



Leicester
City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the
CABINET

Held: MONDAY, 12 JUNE 2006 at 5.00pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor R Blackmore - Chair
Councillor Scuplak - Vice-Chair

Councillor Grant	Councillor Ramsdale
Councillor Gill	Councillor Sandringham
Councillor Mugglestone	Councillor Smith
Councillor Suleman	

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1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were requested to declare any interests they may have in the business to be discussed and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Act applied to them.

No declarations were made.

2. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

'FLYING FISH'

The Leader reported that 'Flying Fish' was a new initiative being promoted amongst local businesses by 'Leicestershire Cares'.

It was noted that 'Leicestershire Cares' had been working with the Council's Corporate Parenting Forum and City Council staff to design a scheme that enabled local organisations to support some 750 looked after children across the City and County. The aim was to improve the life chances of these children and young people. The Leader expressed the Council's gratitude to 'Leicestershire Cares' and their member organisations for designing this scheme to give looked after children the best possible opportunities in life.

LEICESTER INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Leader reported that James McMillan, recent winner of the contemporary music category at the Classical Brit Awards and last year's Composer in Residence at the Festival, and Paul McCreesh, locally-based distinguished conductor of the Gabrieli Consort had both become patrons of the above

Festival.

The Leader also reported that the opening Celebrity Piano Recital by Imogen Cooper had been tipped by "The Times" as one of the top classical musical performances of the week.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER LORD MAYOR

The Leader reported that a portrait of the former Lord Mayor of Leicester, Councillor Ramnik Kavia, would be unveiled at the Town Hall as a tribute to the late councillor. It was noted that the current Lord Mayor, Councillor Paul Westley, would unveil the portrait tomorrow afternoon at a ceremony attended by colleagues past and present.

3. CABINET PORTFOLIOS

Councillor Blackmore submitted a report regarding the Cabinet portfolios following the appointment of Cabinet by Council at the Annual Meeting held on 18 May 2006.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that the membership of the Cabinet be approved, including the breakdown of strategic, departmental and policy responsibilities within each portfolio as detailed at Appendix A of the report; and
- (2) that it be noted that, as required by the Council's Constitution, a further report will be presented to Cabinet identifying both the detailed allocation of functions within each portfolio and the associated Scheme of Delegation.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2006, having been circulated to Members, be taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

5. DATES OF MEETINGS 2006/07

Councillor Blackmore submitted proposed dates for meetings of the Cabinet in 2006/07.

RESOLVED:

that the Cabinet meet on the following dates and time in the 2006/07 Municipal Year:

2006

26 June 2006

24 July 2006

30 October 2006

27 November 2006

4 September 2006 11 December 2006
25 September 2006

2007

15 January 2007	2 April 2007
19 February 2007	23 April 2007
12 March 2007	21 May 2007

All meetings to start at 5pm.

6. MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES

Spinney Hills and Stoneygate Area Committee – 22 May 2006

Highways

The following was agreed at the above meeting.

'that the Cabinet be requested to consult the Area Committee prior to making any decision concerning residents parking schemes within the area'.

Councillor Mugglestone reported that the Area Committee did not cover the whole of the affected area. It was also noted that consultation had taken place.

RESOLVED:

that the matter be deferred to the next meeting of Cabinet to allow Ward Councillors to discuss the issue with officers.

7. APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Blackmore submitted a report recommending changes to City Council representation on various Outside Bodies. A revised Appendix A was circulated.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that the changes to appointments to Outside Bodies, as detailed in the revised schedule attached, be approved; and
- (2) that under the provisions of Cabinet Procedure Rule 12 (d), no 'call-in' of the decision be allowed as some of the meetings had early dates.

8. RENEWAL EFFICIENCY SAVINGS - FUTURE OF RENEWAL OFFICES

Councillor Smith proposed deferral of this report.

RESOLVED:

that the report be deferred.

9. INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER

Councillor Grant submitted a report seeking Cabinet's approval to a revised Internal Audit Charter.

RESOLVED:

that the revised Internal Audit Charter be approved.

10. PRIVATE SESSION

Under Procedure Rule 19 of the Access to Information Rules, the Cabinet agreed to Councillor Willmott remaining in the meeting for the private agenda item, in his capacity as Chair of the Resources and Corporate Initiatives Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED:

that the press and public be excluded during consideration of the following report in accordance with the provisions of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, because it involves the likely disclosure of 'exempt' information, as defined in Paragraph 3 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) under Section 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006) 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.

11. GATEWAY COLLEGE - MANOR FARM, HAMILTON

Councillor Grant submitted a report.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that, in view of the benefits set out in the report, sale of the site hatched on the plan attached to the report, to Gateway College at less than best consideration be approved in principle, at the sale price agreed at the meeting, subject to satisfactory agreement on joint use arrangements and satisfactory agreement over terms for the sale of land at Blackbird Road;
- (3) that authority to agree full terms be delegated as in recommendation 3 of the report; and
- (4) that the Corporate Director of Resources be authorised, in consultation with the Lead Member for Resources, to agree terms for the sale of land at Blackbird Road Playing

Fields and for the Head of Legal Services to put into place any necessary documentation.

The full decision is recorded in the private section of the Minutes as it contains exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) under Section 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006) 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.

12. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 5.25 pm.

APPENDIX A

Leicester City Council Representation on Outside Bodies

Outside Body	Current Representation	Proposed Representation
Biffa Leicester Liaison Committee	Councillor M. Henry (Chair) Councillor O'Brien Councillor Smith Councillor Westley	Councillor Smith (Chair) Councillor O'Brien Councillor Henry Councillor Westley
Energie Cities	Councillor Vincent	Councillor Smith
Groundworks	New appointment	Councillor Mugglestone
Learning & Skills Council (County Employment Engagement Group)	Councillor Farmer	Councillor Sandringham
Leicester Energy Agency	Councillor A. Vincent (Chair) Councillor J. Mugglestone Councillor Smith Councillor Willmott	Councillor Keeling Councillor Mugglestone Councillor Smith (Chair) Councillor Willmott
Leicester Partnership Against Crime & Disorder	Councillor Farmer (Chair)	Councillor Sandringham
Leicester Shire Promotions Limited	Councillor Henry Councillor Mugglestone Councillor Sood Councillor A. Vincent	Councillor Beck Councillor Mugglestone Councillor Sood Councillor Garrity
LGA General Assembly	Councillor Farmer (2 votes) Councillor A. Metcalfe (2 votes) Councillor Grant (1 vote) Councillor Willmott	Councillor Roger Blackmore (2 votes) Councillor Ramsdale (1 vote) Councillor Grant (2 votes) Councillor Willmott
LGA Urban Commission	Councillor Farmer	Councillor Ramsdale
Local Government East Midlands	Councillor Roger Blackmore Councillor Farmer Councillor Johnson Councillor Willmott	Councillor Roger Blackmore Councillor Garrity Councillor Grant Councillor Willmott
Watermead Country Park	Councillor Fitch Councillor Garrity Councillor Nurse	Councillor Green Councillor Garrity Councillor Nurse

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