



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 27 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

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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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 13 June 2005, have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

4. DATES OF MEETINGS

The Cabinet is recommended to approve the dates of meeting in 2005/06 as follows:

5 September 2005	30 January 2006
26 September 2005	20 February 2006
24 October 2005	13 March 2006
14 November 2005	3 April 2006
5 December 2005	24 April 2006
9 January 2006	15 May 2006

All meetings to start at 5pm.

5. MATTERS REFERRED FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

6. SUPPORT SERVICES REVIEW

Appendix A

Councillor Grant submits a report asking members on whether or not they wish to commence a review of the Council's support services as soon as possible, or whether they wish to see a pilot exercise through to completion first.

7. BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN 2005-2006

Appendix B

Councillor Grant submits a report on this years Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP) which details the Council's annual performance in delivering services to Leicester residents and businesses. The Cabinet is recommended to recommend the Plan to Council for approval, and agree that publication of the Plan is done electronically with a limited paper run.

8. STATUTORY STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2004/05 Appendix C

Councillor Coley submits a report meeting the Council's requirement under the Accounts and Audit regulations to formally approve the accounts prior to audit. The Cabinet is asked to note the Statement of Accounts for 2004/2005 and to recommend them to Council for approval.

9. STATEMENT ON INTERNAL CONTROL Appendix D

Councillor Coley submits a report setting out a statement on Internal Control, the purpose of which is to set out, at a strategic level, the systems that are in place within the authority for ensuring that there are sound levels of control over key areas of management. The Cabinet is recommended to approve the statement on Internal Control and note that the statement will be included in the Council's published annual statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2005.

10. WAIVER OF CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES Appendix E

Councillor Coley submits a report advising Cabinet of waivers to contract procedure rules approved by the Town Clerk. The Cabinet is recommended to note the waivers.

11. 3 MONTH REVIEW OF VIREMENT RULES Appendix F

Councillor Coley submits a report which reviews the revised virement rules agreed by the Council at its meeting on 23 February 2005. The Cabinet is recommended to consider initial views and experiences and make recommendations to Council.

12. GOING TO EXCELLENCE Appendix G

Councillor Grant submits a report outlining the anticipated changes to the Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) methodology following the CPA 2005 pilot and subsequent consultation. In addition it outlines the key actions required by the Council to maintain its drive for excellence. The Cabinet is recommended to confirm the commitment to achieving excellence in service delivery and external assessment, ensure that budget strategy development responds to the local and national targets identified through the service planning process, agree the performance reporting framework identified in the supporting information to the report and agree to a review of the Council's Partnership Working Guidance.

13. IMPROVING SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE, AND FOR ADULTS Appendix H

Councillor Grant submits a report seeking Cabinet approval to reconfigure Council services in response to the Children's Act 2004. The Cabinet is recommended to agree that the Council's services be reconfigured into five departments, Resources, Access and Diversity and four front facing service

departments, that there be two new departments within the four headed by a Corporate Director of Children's Services and a Corporate Director of Adult and Community Services, that the allocation of responsibilities for services be in accordance with annex a and otherwise as they are now, subject to any detailed adjustments approved by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader and the deputy Leader, that the target date for implementing the new structure be 1 April 2005, that the Chief Executive establish the necessary project management arrangements, including dedicated external project management support, and that the Chief Executive initiate the procedure for recruiting the two new Corporate Directors.

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

Appendix I

Councillor Scuplak submits a report outlining the recent administrative processes, which the report 'St George's North and South Area Strategy Guidance' has been through and how it will proceed. The report was initially considered by Cabinet on 16 May 2005, where two additions to the report were made and the decision subsequently called in and referred to full Council on 26 May 2005. Council recommended that the report be referred back to Cabinet for further consideration. The Cabinet is recommended to give further consideration to the report, including the recommendations made by Cabinet on 16 May 2005 which formed the basis of the objection and any recommendation of the Strategic Planning and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee to be held on 22 May 2005.

The relevant minute extract of the Strategic Planning and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held on 22 June 2005 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

The full supporting information is attached for members of the Cabinet only. Copies can be found 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.

**15. STRENGTHENING THE COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY
SAFETY ARRANGEMENTS**

Appendix J

Councillor Farmer submits a report seeking to confirm arrangements to strengthen the leadership and coordination of the Council's Community Safety functions. The Cabinet is recommended to approve that no permanent arrangements for the co-ordination of the Council's overall Community Safety functions should be put in place until the completion of the re-organisation of the Council as a consequence of the Children's Act, that an interim project director be appointed, reporting to the Corporate Director of Social Care and Health, that the line arrangements and host departments remain as now for the various elements of the Council's work, that the costs of this arrangement be met from unutilised resources allocated to the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership from the Neighbourhood Renewal fund, and that Cabinet note that

this proposal will form the basis of the Action Plan required following the Audit Commission inspection findings.

16. PROPOSAL TO AMALGAMATE EMILY FORTEY AND PIPER WAY SCHOOLS **Appendix K**

Councillor Suleman submits a report informing the Cabinet of progress to date of the consultation on the proposal to amalgamate Emily Fortey and Piper Way Schools and seeks approval to publish statutory notices to cease to maintain the two schools and to open a new school based on the amalgamation of the two closing schools. The Cabinet is recommended to note the responses to the consultation, agree to open a new community special school formed from the amalgamation of Emily Fortey and Piper Way schools and approve the publication of formal notices to cease to maintain Emily Fortey and Piper Way schools.

17. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS **Appendix L**

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