



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 11 DECEMBER 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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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 27 November 2006, have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

5. MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES

6. AREA COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE

Appendix A

Councillor Sandringham submits a report that seeks Cabinet endorsement of spending proposals by the Area Committees. Cabinet is recommended to approve the expenditure proposals in Appendix A and approve budget commitments spent ahead of this Cabinet but agreed by Councillors and officers as a matter of urgency due to time constraints.

7. HIGHFIELDS CENTRE

Appendix B

Councillor Gill submits a report that presents members with options for the future management of the Highfields Centre. Cabinet is asked to approve a number of recommendations as set out in paragraph 2 in the covering report.

Appendix 1 of the report is attached for Members only. Further copies are available on the Council's Web site at: <http://www.cabinet.Leicester.gov.uk> or by phoning Committee Services on (0116) 2526021.

**8. TRANSFER OF HIGHFIELDS CHILDREN'S CENTRE
MANAGING AGENCY**

Appendix C

Councillor Suleman submits a report that seeks Cabinet approval for the transfer of 'managing agency responsibility' for Highfields Children Centre from the N.S.P.C.C. to N.C.H, and provides Cabinet with information regarding the delay in the transfer process and to recommend a way forward. Cabinet are recommended to approve the transfer of the management agency for

Highfields Sure Start Children Centre to N.C.H., subject to the Chief Finance Officer being satisfied that the due diligence exercise has appropriately minimised the level of risk to the Council.

9. DRAFT EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL PLAN Appendix D

Councillor Scuplak submits a report that informs members of the formal public consultation period on the draft review of the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS8) for the East Midlands and summarises the key policy issues and to provide comments that will form the basis of the City Council's response to the consultation draft Regional Plan. Cabinet is recommended to endorse the Regional Plan policy implications set out in the report and endorse the proposed comments to the consultation of the Draft East Midlands Regional Plan.

The relevant minute extracts from the Economic Development and Planning Scrutiny Committee on 7 December 2006 and Housing and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee on 7 December 2006 will be circulated as soon as they are available.

10. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2005/06 Appendix E

Councillor Scuplak submits a report that reports on the preparation of the Council's second Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring report. Cabinet is recommended to endorse the submission of the Annual Monitoring report to the Secretary of State and authorise its publication.

The relevant minute extract from the Economic Development and Planning Scrutiny Committee on 7 December 2006 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

The appendix to the report is attached for Members only. Further copies are available on the Council's Web site at: <http://www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk> or by phoning Committee Services on (0116) 2526021.

11. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: REVISED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME Appendix F

Councillor Scuplak submits a report that seeks Cabinet approval for revisions to the Council's Local Development Scheme and to set a date for adoption of the Revised Local Development Scheme.

The relevant minute extract from the Economic Development and Planning Scrutiny Committee on 7 December 2006 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

The appendix to the report is attached for Members only. Further copies are available on the Council's Web site at:

<http://www.cabinet.Leicester.gov.uk> or by phoning Committee Services on (0116) 2526021.

12. RENEWAL EFFICIENCY SAVINGS - FUTURE OF RENEWAL OFFICE AT 99 MELBOURNE ROAD **Appendix G**

Councillor Smith submits a report that recommends Cabinet to agree that the Housing Office at 99 Melbourne Road is disposed of by auction and the receipt be used to fund the Housing Capital Programme. It also asks Cabinet to agree that a Renewal and Grants Surgery continues to be provided from an alternative location in the Spinney Hills Ward until March 2007 at the latest and subject to use by the public.

13. LOCAL DISCOUNT FOR FURNISHED BUT UNOCCUPIED PROPERTIES **Appendix H**

Councillor Coley submits a report recommending that from 1st April 2007 the Local Discount currently granted to those responsible for paying council tax on furnished but unoccupied properties be withdrawn leading to £137,000 additional revenue to the Council. Cabinet is asked to recommend to the Council that the local discount on furnished but unoccupied homes be removed from 1st April 2007.

The relevant minute extract from the Resources and Corporate Issues Scrutiny Committee on 16 November 2006 is attached.

The relevant minute extract from the Housing and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee on 7 December 2006 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

14. SCHEME OF DELEGATION: REVIEW OF DECISIONS MADE AT CORPORATE DIRECTOR LEVEL **Appendix I**

Councillor Coley submits a report that provides Cabinet with a routine summary of decisions made at Corporate Director level in consultation with Cabinet Leads. Cabinet is recommended to note the summary of decisions made at Corporate Director level in consultation with Cabinet Leads during the period June to October 2006.

15. OFSTED/CSCI ANNUAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT (APA) JUDGEMENT: 2006 **Appendix J**

Councillor Suleman submits a report that informs Cabinet of OfSTED/CSCI's judgements on the Council's services for children and young people. Cabinet is recommended to note the content of the 2006 Annual Performance Assessment report and to note the actions and agree the process against these be tracked through quarterly performance monitoring.

The relevant minute extract from the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee on 15 November 2006 will be circulated as soon as it

is available.

16. LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT ANNUAL REFRESH **Appendix K**

Councillor Blackmore submits a report that sets out upcoming issues in respect of the development and management of Leicester's Local Area Agreement (LAA). Cabinet is recommended to note progress to date in developing Leicester's first Local Area Agreement and issues for consideration at the annual refresh and delegate to the Director of Partnership, Policy & Performance consultation with the Service Director - Legal Services, the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet lead for Partnership, to approve any changes or additions to the agreement through the annual refresh process prior to final submission to the Government Office East Midlands.

17. LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL ANTI FRAUD AND CORRUPTION POLICY AND STRATEGY **Appendix L**

Councillor Coley submits a report that updates the Council's existing anti-fraud and Corruption Policy and Strategy. Cabinet is recommended to adopt the revised Anti Fraud and Corruption Policy and Strategy.

The relevant minute extract from the Standards and Audit Committee on 6 December 2006 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

18. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

