



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 5 DECEMBER 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 14 November 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. CITY CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS

Appendix A

Councillor Scuplak submits a report which proposes a Public Realm Strategy for the City Centre and a detailed design for Gallowtree Gate. Approval is also sought for the release of capital monies to construct the scheme. The Cabinet is recommended to approve the Public Realm Strategy for the City Centre and approve the release of £656,000 capital programme money to fund the Gallowtree Gate scheme.

Hard copies of the Public Realm Strategy will made available to Members next week. A copy is also available on www.leicester.gov.uk/cabinet

6. WATERSIDE SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

Appendix B

Councillor Scuplak submits a report recommending a Supplementary Planning Document to the Local Plan, covering the proposed 'Waterside' district in the City.

A full copy of Appendix A to the report is attached for Members of the Cabinet only. Further copies are available from Committee Services on 0116 252 6028.

A full copy of the Supplementary Planning Document is available for Members in each of the Group Rooms. Copies of the document are also available on the website at www.leicester.gov.uk/waterside or by contacting Richard Riley, Urban Design on 252 7214.

7. LIVING LANDMARKS LOTTERY BID - MARKET AND MARKET PLACE **Appendix C**

Councillor Mugglestone submits a report that seeks Cabinet support to submit a bid to the Living Landmarks Lottery Fund for the regeneration of Leicester Market and the Market Place. The Cabinet is recommended to approve the submission of a Living Landmarks Lottery bid and to authorise the Corporate Director, Regeneration and Culture to approve the final submission in consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Member.

8. THE INSTITUTE OF COMMUNITY COHESION AND LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL **Appendix D**

Councillor Blackmore submits a report which sets out a proposal that the Leicester City Council become a founding partner of the Institute of Community Cohesion. The Cabinet is recommended to support the proposal by accepting the invitation for the Council to become a key partner, nominating members of the Partnership Board and agreeing to provide core funding for the first three years of operation (2005 – 2008).

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD ELEMENT OF THE SAFER STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND **Appendix E**

Councillor Farmer submits a report that seeks agreement to Leicester's approach to developing Neighbourhood Management in priority deprived areas, and seek agreement to how funding is used. The Cabinet is recommended to chose option 5 from the supporting information and also to give delegated powers to the Corporate Director of Housing in consultation with the Cabinet Lead for Strategic Community Renewal and Safety, to act on the development of proposals for the neighbourhood element of the Safer Stronger Communities Fund and on the implementation of Leicester's neighbourhood management arrangements.

10. PLAY AREAS - HOUSING SITES **Appendix F**

Councillor Metcalfe submits a report that advises Cabinet of the implications of transferring ownership and responsibility for maintaining and replacing play areas on Housing Department owned land. Cabinet is recommended to consider the options for the future maintenance and replacement of housing play areas and decide on the most appropriate way forward.

11. SUPPORTING PEOPLE PROGRAMME - MAJOR PROJECTS **Appendix G**

Councillor Gill submits a report that outlines the main features of two major projects which are currently being undertaken in the Supporting People Programme. The Programme is organised within the policy and funding framework set for it by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. Cabinet is recommended to note the requirement to undertake the review and consider the financial implications of any changes to the Council's services as part of the

budget preparation process for 2006 – 08.

12. LONG SERVICE AWARDS AND RETIREMENT GIFTS Appendix H

Councillor Coley submits a report that recommends the implementation of a new scheme to reward long serving employees in place of the Council's current retirement awards scheme.

13. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS 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 8

The amount of any expenditure to be incurred by the authority under any contract

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. FORMER JOHN ELLIS COLLEGE - PROPOSED
LEICESTER SCIENCE PARK (PHASE 1)**

Councillor Coley submits a report.

16. INTERMEDIATE CARE CAPITAL BID PROJECT

Councillor Gill submits a report.

