

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 16 MAY 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, and 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 meeting held on 25 April 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

Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee (Social Care Stream) – 7 April 2005

The following was agreed at the above meeting. The full minute extract and the report that was submitted to the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee is attached.

Electronic Social Care Records

RESOLVED:

that Cabinet be urged to ensure that sufficient funding is put in place to ensure that an adequate back-up system for the Electronic Social Care Records can be put in place.

Councillor Getliffe to respond.

Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee (Health Stream) – 27 April 2005

The following was agreed at the above meeting. The full minute extract and an Officer response is attached as appendix A2.

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet be asked to identify ways to ensure that the consideration of health provision and services is included in the consultation process for future residential developments in the City.

Councillor Willmott to respond.

5. ST GEORGE'S NORTH AND SOUTH AREA STRATEGY GUIDANCE DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE

Appendix B

Councillor Willmott submits a report covering the preparation of the Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) to the Local Plan, for the St George's North and South areas of the City Centre, the new community Leicester Regeneration Company area. Cabinet is recommended to adopt this guidance as supplementary guidance to the City of Leicester Local Plan.

The relevant minute extract of the Strategic Planning and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held on 9 May 2005 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

The full supporting information is available on the Council's website at www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk, in the Group Rooms in the Members' Area or by telephoning Committee Services on (0116) 252 7154.

6. COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY AND IMPLICATIONS FOR LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL

Appendix C

Councillor Corrall submits a report providing an overview of the community safety strategy for the period 2005-08 produced by the Leicester Partnership against Crime and Disorder, and outlines key objectives of the strategy in order to ensure that all partners contribute to reducing crime and the fear of crime within Leicester. Cabinet is recommended to endorse the Community Safety Strategy for recommendation to Council.

The full supporting information is available on the Council's website at www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk, in the Group Rooms in the Members' Area or by telephoning Committee Services on (0116) 252 7154.

7. IMPLEMENTATION OF DECRIMINALISED PARKING Appendix D ENFORCEMENT

Councillor Kitterick submits a report recommending that the City Council submits an application for Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DFE) powers to the Secretary of State, these powers will enable the Council to take over responsibility from the Police Traffic Warden service for enforcement for of all the parking restrictions in Leicester. Cabinet is recommended to approve making an application to the Secretary of State seeking DPE powers to enable taking over responsibility from the police for enforcement of all the parking restrictions within the City, approve awarding a contract to the approved specialist DPE consultant that meets specification and provides best value for money, authorise the Service Director for Highways and Transportation, in liaison with the lead member for Highways and Transportation, to enter into contracts and undertake all other activites necessary to implement DPE, and authorise prudential borrowing of up to £735,000, this amount to be drawn down to cover expected spends on the set up costs and initial expenses over

the 3 years from 2005/06, estimated at £640,000, together with a contingency of up to 15%.

The relevant minute extract of the Special Leisure and Environment Scrutiny Committee (Highways and Transportation Stream) held on 11 May 2005 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

8. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2005/06 - 2007/08 REGENERATION AND CULTURE - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Appendix E

Councillor Draycott submits a report seeking Cabinet's approval for the Regeneration and Culture schemes in the Corporate Capital Programme 2005/06 to 2007/08 that required further details for approval. Cabinet is recommended to consider and approve implementation of the schemes detailed in the supporting papers.

9. CORPORATE CAPITAL PROGRAMME - OLDER Appendix F PERSONS HOMES

Councillor Getliffe submits a report seeking approval of the proposals for the maintenance and improvement of Older Persons Homes as requested at the Council meeting on 31 March 2005. Cabinet is recommended to confirm the release of £250,000 for the maintenance and improvement of Older Persons Homes in the 2005/06 Capital Programme, and request a further report detailing proposed expenditure for 2006/07 and 2007/08 as and when additional funding becomes available.

10. TRADING ORGANISATIONS - 2005/2006 BUDGETS Appendix G

Councillor Draycott submits a report detailing all the Council's trading organisations and their 2005/06 budgets. The report also proposes an update to the schedule of determinations to Finance Procedure Rules, which govern the percentage of surpluses the trading organisations are allowed to retain. Cabinet is recommended to approve the 2005/2006 budgets for the Council trading organisations, approve the revised level of surplus retention of housing maintenance at 100%, other organisations at 50%, subject to the approval of the above, amend the schedule of determinations to the Finance Procedure Rules and note the proposed policies in respect of the use of retained surpluses for each department.

11. MAKE POVERTY HISTORY

Appendix H

Councillor Willmott submits a report providing details of the Make Poverty History campaign and sets out possible ways in which the Council could facilitate their work in Leicester to increase awareness of international development issues. Cabinet are recommended to express their support for the aims of the Make Poverty History campaign, facilitate the work of the campaign in Leicester in the ways set out in the report as far as is practicable and ask the Overseas Links Working Party to consider whether the Council should

encourage Strasbourg and Krefeld to write to their national governments urging them to place international development higher up on the agenda.

12. EDUCATION CAPITAL STRATEGY AND PROGRAMME 2005/06 TO 2007/08

Appendix I

Councillor Waddington submits a report advising Cabinet of the strategic challenges facing the Education and Lifelong Learning property portfolio with a view to prioritising available resources. Cabinet is recommended to consider a number of consider a number of recommendations outlined in the report, and make recommendations to Council.

The relevant minute extract of the Special Education and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee held on 12 May will be circulated as soon as it is available.

13. NEW PRIMARY SCHOOLS FOR BRAUNSTONE Appendix J

Councillor Waddington submits a report asking Cabinet to consider revised proposals for the revised proposals for the new Primary Schools project, in particular the revised accommodation requirements and the revised costs, and the proposal to change one school location from the original site at Benbow Rise Infant School site to the Crescent Junior School site. Cabinet is recommended to consider a number of options outlined in the report and make recommendations to Council.

The relevant minute extract of the Special Education and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee held on 12 May will be circulated as soon as it is available.

14. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

15. 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.

16. GLENFIELD TUNNEL REPAIRS

Appendix B1

Councillor Willmott submits a report.