



Leicester  
City Council

## **MEETING OF THE CABINET**

**DATE: MONDAY, 25 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

### **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 11 July 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 and Officer response is attached as appendix A.

##### **Update on Public Sector Relocation (The Lyons Review)**

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.

**Councillor Scuplak to respond.**

##### **Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee – 27 June 2005**

The following was agreed at the above meeting. The full minute extract and an officer response report is attached as appendix A1.

##### **Scrutiny In Depth Investigations**

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet be asked to consider the following points:

- (1) That there be a stronger line on the resources which would be available when carrying out investigations,

- (2) that when an in depth investigation is set up, officers be required to give all of the information requested by a scrutiny committee, unless there was a clear legal reason why this should not be the case, and
- (3) that there should be an obligation on Cabinet to consider the findings of an in depth investigation , and for Cabinet members to attend meetings of Scrutiny to explain their responses to Scrutiny's findings.

**Councillor Grant to respond.**

### **Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee – 27 June 2005**

#### Lifelong Learning Budget – Report of Independent Accountants

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

RESOLVED:

That the following points be made to Cabinet:

- (1) That there be a change in the arrangements for deciding whether a review can be carried out under delegated powers, such that members have a greater input,
- (2) that future reviews carry out a mapping exercise in order to understand where costs and savings are coming from and going to,
- (3) that there be a change in procedure rules in order that Cabinet be formally obliged to consider the comments of Scrutiny, either by formal or informal mechanisms, and
- (4) that the Committee be provided with details of the number of people across departments who had been trained in accordance with the Prince 2 project management standard, and how many of these were managing projects at any particular time.

Councillor Coley responds to the points as follows:

- (1) Involvement of Members in organisational reviews: on 13 June 2005, the Cabinet approved an action plan in response to the accountants' report which includes "Review Member role in future organisational reviews". The deadline is September

- (2) Costs and savings mapping: this is already a requirement in appropriate reviews.
- (3) Formal requirement for Cabinet to consider comments of Scrutiny: this could be addressed in the review of Scrutiny working methods which will soon return for further Member consideration.
- (4) Details of officers with Prince2 project management training: the Service Director (Property) is compiling this to circulate to Committee Members.

**5. ADULT MENTAL HEALTH INTEGRATION -  
EXTENSION OF PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

**Appendix B**

Councillor Gill submits a report seeking approval for extending the partnership agreement following consultation held in April 2005. The consultation took place with Social Care and Health staff employed by Leicester City Council under the terms of the partnership agreement for the Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT). The staff involved in the consultation are currently seconded to the LPT Mental Health Services for Working Age Adults. The Cabinet is recommended to note the method and results of the consultation process, agree that the partnership agreement with the Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust, Leicestershire County Council and Rutland County Council be extended for a period of two years with effect from 1 April 2006 and ask the Corporate Director of Social Care and Health to conduct further consultation with staff in early 2007 about the transfer of staff into the employment of the Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust and to report the outcomes to Cabinet together with recommendations for the future of the integrated service in the summer of 2007.

**6. FESTIVALS AND EVENTS STRATEGY -  
CONSULTATION STRATEGY**

**Appendix C**

Councillor Mugglestone submits a report seeking approval to consult on the Festivals and Events Strategy Consultation Draft and approve the Consultation Programme. Cabinet is recommended to approve the Festivals and Events Strategy – Consultation Draft for consultation, agree in principle to the development of a revised and enhanced festivals and events programme over the next 3-5 years in support of the strategy subject to consultation, approve the consultation programme, receive further reports in October and November 2005 following consultation with festival and events organisers, stakeholders and partners and approve the virement of £57,000 from Sports to Arts.

**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](http://www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk), in the Group Rooms in the Members' Area or by telephoning Committee Services on (0116) 252 7154.**

**7. EFFICIENCY REVIEW OF PROPERTY (CLAB'S) Appendix D**

Councillor Coley submits a report informing Cabinet of progress with the review currently being undertaken of Centrally Located Administrative Buildings (CLAB's), and seeks approval to the first phase of the implementation of the review and to the release of funding from the Capital Programme to facilitate the first phase. The Cabinet is recommended to approve the undertaking of a trial of the polymer fibre method of strengthening the New Walk Centre, approve the initial number of moves as set out in the supporting information of the report, and authorise expenditure of up to £4.395 million as detailed in the report, to be funded by prudential borrowing, subject to approval by the Council. This expenditure to be part of the provision for CLAB's of £29.676 million approved in the corporate capital programme to be phased over 3 years.

**8. APPROVAL TO PROCEED TO THE NEXT PHASE OF THE PROPERTY HEALTH PROGRAMME Appendix E**

Councillor Coley submits a report seeking approval to the release and expenditure of £2.55 million from the Resources for Premises approved fund of £10 million. The Cabinet is recommended to approve the release of £2.55 million funds within the Resources for Premises budget for the completion of the Property Health Programme, including the purchase of additional IT packages at a cost of £50,000 to aid future drawing surveys, approve the expenditure of £600,000 from the £2.55 million to the Asbestos programme over the next 3 financial years and delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Resources, Access and Diversity in consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member for Finance, to agree any variations in the spend between the various elements.

**9. BOWSTRING BRIDGE Appendix F**

Councillor Coley submits a report regarding the deferral by the Cabinet at its meeting on 11 July 2005 on the future of Bowstring Bridge in order to give the Great Central Railway (Nottingham) Ltd time to explore the practicalities and costs associated with their proposals for the bridge. The report originally considered at the meeting on 11 July is also attached for information. The Cabinet is recommended to consider the new information and make a decision on the future of the bridge.

**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.**

**10. PROPOSALS TO CHANGE THE STATUS OF AVENUE Appendix G  
INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS**

Councillor Scuplak presents a report advising the Cabinet of the outcome of the consultation on the proposal to amalgamate the infant and junior schools into an all-through primary school, and seeks Members' views as to whether they wish to take the proposal forward. If this is agreed, statutory proposals will be published followed by a six week period during which the public has an opportunity to make representations in writing about the proposals, if there any representations in the form of objections the proposals must be put to the School Organisation Committee for decision. The Cabinet is recommended to consider whether it wishes to publish statutory proposals to change the status of Avenue Infant and Avenue Junior Schools to an all-through primary school.

**The minute extract from the special meeting of the Education and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee to be held on 21 July 2005 will be circulated as soon as it is available.**

**11. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

**12. 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.

**13. ONE OFF INVESTMENT IN CULTURAL SERVICES      Appendix B1**

Councillor Mugglestone submits a report.

**14. MAGAZINE GATEWAY - DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY      Appendix B2  
PROPOSALS**

Councillor Coley submits a report.



