



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 13 JUNE 2005

TIME: 5:00 pm

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

Members of the Committee

Councillor R Blackmore (Chair)
Councillor Scuplak (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Coley, Farmer, Grant, Gill, Metcalfe, Mugglestone and
Suleman

Members of the Cabinet are invited to attend the above meeting to
consider the items of business listed overleaf.

for Town Clerk

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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 MEETINGS

The Cabinet is asked to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Cabinet held on 16 May and the minutes of the special meeting of Cabinet held on 6 June.

4. MATTERS REFERRED FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

5. PROVISIONAL SECOND LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 2006 - 2011 Appendix A

Councillor Mugglestone submits a report seeking Cabinet approval to a Provisional Second Central Leicestershire Local Transport Plan for recommendation to Council. This second Plan is a joint plan with Leicestershire County Council and covers the Leicester travel to work area.

6. DEVELOPING A STRATEGY FOR MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE SOMALI AND OTHER NEW COMMUNITIES IN LEICESTER Appendix B

Councillor Gill submits a report which briefs Cabinet on the actions taken in the last year with regard to the needs of the Somali Community and other new communities in Leicester. The report seeks approval for further actions.

7. LEICESTER ASIAN YOUTH ASSOCIATION AND 27A ACCESS ARTS Appendix C

Councillor Mugglestone submits a report following its referral back from Council on 26 May. The Cabinet is asked to consider options for responding to requests from Leicester Asian Youth Association (LAYA) and 27A Access Arts (27A) for revenue funding after 31st March 2005.

8. A CITY ACADEMY TO REPLACE NEW COLLEGE Appendix D

Councillor Suleman submits a report which asks the Cabinet to consider if it

wishes to be a co-signatory with the Church of England and David Samworth and the New College Interim Executive for the Expression of Interest for a City Academy to replace New College.

The Minute extract from the Special meeting of the Education and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee to be held on 9 June will be circulated as soon as it is available.

9. LIFELONG LEARNING BUDGET - REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS **Appendix E**

Councillor Coley submits a report which presents the findings of the Accountants, Robson Rhodes, on the review of the budgetary problems in the Lifelong Learning Division of Education, and which asks Cabinet to endorse the action taken and action proposed.

10. LIFELONG LEARNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BUDGET - RECOVERY PLAN **Appendix F**

Councillor Suleman submits a report which asks the Cabinet to consider draft options for a recovery plan to bring the above budget back into balance.

The Minute extract from the Special meeting of the Education and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee to be held on 9 June will be circulated as soon as it is available.

11. HOMECOME ISSUES **Appendix G**

Councillor Metcalfe submits a report seeking agreement regarding the membership of the HomeCome Board of Directors and asking whether HomeCome should be allowed to buy properties outside the Council's boundaries.

12. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME **Appendix H**

Councillor Farmer submits a report seeking Cabinet's approval to a Local Development Scheme to take effect from 14 June 2005. The requirement for the Scheme arises from the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 which introduced significant changes to the planning system, in particular the preparation of Local Development Frameworks.

13. PLANNING DELIVERY GRANT 2005/2006 **Appendix I**

Councillor Farmer submits a report informing the Cabinet of the award of a Planning Delivery Grant of £494,495 for 2005/06. The Cabinet is asked to confirm that this grant plus a carry forward of £36,776 from last year be spent on planning services and to authorise the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Culture to utilise the money for the purposes detailed in the report.

The relevant Minute extract of the Strategic Planning and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held on 9 May 2005 is attached to the report.

14. FEES FOR INVESTIGATION OF HIGH HEDGES COMPLAINTS Appendix J

Councillor Mugglestone submits a report seeking approval to a level of fees to be charged for dealing with high hedge complaints.

15. WORKPLACE NURSERY - OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE Appendix K

Councillor Suleman submits a report outlining the current budget position of the Workplace Nursery and options for the future. The Cabinet is asked to note the action taken to implement efficiencies but that these have not achieved a position of self financing and to decide whether consultation should begin on possible closure or whether alternative budget reductions should be identified in order to continue the nursery's subsidy.

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16. REVENUE OUTTURN 2004/05 Appendix L

Councillor Coley submits a report which shows the final summary outturn position comparing spending with the budget for all General Fund Services and the Housing Revenue Account. The Cabinet is asked to agree a number of recommendations in relation to the outturn.

17. 2004/05 CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - OUTTURN Appendix M

Councillor Coley submits a report which shows the outturn position of the 2004/05 capital programme. The Cabinet is asked to note the report.

18. SALE OF LAND AT BRADGATE AND CRANE STREET Appendix N

Councillor Coley submits a report seeking authority for the Corporate Director of Resources, in consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member, to dispose of Council owned land at Bradgate Street and Crane Street as part of the Shires West development.

19. USE OF COMPULSORY PURCHASE POWERS - UPPERTON ROAD VIADUCT Appendix O

Councillor Mugglestone submits a report seeking approval to declare and make a Compulsory Purchase Order to compulsorily acquire the land and rights required for the proposed Upperton Road viaduct highway scheme.

20. MAKE POVERTY HISTORY

Appendix P

Councillor Blackmore submits a report which explains how charitable donations could be implemented, as requested at the last Cabinet meeting and asking Cabinet to decide what further action should be taken.

21. SCHEME OF DELEGATION

Appendix Q

Councillor Coley submits a report asking the Cabinet to review its Scheme of Delegation to Officers.

22. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS