



Leicester  
City Council

## **MEETING OF THE CABINET**

**DATE: MONDAY, 23 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. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 3. 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.

- 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 April 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) Housing and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee – 28 March 2007**

#### **Expansion of 2002 Street Drinking Ban and Potential Implications On Anchor Centre Dover Street**

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

“that Cabinet be asked to review funding of the scheme and consider possible sources of funding for an additional project worker”.

**Councillor Sandringham to respond.**

- b) Castle and Knighton Area Committee – 26 March 2007**

#### **Responses to Public Questions Raised at the Last Meeting**

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

“that Cabinet be requested to consider developing a policy which is more sympathetic towards promoting local specialist shopping areas by the erection of Brown Signs”

**Councillor Scuplak 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.

**7. ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER** **Appendix C**

Councillor Coley submits a report that summarises the work of the auditor in respect of the previous financial year (2005/06), and provides the auditor's views on the Council's performance, accounts, financial management arrangements, and arrangements for delivering value for money. Cabinet is recommended to consider the report, and consider any comments made by the Standards and Audit Committee.

**The relevant notes from the Informal Meeting of the Standards and Audit Committee on 28 March 2007 is attached.**

**The full Annual Audit Letter 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.**

**8. CORPORATE PERFORMANCE** **Appendix D**

Councillor Blackmore submits a report that provides an overview of the Council's performance in delivering services to citizens over the last quarter (October, November and December 2006). Members are recommended to congratulate those areas demonstrating continuous improvement in performance and review the third quarter performance results and consider the need for any special action on areas of concern.

**A colour copy of the supporting information 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.**

**The relevant minute extract from the Resources and Corporate issues Scrutiny Committee on 15 March 2007 is attached.**

**9. WATERSIDE - SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD)** **Appendix E**

Councillor Scuplak submits a report recommending the adoption of the Waterside Supplementary Planning Document, as a supporting document to the City of Leicester Local Plan 2006.

**A copy of the Draft document is available for viewing by Members in the Members' Area. Further copies are available by contacting Deborah Rose on 0116 252 7202.**

**10. TAYLOR ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL - CONSULTATIONS** **Appendix F**

Councillor Suleman submits a report that advises Cabinet of the outcome of consultations on proposals to increase the size of Taylor Road Primary School, seeks Cabinet's views on whether they wish to publish formal proposals to increase the size of the school and if so, to what size. Cabinet is recommended to agree a number of recommendations in relation to this proposal as set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report.

**11. CAPITAL ALLOCATION FOR DISABLED FACILITIES GRANTS** **Appendix G**

Councillor Gill submits a report that brings to Cabinet's attention the problem of the reduced allocation of Specified Capital Grant (SCG) for 2007-08 and makes recommendations for future actions. Cabinet is recommended to agree a number of recommendations as set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report.

**12. CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY** **Appendix H**

Councillor Coley submits a report that reviews progress made towards implementing the Council's Corporate Risk Management Strategy and considers the challenges ahead and seeks the agreement and support of the Cabinet for the revised Risk Management Policy and Risk Management Strategy. Cabinet is recommended to approve the Risk Management Policy and Risk Management Strategy and endorse the action plan contained in the Supporting Information, confirm that the Cabinet Member for Resources should be the Lead Member for Risk Management and actively participate in the development of the Risk Management Strategy and associated action plans and support the delivery of risk briefing for members.

**The relevant notes from the Informal Meeting of the Standards and Audit Committee on 28 March 2007 is attached.**

**13. SPECIAL OLYMPICS 2009** **Appendix I**

Councillor Coley submits a report that informs Cabinet that following consultation with the Leader and the Cabinet Lead Member for Regeneration and Culture, Leicester has submitted a bid to host the National Special Olympic Games in Leicester in 2009. Cabinet is recommended to endorse and support Leicester's bid to host the 2009 Special Olympic Games and allocate the sum of £200,000 over 3 years to support the appointment of a Games Director and Fundraiser and to demonstrate commitment from the City Council.

**14. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

**15. 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 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).

- Leicester Theatre Trusts Business Plan for the Operation of the Performing Arts Centre

#### Paragraph 5

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

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### **16. LEICESTER THEATRE TRUSTS BUSINESS PLAN FOR THE OPERATION OF THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE**

Councillor Mugglestone submits a report.

**The relevant minute extracts from the Environment and Culture Scrutiny Committee on 14 March 2007, the Resources and Corporate Issues Scrutiny Committee on 15 March 2007 and the Economic Development and Planning Scrutiny Committee on 22 March 2007 are attached.**



