



Leicester  
City Council

## **MEETING OF THE CABINET**

**DATE: MONDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 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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**General Enquiries - if you have any queries about any of the above or the business to be discussed, please contact Frances Wake, Committee Services on (0116) 252 6028 or email [Frances.Wake@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:Frances.Wake@leicester.gov.uk) or call in at the Customer Service Centre.**

**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 5 September 2005 have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

#### **4. MATTERS REFERRED FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

#### **5. HOUSING STRATEGY 2005-10 AND HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUSINESS PLAN Appendix A**

Councillor Metcalfe submits a report asking the Cabinet to endorse the above Strategy and Business Plan and recommend them to Council. The Cabinet is also asked to note that the two documents are considered as part of the Council's Comprehensive Performance Assessment.

**The relevant Minutes extract from the Housing Scrutiny Committee held on 1 September is attached to the report.**

#### **6. THE FUTURE OF ENERGY SERVICES IN THE CITY Appendix B**

Councillor Metcalfe submits a report updating the Cabinet on work undertaken since the last report in February 2005. The Cabinet is recommended to approve a way forward.

#### **7. LEARNING DISABILITIES - INTEGRATION AND LEAD COMMISSIONING ARRANGEMENTS Appendix C**

Councillor Gill submits a report which sets out proposals for the new lead commissioning arrangements and outlines the progress made in implementing the integrated Health and Social Care Learning Disability Services to be hosted by the City Council. The Cabinet is asked to approve the establishment of Leicester City Commissioning Board and associated governance arrangements from 1 October 2005, the introduction of new lead commissioning arrangements for Health and Social Care Learning Disability Service led by the City Council from 1 October 2005 and the proposed integration of services.

**The relevant minute extract of the Social Services Scrutiny Committee on 13 September is attached to the report.**

**8. FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL CARE INSPECTION OF LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL FOSTERING SERVICE 2005** **Appendix D**

Councillor Gill submits a report which summarises the outcome of the Commission for Social Care Inspection which took place in June 2005. The Cabinet is asked to note the outcome of the Inspection.

**The relevant minute extract of the Social Services Scrutiny Committee on 13 September is attached to the report.**

**The full report is attached for Members of the Cabinet only. Further copies are available from John Thorpe, Committee Services, 252 6026**

**9. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE:ANNUAL REPORT 2004/05** **Appendix E**

Councillor Coley submits a report to enable compliance with the requirements of the Council's Corporate Governance code by carrying out an annual review of the Corporate Governance Arrangements for 2004/05.

The Cabinet is asked to review the position and authorise the Head of Legal Services to finalise a form of Corporate Assurance Statement to be signed by the Leader and Chief Executive.

**The full Annual Report is attached for Members of the Cabinet only. Further copies are available on the Council's website: [www.leicester.gov.uk/cabinet](http://www.leicester.gov.uk/cabinet) or by contacting John Thorpe, Committee Services on 252 6026.**

**The relevant minutes extracts from the Standards Committee on 21 September and the Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee on 22 September will be circulated when they are available.**

**10. BASE BUDGET PREPARATION 2006/07** **Appendix F**

Councillor Coley submits a report which explains the process by which the Council's 2006/07 base budget is being prepared and summarises the principles supporting the process. The Cabinet is asked to endorse the framework for base budget preparations and approve the cash limits for each department.

**11. CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING 2005/06 - PERIOD 4** **Appendix G**

Councillor Coley submits a report updating the Cabinet on the progress of the capital programme expenditure up to the end of July 2005. The Cabinet is

asked to agree a number of actions in relation to the programme.

**Any comments from Scrutiny Committees will be circulated as they become available.**

**12. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2005/06 - PERIOD 4 Appendix H**

Councillor Coley submits a report showing the summary position comparing spending with the budget to the end of July. The Cabinet is asked to note the report, approve the transfer of £1 million DfES creditor to the Educational departmental reserve and consider what other action is necessary to prevent departments from overspending.

**The relevant Minute extract of Social Services Scrutiny held on 13 September is attached to the report. Any other comments from Scrutiny will be circulated when available.**

**13. MEMBER INVOLVEMENT IN OPERATIONAL PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT Appendix I**

Councillor Coley submits a report which sets out proposals to devolve responsibility for certain human resource appeals processes from elected members to senior officers. The Cabinet is asked to agree to these changes and recommend to Council that the scheme of delegation in the Council's Constitution be amended to reflect this.

**The relevant Minute extract from the Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee on 22 September will be circulated when it is available.**

**14. CORPORATE EQUALITY STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN Appendix J**

Councillor Coley submits a report seeking Cabinet's agreement to an updated version of the above, covering the period 2004-07.

**The full Strategy is attached for Cabinet Members only. Copies are available on the Council's website: [www.leicester.gov.uk/cabinet](http://www.leicester.gov.uk/cabinet) or by contacting John Thorpe on 252 6028.**

**The relevant Minute extract from the Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee on 22 September will be circulated when it is available.**

**15. EQUALITY STANDARD FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT - DRAFT PROJECT PLAN FOR CONSOLIDATING LEVEL THREE AND FOR ACHIEVING LEVEL FOUR Appendix K**

Councillor Coley submits a report seeking confirmation of the Council's

continued commitment to the Equality Standard for Local Government.

The full Plan is attached for Cabinet Members only. Copies are available on the Council's website: [www.leicester.gov.uk/cabinet](http://www.leicester.gov.uk/cabinet) or by contacting John Thorpe on 252 6028.

**16. TRANSFER OF MANAGEMENT OF CRITICAL ORDINARY WATERCOURSES TO THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY** **Appendix L**

Councillor Mugglestone submits a report informing the Cabinet of the proposed transfer of the management of the flood defence of high risk areas of flooding (Critical Ordinary Watercourses) to the Environment Agency and the possible implications for the Council.

**17. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2005/06 TO 2007/08 LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS** **Appendix M**

Councillor Mugglestone submits a report seeking approval to Local Environmental Works, with Thurncourt Ward as the targeted ward for 2005/06 and Humberstone and Hamilton Ward as the targeted ward for 2006/07.

**The relevant Minutes extract from the Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee on 7 September will be circulated as soon as available.**

**18. SELECTION OF HIGH LEVEL OUTPUTS FOR LEICESTER'S FIRST DRAFT LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT SUBMISSION** **Appendix N**

Councillor Blackmore submits a report outlining proposed outcomes for the above and seeking Cabinet's approval for them to be put forward in the first draft due to be submitted to Government Office by the end of September.

**19. AREA COMMITTEES BUDGET** **Appendix O**

Councillor Coley submits a report seeking approval to a process for releasing and spending funds allocated by Council for use by Area Committees.

**20. LICENSING OF PEUGEOT E7 AS A HACKNEY CARRIAGE** **Appendix P**

Councillor Mugglestone submits a report asking Cabinet to decide whether to review the Council's conditions of fitness for Hackney Carriages; consider the resolutions of Licensing Committee in relation to licensing the Peugeot E7 as a hackney carriage and to determine the Council's policy in relation to the required livery for hackney carriages.

**21. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS STRATEGY** **Appendix Q**

Councillor Coley submits a report seeking Cabinet approval to replace the current disparate resource management systems with a fully integrated resource management system.

**22. THE EMPTY HOMES STRATEGY - THE  
COMPULSORY PURCHASE OF VARIOUS HOUSES**

**Appendix R**

Councillor Metcalfe submits a report proposing that Compulsory Purchase Orders are sought under the City Council's Empty Homes Strategy on two long term privately owned vacant properties in areas of priority housing needs. The Cabinet is asked to give approval to make the land and dwellings, as outlined in the report, the subject of individual Compulsory Purchase Orders, in order to secure their improvement, proper management and occupation as residential dwellings.

**Members are asked to note that as part of this report, financial information relating to the properties is attached. These papers are marked 'NOT FOR PUBLICATION'. The information in these papers is exempt as defined in paragraphs 7 and 8 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.**

**23. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

**24. 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."

Paragraphs 7 & 8

Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person/The amount of any expenditure to be incurred by the authority under any contract

Empty Homes Strategy

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.

Updating TV Aerials  
Science Park Update

Paragraph 12

Any instructions to counsel and opinion of counsel and any advice received in connection with legal proceedings.

Changes to Waste Management Regulations

**25. UPDATING TV AERIALS IN COUNCIL PROPERTIES      APPENDIX B1**

Councillor Metcalfe submits a report.

**26. CHANGES TO WASTE MANAGEMENT LICENSING      APPENDIX B2**  
**REGULATIONS**

Councillor Mugglestone submits a report.

**27. SCIENCE PARK UPDATE      APPENDIX B3**

Councillor Scuplak submits a report.