



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 12 MARCH 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

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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 19 February 2007, have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

5. MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES Appendix A

Resources and Corporate Issues Scrutiny Committee – 11 January 2007 St Gabriels' Community Centre

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

“That officers be requested to make the Cabinet aware of the current position of the Community Centre and the services it proposes to undertake in the future”.

Councillor Gill to respond

6. AREA COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE Appendix B

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 note 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.

7. LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL'S CLIMATE CHANGE Appendix C ACTION PLAN - PART 1: MITIGATION

Councillor Smith submits a report that identifies how Leicester City Council can contribute to the reduction of both its own direct greenhouse gas emissions and those of the city as a whole, in order that Leicester can make its contribution to

reducing the effects of Climate Change, and implement its agreed Climate Change Strategy. Cabinet is recommended to approve a number of recommendations as set out in paragraph 3 of the report.

8. CENTRAL LEICESTERSHIRE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 2006 TO 2011 - CAPITAL PROGRAMMES 2007/08 **Appendix D**

Councillor Mugglestone submits a report that asks Cabinet to approve for recommendation to Council the proposed 2007/08 Local Transport Plan (LTP) Integrated Transport and Capital Maintenance Programmes. Cabinet is recommended to approve a number of recommendations as set out in paragraph 3.2 of the report.

The relevant minute extract from the Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee on 8 March 2007 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

9. CULTURAL QUARTER PHASE 2 - THE NEW DIGITAL MEDIA CENTRE **Appendix E**

Councillor Scuplak submits a report that seeks Members' approval to support work on a Digital Media Centre as part of the Cultural Quarter within the St George's Area and recommend to Council its inclusion in the Capital Programme.

10. CASTLE GARDENS AND STONEYGATE AREA CHARACTER APPRAISALS **Appendix F**

Councillor Scuplak submits a report that requests Cabinet to approve the adoption of the Character Appraisals for Castle Gardens and Stoneygate as supplementary guidance to the Local Plan and for Cabinet approval to amendments to the boundaries of the Castle Gardens and Stoneygate Conservation Areas. Cabinet is also asked to approve the proposed change of name from Castle Gardens Conservation Area to 'Castle Conservation Area'.

The relevant minute extract from the Planning and Development Control Committee on 6 March 2007 will be circulated as soon as it is possible.

The appendix to the report is attached for Members of the Cabinet only. Further copies are available on the Council's website at: www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk or by phoning Committee Services on (0116) 2526021.

11. COMMUNITY COHESION ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENT **Appendix G**

Councillor Suleman submits a report that seeks support and guidance from Cabinet for taking forward in consultation with partners, a new Community

Cohesion Assessment Instrument which will inform and support the implementation and development of the council's community cohesion strategy. Cabinet is asked to adopt and make available the Boeck Instruments for use by the Council and its partners, as part of a range of approaches to understand and evaluate community cohesion in Leicester, and if appropriate, across the 3 Cities in the East Midlands, to seek opportunities for funding from Government, and for working with the Institute of Community Cohesion, to give guidance on using this instrument within area committee areas and to seek the views of Scrutiny Committee Members on implementation and evaluation.

12. COMMUNITY COHESION PROGRAMME REVIEW REPORT Appendix H

Councillor Suleman submits a report that draws Cabinet's attention to the Community Cohesion Programme Review Report and to highlight some of the achievements that have been delivered through the Community Cohesion Programme. Cabinet is recommended to note the findings of the report.

The full document 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) 2526021

13. CORPORATE CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2007/2008 Appendix I

Councillor Coley submits a report that asks the Cabinet to recommend to Council an updated corporate capital programme for the period 2005/06 to 2007/08 based on the Council's Capital Strategy. Cabinet is recommended to approve a number of recommendations as set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report.

The relevant minute extract from the Resources and Corporate issues Scrutiny Committee on 15 March 2007 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

14. REVENUE BUDGET 2006/2007 MONITORING - PERIOD 9 Appendix J

Councillor Coley submits a report that shows a summary position that compares spending with the budget and highlights the significant 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 and note the proposals put forward to ensure that spending is contained within the Departments' budgets.

The relevant minute extract from the Resources and Corporate issues Scrutiny Committee on 15 March 2007 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

15. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2006/2007 MONITORING PERIOD 9 **Appendix K**

Councillor Coley submits a report that updates Members on the progress of the capital programme for 2006/07 up to the end of December 2006 (period 9). Cabinet is recommended to approve a revised level of programmed expenditure of £99.043 million, note the level of expenditure to the end of December 2006 of £59.5 million, note the position relating to capital receipts, note that forecast capital programme performance is 90% of the approved programme (excluding any additions or expenditure brought forward), this matches the target set; and note the prudential indicators for 2006/07.

16. IMPLEMENTATION OF SMOKE-FREE LEGISLATION IN LEICESTER **Appendix L**

Councillor Mugglestone submits a report that outlines the legislative restrictions on smoking from 1 July 2007 and the preparations being taken to discharge the City Council's regulatory responsibilities in Leicester. Cabinet is recommended to endorse the broad framework for implementation of smoke-free legislation in Leicester, delegate the powers introduced by this legislation to the Corporate Director of Regeneration & Culture, who will make arrangements for these powers to be exercised by relevant officers on his behalf; and request that a smoke-free regulatory policy is developed and submitted to Cabinet for approval prior to 1st July 2007.

17. FINDINGS OF MALADMINISTRATION BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN **Appendix M**

Councillor Coley submits a report that sets out the findings made by the Local Government Ombudsman (LGO) following the investigation into a complaint that the Council failed to stop unauthorised use of business premises as a place of worship. Cabinet is recommended that the Council accepts the Ombudsman's recommendations, to report to the Ombudsman within three months on the progress that has been made to ensure that the conditions attached to the consent are met, and to note that steps have been taken to ensure that minutes of the Planning and Development Control Committee do include a summary of reasons for decisions taken, in particular when they are contrary to the initial officer recommendation.

18. SCHEME OF DELEGATION **Appendix N**

Councillor Coley submits a report that provides Cabinet with a routine summary of decisions made at Corporate Director level in consultation with Cabinet Leads and updates Cabinet's Scheme of Delegation so as to comply with the current CPA "Use of Resources" improvement plan. Cabinet is recommended to note these decisions as summarised in Appendix A, and authorise the Town Clerk to amend the text of Cabinet's current Scheme of Delegation to show that the Cabinet Lead for Resources has responsibility for asset management.

19. GOOD PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR A POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Appendix O

Councillor Blackmore submits a report that sets out a good practice model for corporate policy development, as requested by the Equality Stakeholder Scrutiny Group, chaired by Councillor Sandringham. Cabinet is recommended to endorse and promote the policy development process as an example of good practice.

20. ANIMAL FRIENDLY PURCHASING POLICY

Appendix P

Councillor Sandringham submits a report that informs the Cabinet of a request for resources by the Chair of the Animal Friendly Working Group. Cabinet is recommended to consider the request of the Chair of the Working Group.

21. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

