



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: TUESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2006
TIME: 5:00 pm
**PLACE: COMMITTEE ROOM 1, '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.**

Officer contact :Frances Wake
Committee Services, Town Clerk's Department
Leicester City Council
New Walk Centre, Welford Place, Leicester LE1 6ZG
(Tel: 0116 252 6028 Fax: 0116 247 1181)
email: Frances.Wake@leicester.gov.uk

INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND MEETINGS

You have the right to attend Cabinet to hear decisions being made. You can also attend Scrutiny Committees, as well as meetings of the full Council. You can ask questions and make representations to Scrutiny Committees and Council. You also have the right to see copies of agendas and minutes. Agendas and minutes are available on the Council's website at www.leicester.gov.uk/cabinet or by contacting us as detailed below.

Dates of meetings are available at the Customer Service Centre and on the Website.

There are certain occasions when the Council's meetings may need to discuss issues in private session. The reasons for dealing with matters in private session are set down in law.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESS

The Committee Rooms at New Walk Centre are all accessible to wheelchair users. If wheelchair access is required for Council meetings, which are held at the Town Hall, please contact Charles Poole on 252 7015 or call in at the Customer Service Centre.

BRAILLE/AUDIO TAPE

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).

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 or call in at the Customer Service Centre.

Press Enquiries - please phone the Communications Unit on 252 6081

PUBLIC SESSION

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. 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.

3. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 24 July 2006 and the special meeting held on 31 July 2006 have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

5. MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES

6. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PLANNING LEGISLATION AND THE LICENSING ACT 2003 Appendix A

Councillor Scuplak submits a report to clarify the relationship between Planning and the Licensing Act 2003 and to identify a future approach to managing the relationship between Planning and the Licensing Act 2003. The Cabinet is asked to agree the recommendations as set out in the report.

7. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK - ADOPTION OF STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT Appendix B

Councillor Scuplak submits a report setting out the recommendations of the Planning Inspector following examination of the Statement of Community Involvement and presents a revised document for adoption by the City Council. Cabinet is recommended to agree the Statement of Community Involvement as a document to be recommended for adoption by Council.

The full report "Leicester City Local Development Framework: Statement of Community Involvement" is attached for Members of the Cabinet only. Further copies are available on the Council's website at www.leicester.gov.uk/cabinet or by contacting Jenny Sunderland on 252 6024.

8. CLIMATE CHANGE: WHAT'S YOUR PLAN? Appendix C

Councillor Smith submits a report to agree the way forward for developing renewed commitment from organisations and individuals in Leicester, including

Leicester City Council, to taking action on Climate Change. The Cabinet is asked to agree the proposal to develop a Climate Change Action Plan for the City Council and receive a further report in early 2007, to work with the Leicester Partnership to endorse and promote the "Climate Change: What's your Plan?" campaign; and to create a Cabinet sub group for Climate Change chaired by the Cabinet Lead for Housing and Community Safety.

9. REVIEW OF HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICY Appendix D

Councillor Smith submits a report suggesting changes to the Housing Allocation Policy. Cabinet is asked to consider the views of the Community Safety and Housing Scrutiny Committee and stakeholders, and agree the recommendations as set out in the report.

The relevant minute extract of the Community Safety and Housing Scrutiny Committee on 3 August 2006 is attached to the report. The relevant minute extract of the Special Meeting of the Community Safety and Housing Scrutiny Committee on 24 August 2006 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

10. REVIEW OF RESTRICTION OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCES Appendix E

Councillor Mugglestone submits a report asking Cabinet to decide on Leicester City Council's approach to licensing hackney carriages. Cabinet is recommended to approve one of the options in the report.

11. FUNDING OF ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR SERVICE Appendix F

Councillor Gill submits a report addressing the principle of transferring budgets with services as part of structural reviews. In particular, the report deals with the Leicester Anti Social Behaviour Unit (LASBU) and its budget, recently transferred from Housing to Adult and Community Services. Cabinet is recommended to note the decision of the Chief Executive that in principle re-organisations of departments and services should be supported by identifying a viable and transparent budget to transfer with the activities; and to consider the implications in respect of LASBU and agree how LASBU services should be funded.

12. RETIREMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURE Appendix G

Councillor Coley submits a report seeking the Cabinet's agreement for the introduction of a Retirement Policy and procedure. This is in line with the Council's approach to independence for older people and extension of working life. The Cabinet is asked to agree the recommendations as set out in the report.

13. APPLICATION OF DISCRETION UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME (LGPS) Appendix H

Councillor Coley submits a report setting out policy proposals based on discretions available to the Council under the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) and related regulations. Cabinet is asked to agree the recommendations as set out in the report.

14. BRAUNSTONE HALL

Appendix I

Councillor Coley submits a report seeking approval from Cabinet to not agree an extension of the agreement for lease to Braunstone Community Association (BCA), and to market Braunstone Hall for disposal by way of a long lease. The Cabinet is recommended to authorise the Corporate Director of Resources to not agree an extension of the agreement for lease of the Hall to Braunstone Community Association, and to subsequently market Braunstone Hall for disposal by way of a long lease on terms to be determined in consultation with the Cabinet lead member for Resources and Corporate Issues.

Members are asked to note that as part of this report, financial information relating to the property is attached. These papers are marked 'NOT FOR PUBLICATION'. The information in these papers is exempt as defined in paragraphs 1-3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended and it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. 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.

**15. BRAUNSTONE PARK / SPINNEY HILL PARK
HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND BID**

Appendix J

Councillor Mugglestone submits a report updating Cabinet on the current status of the Braunstone Park Heritage Lottery Fund project and asks Cabinet's approval for an alternative application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for Spinney Hill Park. The Cabinet is asked to agree the recommendations in the report.

16. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

