipated figure of commuted sums and in the event this figure is exceeded, the surplus should be awarded to 'HomeCome',
- (2) that Cabinet be informed that Housing Scrutiny Committee support the programme of Bathroom/Kitchen Modernisation but seek assurance that this will be targetted at the elderly in its initial stages,
- (3) that the issue of play equipment in Housing be referred to the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Culture, and
- (4) that Cabinet be informed of the Scrutiny Committee's commitment to the new telephony system be endorsed for 2005/06 as part of the Housing Capital Programme.

Scrutiny Committee held on 9 February 2005 is attached.

7. SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2006/07 AND 2007/08 Appendix D

Councillor Waddington submits a report briefing the Cabinet on the outcome of consultations in connection with term dates for 2006/07 and 2007/08. Cabinet is recommended to agree the dates as detailed in appendix A for immediate distribution to Leicester City educational establishments and stakeholder groups.

The relevant minute extract of the Education and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee held on 8 March 2004 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

8. TOWN HALL SQUARE CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER STATEMENT Appendix E

Councillor Willmott submits a report seeking approval of the Town Hall Square Conservation Area Character Statement and its adoption as Supplementary Planning Guidance. Cabinet is recommended to adopt the Character Statement for Town Hall Square Conservation Area, including the boundaries as amended, as Supplementary Planning Guidance.

The full Character Statement 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. FAIR ACCESS TO CARE SERVICES ACCESS, ELIGIBILITY AND PROVISION OF SOCIAL CARE SERVICES Appendix F

Councillor Getlffe submits a report addressing the requirement to determine eligibility for services under the Government's guidance on Fair Access to Care Services (FACS). The guidance was introduced at the start of 2003/04. Cabinet is recommended to agree that the threshold should be placed at 'substantial' and 'critical'.

10. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Appendix G

Councillor Draycott submits a report informing Cabinet of the volume and type of requests that the Authority has received to date under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the impact in cost and staff time in satisfying these requests. Cabinet is recommended to note the volume of requests for information, and decide whether the Authority should change its charging policy and if so, if it should either refuse to answer requests that exceed the £450 threshold, or answer requests over the limit but charge for the time and disbursements entailed.

11. SECOND GENERATION LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICE AGREEMENT: DISTRIBUTION OF REWARD GRANT **Appendix H**

Councillor Draycott submits a report seeking the agreement of the Cabinet on the principle of how the performance reward grant relating to the Council's second generation Local Public Service Agreement (LPSA) will be managed and distributed. Cabinet is recommended to decide the detailed allocation of reward grant at the end of the agreement, agree that in providing information for Cabinet to make this decision the Council will work with partners in the context of Leicester Partnership and its sub groups to identify how to reward high performance, how to reimburse partners for investment and how to achieve optimum value for money for public funding and note that the awarding of this significant reward grant will be dependent on the extent to which targets are met.

The relevant minute extract of the Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee held on 17 March 2005 will be circulated as soon as its is available.

12. ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER **Appendix I**

Councillor Draycott submits a report introducing the Annual Audit Letter for 2003/04, a copy of which has been sent to all Members of the Council. Cabinet is recommended to consider the letter.

The relevant minute extract of the Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee held on 17 March 2005 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

13. BUDGET MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING DELEGATION THRESHOLDS **Appendix J**

Councillor Draycott submits a report considering the extent of delegation to Officers, setting out 3 principal options of high, medium or low levels of delegation to Officers in relation to the Cabinet's own thresholds. Cabinet is recommended to determine the levels of delegation to Corporate Directors for the purpose of revenue and capital budget management in 2005/06.

14. DATES OF CABINET MEETINGS IN 2005/06

The Cabinet is asked to approve dates for meetings in 2005/06 as follows:-

13 June 2005	16 January 2006
27 June 2005	6 February 2006
11 July 2005	20 February 2006
25 July 2005	6 March 2006
5 September 2005	20 March 2006
19 September 2005	3 April 2006
3 October 2005	24 April 2006
24 October 2005	15 May 2006

7 November 2005
21 November 2005
12 December 2005

All meetings to start at 5pm

15. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Appendix K

16. 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.

17. SALE OF 0.15 ACRES OF LANDE AT CRANE STREET, LEICESTER

Councillor Willmott submits a report.

