



Leicester  
City Council

## **MEETING OF THE CABINET**

**DATE: MONDAY, 30 OCTOBER 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

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THE MEETING.**

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## **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 meeting held on 25 September 2006 have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

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

**Appendix A**

##### **(a) Economic Development and Planning Scrutiny Committee – 21 September 2006**

##### **Implementation of the recommendations of the Review of the Night-Time Economy of Leicester**

The following was agreed at the above meeting. The full minute extract is attached at Appendix A1.

'That Cabinet be requested to provide an extended noise monitoring service, which operates later into the early hours of the morning'.

**Councillor Mugglestone to respond.**

##### **(b) Aylestone, Eyres Monsell and Freeman Area Committee – 12 October 2006**

##### **Traffic Calming in the Milligan Road Area**

The following was agreed at the above meeting. The full minute extract is attached at Appendix A2.

'that Cabinet be requested to explain why the traffic calming work in the Milligan Road area hasn't been undertaken before now'

**Councillor Mugglestone to respond.**

**6. GILMORTON COMMUNITY ROOMS - REFERRAL FROM COUNCIL** **Appendix B**

Councillor Gill submits a report following a referral from Council, that informs Cabinet of work to be carried out in order for Gilmorton Community Rooms to be re-opened. Cabinet is recommended to note the report and the actions taken by Officers of the Adult and Community Services Department and Property Section of the Resources Department.

**The relevant extract from Council on 28 September 2006 is attached.**

**7. BRAUNSTONE HALL - REFERRAL FROM COUNCIL** **Appendix C**

Councillor Coley submits a report that considers the Council's reference back and recommendation in relation to the Cabinet's decision to market Braunstone Hall. Cabinet is recommended that the decision to market the Hall be confirmed, but with the full involvement of the Braunstone Community Association, the process for which involvement being developed with the BCA and confirmed by the Corporate Director for Resources, in consultation with the Cabinet Lead for Resources.

**The relevant extract from Council on 28 September is attached.**

**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 in 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.**

**8. AREA COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE** **Appendix D**

Councillor Sandringham submits a report that seeks Cabinet approval of spending proposals by the Spinney Hills and Stoneygate, Braunstone Park and Rowley Fields, Westcotes and Western Park and Humberstone, Hamilton and Thurncourt Area Committees.

**9. REVISED CONDITIONS OF FITNESS FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES** **Appendix E**

Councillor Mugglestone submits a report that seeks Cabinet's approval to a change of policy in respect of the Conditions of Fitness for Hackney Carriages following the completion of the review programme approved by Cabinet on 9 January 2006.

The relevant minute extracts of the Licensing Committee on 8 June 2006 and the Environment and Culture Scrutiny Committee on 6 September 2006 are attached.

The appendices are attached for Members 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 Francis Connolly on 2527110.

**10. DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS AND THE PLANNING PROCESS** **Appendix F**

Councillor Scuplak submits a report that reviews the Council's existing arrangements for handling developer contributions and to seek agreement to revised policies and procedures designed to improve the Council's corporate approach in dealing with developer contributions. Cabinet is asked to approve a number of recommendations set out in paragraph 3.2. of the covering report.

**The relevant minute extracts of the Economic Development and Planning Scrutiny Committee on 21 September 2006, the Planning and Development Control Committee on 3 October 2006, and the Housing and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee on 5 October 2006 are attached.**

**11. APPLICATION FOR EXPANSION OF 2002 STREET DRINKING BAN** **Appendix G**

Councillor Sandringham submits a report that proposes an extension to the street drinking ban within Leicester city centre. Cabinet is recommended to note and comment on the contents of the report and recommend to Council the agreement in principle of the extension of the original order and note that there will be a 28-day consultation period.

**The relevant minute extract of the Housing and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee on 5 October 2006 is attached.**

**12. HIGH STREET CONSERVATION AREA** **Appendix H**

Councillor Scuplak submits a report that seeks Cabinet approval for amendments to the boundary of the High Street Conservation Area and the adoption of the High Street Conservation Area Character Appraisal as supplementary guidance to the Local Plan.

**13. CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 2005** **Appendix I**

Councillor Mugglestone submits a report that provides detail of the new powers and responsibilities contained within the Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005. Cabinet is asked to endorse the broad framework for implementation of the Act and agree a number of recommendations in connection with it.

**14. ECO-MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT SCHEME (EMAS) Appendix J  
REVIEW OF 2005/06, PROPOSED ACTION FOR  
2006/07**

Councillor Mugglestone submits a report that provides Cabinet with information on the Council's environmental progress through the Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS). The Cabinet is agreed to note progress towards the EMAS targets during 2005/06, agree a new set of environmental targets for schools and amendments to existing corporate targets, agree the implementation of the proposed 2006/07 action programme, agree the draft text for the 9<sup>th</sup> EMAS Public Statement and agree the management review of EMAS.

**A copy of the appendices is deposited for Members in each of the Group Rooms. Further Copies are available on the Council's website at [www.leicester.gov.uk/cabinet](http://www.leicester.gov.uk/cabinet) or by contacting Francis Connolly on 2527110.**

**15. INTEGRATED SERVICES PROGRAMME – Appendix K  
ESTABLISHING NEW DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS**

Councillor Coley submits a report that seeks Cabinet approval to the operational budget transfers arising from the Integrated Services Programme, which is a key step in establishing new departmental budgets.

**16. BASE BUDGET PREPARATION 2007/08 Appendix L**

Councillor Coley submits a report that explains the process by which the Council's 2007/08 base budget is being prepared, and summarises the principles supporting this process. Cabinet is asked to endorse the framework for base budget preparation and approve the cash limits for each department.

**17. BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT PROPOSALS Appendix M**

Councillor Scuplak submits a report that asks Cabinet to consider the proposals of Leicester's BIDs Ltd for a BID in Leicester's City and to decide the vote to be returned to the ballot holder.

**18. DEPARTMENTAL RESTRUCTURING Appendix N**

Councillor Blackmore submits a report to propose the merger of the Adult and Community Services and Housing Departments, in the light of current and prospective opportunities and pressures affecting the delivery of a number of Council services.

**19. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

The Leader has agreed to accept an item of Urgent Business on the agenda, 'Single Non Emergency Number (101) Accountable Body Status - Wave 2'. The reason for urgency is to meet a Home Office deadline of 1 November. The

report is not available for despatch with the agenda because negotiations with the Home Office are not yet completed and until they are, the financial details of Wave 2 will not be known.

**20. SINGLE NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER (101)  
ACCOUNTABLE BODY STATUS - WAVE 2**

Councillor Ramsdale submits a report.

