



Leicester  
City Council

## **MEETING OF THE CABINET**

**DATE: MONDAY, 2 APRIL 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 12 March 2007 have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

**5. MATTERS REFERRED FOM COMMITTEES**

**Appendix A**

**Adult and Community Services Scrutiny Committee – 21 March 2007**

**Proposed Funding Changes to ESOL Provision**

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

“that, in view of the proposed funding changes put forward by the LSC, and of the large number of disadvantaged Leicester residents likely to be affected by these proposals, Cabinet be asked to give consideration to look at alternative ways of funding the ESOL provision in Leicester”.

**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 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, as detailed in Appendix A.

**7. CHARGING FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL SOCIAL CARE SERVICES FAIRER CHARGING POLICY**

**Appendix C**

Councillor Gill submits a report that seeks Members' approval for the revision and updating of the Fairer Charging Policy. Cabinet is requested to approve the updated Fairer Charging Policy document for implementation from 16 April

2007.

**The relevant minute extract from Adult and Community Services Scrutiny Committee on 21 March 2007 is attached.**

- 8. FAIR ACCESS TO CARE SERVICES - ACCESS, ELIGIBILITY AND PROVISION OF SOCIAL CARE SERVICES** **Appendix D**

Councillor Gill submits a report that outlines the requirement to determine eligibility for services under the Government's guidance on Fair Access to Care Services. Cabinet is requested to support the recommendation that the threshold of eligibility should continue to be placed at 'substantial' and 'critical'.

- 9. DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT INITIATIVES 2007/08** **Appendix E**

Councillor Coley submits a report that advises Cabinet of the works recommended to be funded from the Disability Discrimination Act Initiatives budget for 2007/08, and to seek approval to enable the programme to proceed. Cabinet is recommended to approve the works in Appendix 1 including the allocation of £20,000 to the Access to Work Scheme and the urgent works contingency, authorise the Corporate Director of Resources to order the works, authorise the Corporate Director of Resources to seek all necessary consents, authorise the Head of Legal Services to sign any contracts as necessary to allow the work to proceed and delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Resources to approve further works during the year, reassess or amend the programme as necessary, in consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member for Resources and Corporate Issues.

- 10. ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2008 AND BEYOND** **Appendix F**

Councillor Suleman submits a report that briefs Cabinet on the outcome of the recent consultation exercise for Admission Arrangements for 2008 and seeks approval for City Council arrangements for 2008 and a number of related recommendations as set out in paragraph 1.2 of the report.

**The relevant minute extract of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee on 14 February 2007 is attached.**

- 11. SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE - TALL BUILDINGS** **Appendix G**

Councillor Scuplak submits a report that seeks Cabinet approval for the adoption of the Supplementary Planning Guidance Document for Tall Buildings.

**Appendix A is attached for Members of the Cabinet only. Further copies can be obtained by phoning Committee Services on (0116) 2526021.**

**12. LEICESTER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTER-AGENCY STRATEGY 2007/09**      **Appendix H**

Councillor Sandringham submits a report that provides information on the first Domestic Violence Interagency strategy in Leicester and seeks comments and commitment to assist the delivery of the strategy. Cabinet is recommended to endorse the Leicester Domestic Violence Inter-Agency Strategy 2007/09.

**The relevant minute extract from Housing and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee on 28 March 2007 will be circulated as soon as it is available.**

**Appendix B 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.**

**13. DISPOSAL OF FREDERICK THORPE HOUSE SHELTERED HOUSING ACCOMMODATION**      **Appendix I**

Councillor Smith submits a report that asks Cabinet to consider the comments from the Housing and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee and indicate whether Frederick Thorpe House Sheltered Housing Scheme should be closed, and if the scheme is to close, agree that residents receive the highest priority for rehousing and are paid statutory homelessness payment, their removal expenses and practical assistance with moving.

**The relevant minute extract from Housing and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee on 28 March 2007 will be circulated as soon as it is available.**

**14. DISCRETION UNDER THE TEACHERS PENSION SCHEME**      **Appendix J**

Councillor Coley submits a report that seeks a decision on the continued provision of added years for teachers following the consultation process on this aspect of the early retirement policy for teachers. Cabinet is asked to note the outcome of the consultation process and in the light of the response from the TCC, confirm whether the provision of added years should be withdrawn for Teachers.

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

**15. PARTNERSHIP WORKING WITH BLUEPRINT IN THE WATERSIDE AREA**      **Appendix K**

Councillor Scuplak submits a report that seeks Cabinet approval to the principle of City Council engagement with Blueprint within the Waterside

Intervention Area, and a number of related recommendations as set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report.

**16. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

**17. 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 Development Land at East Hamilton

**18. PROPOSED SALE OF DEVELOPMENT LAND AT EAST HAMILTON**

**Appendix B1**

Councillor Scuplak submits a report.

