



Leicester  
City Council

## **MEETING OF THE CABINET**

**DATE: MONDAY, 24 JULY 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, Grant, Gill, Mugglestone, Ramsdale, Sandringham,  
Smith 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 26 June 2006 have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

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

#### **5. AREA COMMITTEES - PROPOSALS FOR EXPENDITURE**

**Appendix A**

Councillor Sandringham submits a report seeking approval to spending proposals by Area Committees.

#### **6. EAST MIDLANDS BROADBAND CONSORTIUM - FUTURE STRATEGY FOR LEICESTER**

**Appendix B**

Councillor Suleman submits a report which briefs Cabinet on the current position of the East Midlands Broadband Consortium and seeks approval to the establishment of new arrangements to provide broadband connectivity and related services to Leicester City schools post March 2007 when the contract with the current contractor expires.

**The relevant minute extract of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee on 20 July will be circulated as soon as it is available.**

#### **7. YOUTH OPPORTUNITY FUND AND YOUTH CAPITAL FUND**

**Appendix C**

Councillor Suleman submits a report which informs the Cabinet about two new funding streams; the Youth opportunity Fund and the Youth Capital Fund. The Cabinet is asked to approve acceptance of these two grant funds and receive further reports on their development and expenditure

**The relevant minute extract of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee on 20 July will be circulated as soon as it is available.**

**8. CENTRAL LEICESTERSHIRE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 2006 TO 2011 3 CITIES/3 COUNTIES TRANSPORT INNOVATION FUND BID** **Appendix D**

Councillor Mugglestone submits a report explaining the proposal to submit a Transport Innovation Fund pump-priming bid to fund a regional transport study into current and potential future congestion on the highway network in the context of the Central Leicestershire Local Transport plan and the long term Transport Strategy. The Cabinet is asked to approve the submission of the bid and to commit match funding from the Integrated Transport Capital Allocations from 2006-2009 to pay for the study should the Bid be successful.

**9. RENEWAL EFFICIENCY SAVINGS - FUTURE OF RENEWAL OFFICES** **Appendix E**

Councillor Smith submits a report seeking an agreement over the future of two surplus properties.

**10. THE COUNCIL'S OPERATIONAL TRANSPORT SERVICE** **Appendix F**

Councillor Gill submits a report on the recommendations of the scrutiny investigation into the Transport Efficiency Review.

Councillor Renold, Chair of the Operational Transport Review Group will present the findings and give a presentation of up to 5 minutes, following which Cabinet Members will have an opportunity to ask questions. When Councillor Renold has withdrawn from the table, the Cabinet may choose to hold a discussion on the Report.

**The relevant minutes extracts of the Adult and Community Services Scrutiny Committee on 21 June 2006 and of the Resources & Corporate Issues Scrutiny Committee on 22 June 2006 are attached to the report. The relevant minute extract of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee on 20 July will be circulated as soon as it is available.**

**The full report is attached for Members of the Cabinet only. Further copies are available on the Council's website at [www.leicester.gov.uk/cabinet](http://www.leicester.gov.uk/cabinet) or by contacting Jenny Sunderland on 252 6024.**

**11. WORKPLACE NURSERY** **Appendix G**

Councillor Suleman submits a report which details the current financial position and options with regard to the Workplace Nursery.

**The relevant minute extract of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee on 20 July will be circulated as soon as it is available.**

**12. ABBEY MEADOWS STRATEGIC GUIDANCE DRAFT      Appendix H  
SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

Councillor Scuplak submits a report outlining a proposed Supplementary Planning Document for the proposed “Abbey Meadows” area of the city and in particular the recently completed public consultation exercise. The Cabinet is recommended to adopt the document as Supplementary Planning Document to the City of Leicester Local Plan, subject to the amendments set out in Section 6 in the Supporting Information.

**The relevant minute extract of the Economic Development and Planning Scrutiny Committee on 21 June 2006 is attached to the report.**

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**13. LEICESTERSHIRE AND LEICESTER WASTE      Appendix I  
DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

Councillor Mugglestone submits a report that brings before Cabinet the documents that are shortly to be issued for public consultation in relation to the Leicestershire and Leicester Waste Development Framework. The Cabinet is asked to agree to the publication, for the purposes of public consultation, the reports that comprise the current stage of the Leicester and Leicestershire Waste Development Framework:

**The relevant minute extract of the Economic Development and Planning Scrutiny Committee on 21 June 2006 is attached to the report.**

**14. CITY WIDE ALLOTMENT STRATEGY      Appendix J**

Councillor Coley submits a report which updates the Cabinet on the progress of the city wide Allotment Strategy. In order to complete the Strategy, authority is sought for an increase in the Capital Programme of £1,045,000 for the remaining closure and consolidation costs and planned improvements to the retained allotments, this sum to be funded from earmarked receipts from disposals of land released by the Strategy.

**15. LGA/I&DEA LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPUTATION      Appendix K  
CAMPAIGN**

Councillor Blackmore submits a report outlining the current LGA/I&DeA Local Government Reputation campaign, highlighting the work Leicester City Council is already doing in many of the areas covered by this campaign, identifying what other opportunities the City Council may wish to take up and recommending that Leicester City Council signs up formally to the campaign.

**16. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

**17. 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, 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).

**18. LOCAL IMPROVEMENT FINANCE TRUST AND JOINT SERVICE CENTRES Appendix B1**

Councillor Gill submits a report.

**19. FORMER JOHN ELLIS SCHOOL SITE Appendix B2**

Councillor Coley submits a report.

