



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 30 JANUARY 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 ordinary meeting held on 9 January 2006 and the minutes of the special meeting held on 24 January 2006 have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

4. MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES

5. ADULT LEARNING STRATEGIC OPTIONS CONSULTATION

Appendix A

Councillor Suleman submits a report which presents the findings of the recent external consultation exercise on Strategic Options for Adult Learning, undertaken by TRIBAL Education Consultancy. The Cabinet is asked to decide on a preferred option for the future of Adult Learning.

The full report of TRIBAL is attached for Members of the Cabinet only. Further copies are available at www.leicester.gov.uk/cabinet or by contacting Frances Wake, Committee Services on 252 6028.

The minutes of the Education and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee on 23 January will be circulated as soon as they are available.

6. LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT: PROGRESS REPORT AND NEXT STEPS

Appendix B

Councillor Blackmore submits a report outlining progress made in the development of Leicester's first Local Area Agreement and setting out the next steps in the negotiations. The Cabinet is asked to authorise the Corporate Director of Housing, in consultation with the Service Director, Legal Services and the Leader of the Council, to approve any changes or additions to the agreement prior to final submission to the Government Office of the East Midlands and authorise the Leader of the Council, if required, to sign any necessary agreement on behalf of the Council.

7. MEMBER INVOLVEMENT IN OPERATIONAL PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT **Appendix C**

Councillor Coley submits a report which sets out proposals to devolve responsibility for certain human resources appeals processes from elected members to senior officers.

The relevant minute extract from the Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee on 22 September is attached to the report.

8. SCHEME OF DELEGATION: REVIEW OF DECISIONS MADE AT CORPORATE DIRECTOR LEVEL **Appendix D**

Councillor Coley submits a report which provides Cabinet with a routine quarterly summary of decisions made at Corporate Director level in consultation with Cabinet Leads. The Cabinet is recommended to note and review the summary of decisions made at Corporate Director level in consultation with Cabinet Leads during the period October to December 2005.

9. CORPORATE REVIEW OF SERVICE DIRECTORS AND INTEGRATED SERVICES PROGRAMME **Appendix E**

Councillor Grant submits a report setting out for Cabinet's approval proposals and recommendations for a timetable to implement the structural changes at Corporate level for Service Directors.

10. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

11. 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.

NEW BUSINESS QUARTER

LAND AT FORMER BARKBY ROAD ALLOTMENTS

12. NEW BUSINESS QUARTER

Councillor Scuplak submits a report.

13. LAND AT FORMER BARKBY ROAD ALLOTMENTS

Councillor Coley submits a report.

