

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 11 JULY 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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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 27 June 2005, have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

4. MATTERS REFERRED FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

Appendix A

Strategic Planning and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee – 22 June 2005

The following was agreed at the above meeting. The full minute extract is attached as appendix A.

<u>Update on Public Sector Relocation (The Lyons Review)</u>

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet be requested to set up a cross party working group and include relevant parties such as the Leicester Regeneration Company to look at how the Council should go forward in 'selling' Leicester as a relocation choice for public sector departments.

Cabinet are asked to note the referral and that a report will be submitted to the next meeting of Cabinet on 25 July 2005.

5. SETTING THE STRATEGIC DIRECTION AND BUDGET Appendix B FOR LIFELONG LEARNING SERVICES FROM 2006/07

Councillor Suleman submits a report recommending a two stage exercise for achieving a balanced budget for the Lifelong Learning Division in the Education and Lifelong Learning Department. The first and most urgent stage, achieving a balanced budget for 2005/06, is the subject of a separate report on the agenda by the Chief Finance Officer. This report recommends that decisions that affect 2006/07 are taken in the context of Council priorities and the anticipated changes to the services involved, either as a result of national policy developments/requirements or the reconfiguration of Council services proposed to Cabinet at its last meeting by the Chief Executive. The Cabinet is

recommended to reaffirm the requirement for the Education Department to achieve a balanced budget in 2005/06, seek further reports on the future direction of the services that are part of the Division as part of the Council's reconfiguration exercise and ask officers to ensure that the proposals for the Division's services in 2006/07 are consistent with the Council's overall priorities and direction, and that these proposals are fully incorporated in the Departmental Revenue Strategies linked to any new service delivery or organisational arrangements.

6. LIFELONG LEARNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - BALANCING THE BUDGET

Appendix C

Councillor Suleman submits a report recommending proposals to balance the budget of the Education and Lifelong Learning Department in 2005/06, and recommends a strategy for balancing the budget in later years. Further supporting information will be circulated before the meeting.

7. LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT - DEVELOPMENTS Appendix D

Councillor Blackmore submits a report informing the Cabinet of the outcome and implications of the announcement on the second phase of Local Area Agreements (LAA). The Cabinet is recommended to support the development of a LAA as outlined in the report, endorse the outline project plan and management arrangements as set out in the report and receive further reports on detailed arrangements as required.

8. CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY AND Appendix E STRATEGY

Councillor Coley submits a report reviewing progress made towards implementing the Council's Corporate Risk Management Strategy, and seeks the agreement of the Cabinet to the revised Risk Management Policy and Strategy contained within the report. The Cabinet is recommended to nominate the Cabinet Member for Finance as the lead member for Risk Management and approve the policy and strategy, endorse the work plan and approve the roles and responsibilities as set out in the report and agree the proposed changes to the terms of reference to the Cabinet as set out in the report.

The minute extract from the Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee held on 27 June 2005 is attached.

9. YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2005/06

Appendix F

Councillor Farmer submits a report setting out how Youth Justice services are to be provided in each area and how they are to be funded by the statutory partners (Social Care and Health, Education, Police, Probation and Health). The Cabinet is recommended to note the Youth Justice Plan 2005/06 and approve its submission retrospectively to the Youth Justice Board by 30 June 2005 and to recommend approval of the Youth Justice Plan 2005/06 retrospectively by Council.

The full Youth Justice Plan 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.

10. BOWSTRING BRIDGE

Appendix G

Councillor Coley submits a report seeking authority to instruct the Bridges Section of the Regeneration and Culture Department to arrange for the demolition of the Bowstring Bridge and make safe both sides of the viaduct exposed by such demolition work. The Cabinet is recommended to approve the immediate use of the funds allocated in the Capital Programme for 2005/06 to 2007/08 to undertake this work, and authorise the Head of Legal Services to enter into all necessary contracts and agreements arising out of the proposed demolition works.

Members are asked to note that as part of this report, financial information relating to the estimated costs of various options for the work, is attached on the private agenda. These papers are marked 'NOT FOR PUBLICATION' as the information in these papers is exempt as defined in paragraph 9 of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended. The information therefore must not be disclosed or discussed at the meeting. Should Members wish to refer to any of these details it is recommended that the meeting move into private session.

11. PROJECT MANAGEMENT (IMPROVING SERVICES Appendix H FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AND FOR ADULTS)

Councillor Grant submits a report describing the project management arrangements and seeks full approval for the costs relating to the Chief Executive's proposals for improving services for children and young people and adults, as agreed by Cabinet on 13 June 2005. The Cabinet is recommended to approve project management costs up to £240,000 gross, the costs to be funded equally by the Education and Lifelong Learning Department and the Social Care and Health Department.

12. VIREMENT RULES - DELEGATION ARRANGEMENTS Appendix I

Councillor Coley submits a report setting out the current position with regard to the delegation of virements from Cabinet to Officers. The Cabinet is recommended to consider whether it wishes to revoke the extant resolutions, as set out in the report.

13. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS