



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 3 APRIL 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:

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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 March 2006 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

- a) Strategic Planning and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee - 13 March 2006

Refugees and Asylum Seekers Advice Project

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

- 1) that the Committee gives its support to Cabinet in approaching the Home Office for further funding for the project;
- 2) that Neighbourhood Renewal Funding be sought and that work be undertaken to actively seek other funding sources; and
- 3) that the Council provide interim funding for the project until a longer term solution has been found however if the proposed avenues for funding the project prove unsuccessful, then the Council underwrites funding for the project.

Councillor Farmer to respond.

- b) Strategic Planning and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee - 13 March 2006

Planning Application Statistics

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

- (1) that the Cabinet be asked to re-consider the name of the Development Control Committee, possibly to include the word

'Planning';

- (2) that Cabinet be requested to consider this report and give consideration to the concerns of the Committee, with regard to the potential deteriorating performance in the planning service which could result from the budget cuts;
 - (3) that that Committee asks for a report back on the Action Plan to improve the performance of the planning service;
 - (4) that the Committee would like the use of pre-planning discussions promoted if they proved useful;
 - (5) that the Committee requests to see statistics on comparator cities with regard to their planning services.
- c) Development Control Committee - 21 March 2006

Planning Application Statistics

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

that the report be referred to Cabinet and that the Committee's concerns be responded to.

Councillor Farmer to respond.

5. JOINT ADOPTION SERVICE OF LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND FUNCTION INCLUDING ANNUAL REPORT **Appendix B**

Councillor Suleman submits a report which introduces the Joint Adoption Service Statement of Purpose and Adoption Team Annual Report. The Cabinet is asked to approve the Statement of Purpose and Function and note the Annual Report.

The relevant minute extract of the Social Services Scrutiny Committee held on 14 March 2006 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

The full Report is attached for Members of the Cabinet only. Copies are available on the Council's website at www.leicester.gov.uk/cabinet or by contacting Dan Jewson on 252 8885.

6. EDUCATION CAPITAL STRATEGY AND PROGRAMME 2006/07 - 2007/08 **Appendix C**

Councillor Suleman submits a report seeking approval to an Education Capital Programme for recommendation to Council.

The relevant minute extract of the Education and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee held on 2 March is attached to the report.

7. CITY STRATEGY FOR OLDER PEOPLE Appendix D

Councillor Gill submits a report seeking Cabinet approval to the above Strategy.

The full Report is attached for Members of the Cabinet only. Copies are available on the Council's website at www.leicester.gov.uk/cabinet or by contacting Dan Jewson on 252 8885.

8. FAIR ACCESS TO CARE SERVICES ACCESS, ELIGIBILITY AND PROVISION OF SOCIAL CARE SERVICES Appendix E

Councillor Gill submits a report which addresses the requirement to determine eligibility for services under the Government's guidance on Fair Access to Care Services. The Cabinet is asked to set the threshold of eligibility at 'substantial' and 'critical', as detailed in the report.

The relevant minute extract of the Social Services Scrutiny Committee held on 14 March 2006 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

9. OLD HUMBERSTONE CONSERVATION AREA Appendix F

Councillor Farmer submits a report which seeks Cabinet approval to the extension of the Old Humberstone Conservation Area and the adoption of the Old Humberstone Conservation Area Character Appraisal as supplementary guidance to the City of Leicester Local Plan.

The full appraisal document is attached for Members of the Cabinet only. Further copies are available on the Council's website at www.leicester.gov.uk/cabinet or by contacting June Gray, Planner on 252 7281.

10. FEES FOR LICENSING OF HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION Appendix G

Councillor Mugglestone submits a report seeking approval to a fees and charging mechanism to be applied in relation to the licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation.

11. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair has agreed to accept an Item of Urgent Business onto the agenda as follows:-

Performing Arts Centre

The reason for urgency is that if the report is not considered this could give rise to delays in the project's timetable and consequently an increase in costs of the project.

12. PRIVATE SESSION

AGENDA

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO NOTE

Under the law, the Cabinet is entitled to consider certain items in private where in the circumstances the public interest in maintaining the matter exempt from publication outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

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 contain 'exempt' information as defined by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, as amended 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, and taking all the circumstances into account, it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the information as exempt outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information "

Paragraph 3

Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

13. GRANBY HALLS, WELFORD ROAD

Appendix B1

Councillor Coley submits a report.