



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2006
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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If there are any particular reports that you would like translating into Braille or providing on audio tape, the Committee Administrator can provide this for you (production times will depend upon equipment/facility availability).

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Press Enquiries - please phone the Communications Unit on 252 6081

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 30 January 2006 have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

4. MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES

Appendix A

a) Health Scrutiny Committee - 4 January 2006

Public Health Annual Report

The above Committee agreed as follows at its meeting on 4 January:-

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Chair and Spokespersons of the Health Scrutiny Committee consider how the issues raised in the report could be addressed in the Committee's work programme
- (2) that the report and the comments of the Health Scrutiny Committee be referred to Cabinet for consideration and relevant Scrutiny Committees be recommended to look at issues from this discussion which are pertinent to them.

The full Minute Extract is attached at Appendix A.

Councillor Gill to respond.

b) Aylestone, Eyres Monsell and Freeman Area Committee - 18 January 2006

Saffron Out of School and Saffron Community Enterprises

The above Committee agreed as follows at its meeting on 18 January:-

RESOLVED:

that the Area Committee recommends to Cabinet that the means be

found to ensure that Unit 9 Linwood Workshops remains open to community groups.

The full Minute Extract and officer response is attached at Appendix A.

Councillor Farmer to respond.

**5. GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET STRATEGY Appendix B
2006/07 TO 2008/09.**

Councillor Coley submits a report asking Cabinet to approve a 3 year corporate budget strategy, 3 year departmental revenue strategies for each department and a general fund budget for 2006/07, for recommendation to Council.

The full appendices are attached for Members of the Cabinet. Further copies are available on the City Council's website at www.leicester.gov.uk/cabinet or by contacting Committee Services on 252 6028/22.

The relevant minute extracts from Committees are attached to the report. Any minutes extracts not yet available will be circulated before the Cabinet meeting.

**6. AREA COMMITTEES - PROPOSALS FOR Appendix C
EXPENDITURE**

Councillor Blackmore submits a report seeking approval to spending proposals by Area Committees.

**7. CENTRAL LEICESTERSHIRE LOCAL TRANSPORT Appendix D
PLAN 2006-2011**

Councillor Mugglestone submits a report seeking Cabinet approval to recommend the Central Leicestershire Local Transport Plan 2006-2011 to Council.

The full Transport Plan is attached for Members of the Cabinet only. Further copies are available by contacting Sean Richardson on 252 6563 or email Sean.Richardson@leicester.gov.uk.

The relevant minute extract of the Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee on 16 February will be circulated as soon as it is available.

8. PROPOSED CHURCHGATE CONSERVATION AREA Appendix E

Councillor Scuplak submits a report on a proposal to designate a Conservation Area in Churchgate. The Cabinet is asked to recommend to Council that the area shown on the plan attached to the report be designated as the Churchgate Conservation Area and also to adopt the Character Appraisal for the Church Gate Conservation Area as supplementary guidance to the City of

Leicester Local Plan.

The full Character Appraisal document is attached for Members of the Cabinet only. Copies are available on the Council's website at www.leicester.gov.uk/cabinet or by phoning June Gray on 252 7281.

The relevant minute extract of the Strategic Planning and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on 25 January is attached to the report.

9. DIRECTOR OF PARTNERSHIP, PERFORMANCE AND PLANNING Appendix F

Councillor Coley submits a report setting out a proposal for the creation of the above post jointly funded by members of the Leicester Partnership. The Cabinet is asked to agree the establishment of the post, subject to funding being made available and agree to its advertisement.

10. FUTURE APPROACH TO THE DELIVERY OF BEST VALUE Appendix G

Councillor Blackmore submits a report seeking Cabinet approval to a way forward for managing the Council's future approach to Best Value. The Cabinet is asked to approve that the Performance Management Framework be used to deliver Best Value.

11. LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON THE LEARNING AND SKILLS COUNCIL (COUNTY EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT GROUP) Appendix H

Councillor Coley submits a report asking the Cabinet to appoint a representative of the City Council to the Learning and Skills Council (County Employer Engagement Group)

12. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair has agreed to accept an Item of Urgent Business, 'Corporate Review of Service Directors and the Integrated Services Programme'. The report is not available with the agenda due to ongoing consultation. The reasons for urgency are to maintain the timetable for establishing the 2 new departments.

13. CORPORATE REVIEW OF SERVICE DIRECTORS AND INTEGRATED SERVICES PROGRAMME AOUB

14. 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.

15. ACCESS TO THE EXTRA CARE SITE AND ALLOTMENT LAND, WYCOMBE ROAD

Councillor Coley submits a report.

16. CASINO ADVISORY PANEL - REQUEST FOR CASINO PROPOSALS

Councillor Scuplak submits a report.