



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 15 JANUARY 2007

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:

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HOWEVER, PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN
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 11 December 2006, have been circulated. In relation to Minute 141, 'Highfields Centre', additional words should be added to resolution 6.

Currently Resolution 6 reads, 'that Maureen Milgram Forrest, Chair of the LSC, chair the steering committee in the initial months'.

This should having the following added, '**and that this should then pass to the Highfields Community Association**'

With the above amendment, the Cabinet is asked to approve the Minutes as a correct record.

5. MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES

Appendix A

(a) Environment and Culture Scrutiny Committee - 6 December 2006

City Cleansing

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

'That Cabinet be requested to allocate extra funds towards additional street cleansing to accommodate the extra pressure from changes in shopping habits, the development of the City Centre Cultural Quarter and the Shires extension and towards the Sunday service within the budget allocation 2007/2008'.

and;

'that Cabinet be requested to extend the boundary of the City Centre Cleansing

team to include the Cultural Quarter and to allocate funds accordingly’.

Councillor Mugglestone to respond.

(b) Economic Development and Planning Scrutiny Committee – 7 December 2006

Local Government White Paper – Strong and Prosperous Communities

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

‘that the Cabinet be requested to look into ways in which a ‘Greater Leicester’ partnership could be delivered to improve closer working with neighbouring authorities’.

Councillor Blackmore to respond.

**6. MATTER REFERRED FROM COUNCIL - [Appendix B](#)
DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS AND THE
PLANNING PROCESS**

The full Minute extract from Council on 30 November 2006 is attached

The following was agreed at the above meeting:

“That the decision of Cabinet, taken at its meeting on 30 October 2006, in respect of Development Contribution and the Planning Process, be referred back to Cabinet for further consideration, as Council recognises the housing needs in the city and agrees to ask Cabinet to move Affordable Housing into Priority 2”.

Councillor Scuplak to respond

7. AREA COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE [Appendix C](#)

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

8. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT - BUDGET 2007/08 [Appendix D](#)

Councillor Smith submits a report that summarises the financial position of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for 2006/07 and 2007/08. The Cabinet is asked to recommend to Council the setting of rents for 2007/08 again based on the Government’s ‘formula rents’, and to determine the levels of service charges to be applied in 2007/08. Cabinet is asked to approve a number of recommendations as set out in paragraph 2.2 of the covering report.

The relevant minute extract from the Housing and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee on 11 January 2007 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

9. HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2006/07 AND 2007/10 [**Appendix E**](#)

Councillor Smith submits a report that advises Cabinet on the position at period 7 on this years Housing capital programme, revises the forecast for the 2006/07 out-turn and proposes a three year housing capital programme for 2007/10, for recommendation to Council. Cabinet is asked to approve a number of recommendations as set out in paragraph 2.4 of the covering report.

The relevant minute extract from the Housing and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee on 11 January 2007 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

10. PORK PIE & ATLEE WAY/GLENHILLS WAY IMPROVEMENT [**Appendix F**](#)

Councillor Mugglestone submits a report that seeks authority to let a contract for the construction of a scheme to improve the Pork Pie junction and nearby lengths of the Outer Ring Road and to construct it in 2007/08. Cabinet is asked to recommend to Council expenditure of £2,713,000 in 2007/08 and £265,000 in 2008/09, to be funded from the Integrated Transport and Capital Maintenance blocks within the Single Capital Pot and subject to approval of this, to authorise the Director of Regeneration and Culture to enter into a contract for the construction of the scheme.

The relevant minute extract from the Aylestone, Eyres Monsell and Freeman Area Committee on 11 December 2006 is attached.

The relevant minute extract from the Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee on 4 January 2007 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

11. GRANBY STREET CONSERVATION AREA [**Appendix G**](#)

Councillor Scuplak submits a report that seeks Cabinet approval for the adoption of the Granby Street Character Appraisal as supplementary guidance to the Local Plan and for Cabinet approval for amendments to the boundary of the Granby Street and Town Hall Square Conservation Areas. Cabinet is recommended to adopt the Character Appraisal as supplementary guidance to the City of Leicester Local Plan and approve the proposed amendments to the boundaries of the Granby Street and Town Hall Square Conservation Areas.

The appendix to the report is attached for Members of the Cabinet only. Further copies are available on the Councils Web site at:

<http://www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk> or by phoning Committee Services on (0116) 252 6021.

12. HOMECOME ANNUAL REPORT **Appendix H**

Councillor Smith submits a report that advises on the outcomes for the Council being achieved with HomeCome. Cabinet is recommended to welcome the success in providing extra homes by HomeCome and maintain support, subject to the approval of the report on the Housing Capital Programme.

The relevant minute extract from the Housing and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee on 11 January 2007 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

13. ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR POLICY **Appendix I**

Councillor Gill submits a report that presents a draft corporate policy on anti social behaviour (referred to as ASB). Cabinet is recommended to endorse the statement of common values set out at 2.3 in the covering report, and to endorse the policy as set out in the attached report and appendices.

The relevant minute extract from the Housing and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee on 7 December 2006 is attached.

The appendix to the report is attached for Members of the Cabinet only. Further copies are available on the Councils' Web site at: <http://www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk> or by phoning Committee Services on (0116) 252 6021.

14. CORPORATE PERFORMANCE - SECOND QUARTER 2006/07 **Appendix J**

Councillor Blackmore submits a report that tracks the Council's performance in delivering services to citizens at a corporate level. It shows the forecasted range of our CPA score for 2007 for each of the service blocks and performance of key corporate indicators. Cabinet is recommended to congratulate those areas demonstrating continuous improvement in performance and review the second quarter performance results and consider the need for any special action on areas of concern.

A colour copy of the report is attached for Members of the Cabinet only. Further copies are available by phoning Committee Services on (0116) 252 6021.

The relevant minute extract from the Resources and Corporate Issues Scrutiny Committee on 11 January 2007 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

15. IDEA CORPORATE PEER REVIEW **Appendix K**

Councillor Blackmore submits a report that presents the findings of the Corporate Peer Review recently carried out, at the request of the Council, by the Improvement and Development Agency (IDeA). Cabinet is recommended to thank those councillors, officers and partners, both in the city and across the region, who took part in the peer review, note the comments of the Resources & Corporate Issues Scrutiny Committee, note and comment on the Corporate Peer Review Report from the IDeA and seek a further report setting out an action plan to address the issues raised in the IDeA report in the context of initiatives already underway across the Council.

The relevant minute extract from the Resources and Corporate Issues Scrutiny Committee on 11 January 2007 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

16. CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING 2006/07 PERIOD 7 [Appendix L](#)

Councillor Coley submits a report that update Cabinet on the progress of the capital programme for 2006/07 up to the end of October. Cabinet is asked to approve a number of recommendations as set out in paragraph 4.1 of the covering report.

The relevant minute extract from the Resources and Corporate Issues Scrutiny Committee on 11 January 2007 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

17. REVENUE PROGRAMME MONITORING 2006/07 PERIOD 7 [Appendix M](#)

Councillor Coley submits a report that shows a summary position comparing spending with the budget. The report is the second in the regular cycle of reports for the 2006/2007 financial year showing budget issues that have arisen so far. Cabinet is recommended to note the changes made to the original approved budget for 2006/07, note the expenditure to date and the budgetary issues which have emerged so far this year; note the proposals put forward to ensure that spending is contained within the Departments' budgets, approve the establishment of an earmarked reserve for the capital financing costs associated with the Building Schools for the Future programme as outlined in paragraph 6.3 and note the budget transfers outlined in paragraph 3.4.

The relevant minute extract from the Resources and Corporate Issues Scrutiny Committee on 11 January 2007 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

18. COUNCIL TAX - TAXBASE [Appendix N](#)

Councillor Coley submits a report that details the recommended taxbase for the financial year 2007/2008. Cabinet is recommended to endorse a taxbase for 2007/2008 of 76,593 properties expressed as the equivalent number of "Band D" properties for recommendation to Council.

19. COLLECTION FUND SURPLUSES

Appendix O

Councillor Coley submits a report that identifies the estimated financial position of the Collection Fund Account as at 31 March 2007. Cabinet is recommended to approve the estimated collection fund surplus figure of £1.761m and approve the estimated shares payable to the Police Authority, Fire Authority and the City Council as detailed in this report.

20. LEICESTER CITY PCT - FINANCIAL PLAN

Appendix P

Councillor Coley submits a report which requests Cabinet to ask Council for delegated authority to enter into a mutually beneficial financial arrangement with the PCT.

21. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

22. 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).

- Proposed Sale Of Surplus Land – Wycombe Road Allotments
- Performing Arts Centre

Paragraph 4

Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.

- Job Evaluation Pay and Grading

Paragraph 5

Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

- Job Evaluation Pay and Grading
- Performing Arts Centre

23. PROPOSED SALE OF SURPLUS LAND - WYCOMBE ROAD ALLOTMENTS

Councillor Coley submits a report.

24. JOB EVALUATION PAY AND GRADING

Councillor Coley submits a report.

25. PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

Councillor Mugglestone submits a report.

