



Leicester  
City Council

## **MEETING OF THE CABINET**

**DATE: MONDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 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:**

**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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## **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 15 January 2007 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) Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee – 8 January 2007**

##### **Building Schools for the Future – Update and Local Employment Scheme**

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

“That as the issue has corporate implications Cabinet and the Town Clerk be requested to consider the opportunities available to benefit the City from the Building Schools for the Future Programme”.

**Councillor Suleman to respond**

##### **(b) Economic Development and Planning Scrutiny Committee – 18 January 2007**

##### **2006/07 Capital Programme Monitoring**

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

“that the committee expresses its concerns to Cabinet about the level of slippage in Regeneration and Culture Department Capital Programme”.

**Councillor Coley to respond**

**(c) Resources and Corporate Issues Scrutiny Committee – 16 November 2006**

**Scrutiny Research Project: Executive Briefing Note for Scrutiny Reports**

The following was agreed at the above meeting. The full minute extract is attached at Appendix A3.

“that Cabinet and all Scrutiny Committees be recommended to consider amending the existing report format to remove the summary report at the front because it did not serve its purpose and that on future reports a feedback section be attached to the rear for Councillors to give feedback to report authors”.

**Councillor Coley to respond**

**(d) Adult and Community Services Scrutiny Committee – 10 January 2007**

**Adult Social Care Performance 2006/2007**

The following was agreed at the above meeting. The full minute extract is attached at Appendix A4.

“that Cabinet’s attention be drawn to the fact that the departments rating to improve has declined and that further financial constraints might well have a serious impact on the capacity to improve”.

**Councillor Gill to respond**

**(e) Adult and Community Services Scrutiny Committee – 10 January 2007**

**Adult Learning - Update**

The following was agreed at the above meeting. The full minute extract is attached at Appendix A5.

“that the information be noted and that the comments expressed regarding the future of free ESOL courses be fed back to Cabinet.”.

A briefing note is also attached with regard to ESOL training.

**Councillor Gill to respond.**

**(f) Spinney Hills and Stoneygate Area Committee – 20 November 2006 and 29 January 2007**

**Highways – Response to Working Group**

The following was agreed at the meeting on 29 January 2007. Both minute extracts are attached at Appendix A6.

“that Cabinet be requested to consider the proposals of the Highways Working Group which were supported by the Area Committee”.

**6. CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 25/1/2007: ITEMS FOR REPORT BACK TO CABINET** **Appendix B**

Councillor Coley submits a report that informs Members of the items of business from the meeting of full Council on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2007, which potentially will impact on the work of Cabinet or will be of relevance to Cabinet in terms of future reports. Cabinet is recommended to note the Council resolutions and the initiation of the action arising.

**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 the relevant Members as a matter of urgency due to time constraints.

**8. INSPECTION BY THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL CARE INSPECTION OF LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL ADOPTION SERVICE 2006** **Appendix D**

Councillor Suleman submits a report that advises Cabinet of the outcome of the Commission for Social care Inspection of the Leicester City Council Adoption Service which took place over 8 days in September 2006. Cabinet is recommended to note the report of the Commission for Social Care Inspection into the Leicester City Joint Adoption Service, acknowledge the statutory Requirements and Good Practice Recommendations contained within the report and recognise the work of the Adoption Team and the commitment of the staff within the service in maintaining the service as among the highest performing services in the England and Wales.

**The relevant minute extract from the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee on 8 January 2007 is attached.**

**The appendix to the report is attached for Members of the Cabinet 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) 252 6021.**

**9. REPORT ON THE INSPECTION OF PRIVATE FOSTERING BY THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL CARE INSPECTION** **Appendix E**

Councillor Suleman submits a report that advises Cabinet of the outcome of the

Inspection of Leicester City private fostering service by the Commission for Social care Inspection (CSCI). Cabinet is recommended to note the content of the CSCI report of the private fostering arrangements and the excellent outcome of this inspection and commend staff for their hard work and contribution to the positive report.

**The relevant minute extract from the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee on 8 January 2007 is attached.**

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**10. REPORT BY THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL CARE      Appendix F  
INSPECTION OF LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL  
FOSTERING SERVICE 2006**

Councillor Suleman submits a report that advises Cabinet of the outcome of the Commission for Social Care Inspection of the Leicester City Council Fostering Service, which occurred between 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2006. Cabinet is recommended to note the final report of the Commission for Social Care Inspection of the Leicester City Council Fostering Service and commend all staff and foster carers who have worked hard to produce such an outstanding inspection report.

**The relevant minute extract from the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee on 8 January 2007 is attached.**

**The appendix to the report is attached for Members of the Cabinet 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) 252 6021.**

**11. ONE-OFF INVESTMENT IN CULTURAL SERVICES      Appendix G**

Councillor Mugglestone submits a report that seeks Cabinet's agreement to expenditure on specific schemes included in the ring-fenced Cultural Services Capital Programme. Cabinet is recommended to authorise the commitment of capital expenditure in 2007/08 of £785,000 on 4 schemes detailed in the report, approve a variation to the ring-fenced programme of investments as set out in Appendix 2 and withdraw the disposal of Humberstone Park Depot and Evington House from the disposals programme for the reasons set out in paragraph 2.1 of the Supporting Information.

**12. CITY CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS - CURRENT      Appendix H  
PROGRAMME**

Councillor Scuplak submits a report that updates Cabinet on the current position of the three projects delivering public realm improvements in the city centre,

brings to its attention required programming and funding changes and seeks approval to the release of capital programme funding. Cabinet is recommended to approve the release of outstanding capital programme moneys to fund the remainder of the City Centre Development Project, approve the release of outstanding capital programme moneys to fund the remainder of the Cultural Quarter Infrastructure Project, approve the reprofiling of the City Centre Development and the Cultural Quarter Infrastructure Projects over 2006/07 and 2007/08 to reflect revised costs and income, authorise the Service Director to proceed with works in the Cultural Quarter to ensure completion of works prior to the Performing Arts Centre being launched to include delegated powers of authority to enter into contract with Builders for Phase 2, the cost of which is detailed on page 9 and note the proposed expenditure on the Leicester Regeneration Company Public Realm Project.

**The relevant minute extracts from the Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee on 21 November 2006 and Economic Development and Planning on 23 November 2006 are attached.**

**13. GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET STRATEGY                      Appendix I  
2007/08 - 2009/10**

Councillor Coley submits a report that requests Cabinet to consider a 3 year corporate budget strategy, 3 year departmental revenue strategies for each department, and a general fund budget for 2007/08 and to recommend these to the Council. Cabinet is asked to approve a number of recommendations as set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report.

**The appendix to the report is attached for Members of the Cabinet 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) 252 6021.**

**14. CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS TO THE LOSS OF                      Appendix J  
PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AT BLACKBIRD ROAD  
PLAYING FIELDS**

Councillor Coley submits a report that asks Cabinet to consider the objections to the loss of public open space at Blackbird Road Playing Fields in the light of the Council's decision to sell the land. Cabinet is recommended to note the objections received, note that issues relating to open space were dealt with at the outline planning permission stage, reject the objections received in the light of the open space provision which will be provided as part of the development of the site.

**15. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

**16. PRIVATE SESSION**

**AGENDA**

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## 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 report in private on the grounds that it contains '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 report in accordance with the provisions of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, because it involves the likely disclosure of 'exempt' information, as defined in the Paragraph 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).

## **17. PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT OF GODSTOW WALK - SELECTION OF A PREFERRED PARTNER**

Councillor Smith submits a report.