



Leicester
City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the
CABINET

Held: MONDAY, 25 JUNE 2007 at 5.00 pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Willmott- Chair
Councillor Draycott- Vice-Chair

Councillor Bhatti	Councillor Kitterick
Councillor Corral	Councillor Osman
Councillor Dempster	Councillor Mrs Sood
Councillor Wann	

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Also present: Councillor Coley, Liberal Democrat Group Leader, Councillor Follet, Green Group Leader and Councillor Mugglestone, Conservative Group Leader.

9. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mugglestone declared an interest in Appendix B, 'Children & Young People's Services Capital Strategy and Programme – 2007/08 to 008/09', as a governor of a school affected by the programme. Councillor Coley declared an interest in the same item as a director of the Interim Executive Board of New College. Councillors Follett and Osman declared an interest in Appendix E, 'Revenue Outturn 2006/07' as a member of the Highfields Community Association.

11. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader asked Councillor Wann to address the issue of the media coverage of a potential travellers' site in Ratby Lane. Councillor Wann emphasised that a decision on the location of a travellers' site had not been made. He also clarified that it would take approximately 6 months to complete any works on a site and not, as reported, that there would be a site on Ratby Lane in 6 months' time.

12. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 May 2007, having been circulated to Members, be taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

13. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet meetings be held on the following dates in 2007, meetings to start at 5pm:-

9 July 2007	15 October 2007
23 July 2007	29 October 2007
3 September 2007	12 November 2007
17 September 2007	26 November 2007
1 October 2007	10 December 2007

14. MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES

There were no matters referred from Committees.

15. SMOKEFREE REGULATION POLICY

Councillor Wann submitted a report that sought Cabinet approval of the regulatory approach for officers to take in dealing with smokefree related regulation and enforcement in Leicester. Councillor Mrs Sood referred to the health implications of smoking and Cabinet welcomed the ban and its health benefits.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that the Smokefree Regulation Policy attached to the report, be approved; and
- (2) that the Corporate Director of Regeneration & Culture be authorised to amend the Policy in consultation with the Cabinet Lead for Environment and Sustainability using national guidance and local experience.

16. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES CAPITAL STRATEGY AND PROGRAMME - 2007/08 TO 2008/09

Councillor Dempster submitted a report that explained the background to proposals for expenditure for capital resources allocated for 2007-08 in Children and Young People's Services and sought approval for the programme and its implementation. It was noted that the programme amounted to £36.5 million over the two years, £29.9 million of which had already been approved in previous year's programmes. It was also noted that Council on 31 May approved the addition of £60.8 million to the Children and Young People's

Services Capital Programme for Phase 1 of the the Building Schools for the Future programme, the latter of which was not included in the report but which would be the subject of a further report to Cabinet.

RESOLVED:

That the capital programme detailed at Appendix 2 of the report be approved for recommendation to Council.

17. BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN 2007-2008

Councillor Draycott submitted a report on this year's Best Value Performance Plan which the Council was required to publish each year, no later than 30 June.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That The Best Value Performance Plan for 2007/08 be recommended to Council; and
- (2) That the Plan be primarily made available electronically with a limited paper copy run.

18. 2006/07 CAPITAL PROGRAMME - OUTTURN

Councillor Willmott submitted a report that showed the outturn position of the 2006/07 capital programme. He reported that the Cabinet was concerned about slippage and had commissioned reports on how performance in this area could be improved.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that the actual level of expenditure of £96.634 million be noted;
- (2) that slippage of £6.42 million to 2007/08 be approved;
- (3) that the position relating to capital receipts be noted;
- (4) that it be noted that the capital programme performance is 85% of the approved programme compared to a target of 90%;
- (5) that the progress on significant schemes be noted; and
- (6) that performance against the prudential indicators for 2006/07 be noted.

19. REVENUE OUTTURN 2006/07

Councillor Willmott submitted a report that showed the final summary outturn position comparing spending with the budget for all General Fund Services and the Housing Revenue Account for 2006/07. He congratulated officers on

spending within the budget.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that the final outturn for 2006/07 for each department and the Council as a whole be noted;
- (2) that the reasons for the variances between the 2006/07 budget and the final outturn be noted;
- (3) the position of the Council's General Fund and Housing Revenue Account balances be noted;
- (4) that the position in respect of significant earmarked reserves be noted;
- (5) that the proposals for the use of under spends be noted;
- (6) that the establishment of new earmarked reserves (proposed in section 10.18 of the supporting report) be approved;
- (7) that virements as detailed in section 4.3 of the supporting report be approved;
- (8) that the transfer to the Children and Young People's departmental Reserve of the planned contribution of £0.5m and the under spend of £0.4m, to contribute to the costs of the ongoing transformation of Children's Services as outlined at paragraph 6.2.3 of the supporting report be approved;
- (9) that the transfer to the Capital Fund as outlined in paragraph 7.2 of the supporting report be approved;
- (10) that the stock write off proposed in paragraph 6.3.7 of the supporting report be approved; and
- (11) that the funding of £0.1m for a steam cleaning machine for paving in the city centre from reserves, as detailed in paragraph 9.5 of the supporting report, be approved.

20. TRADING ORGANISATIONS - 2007/2008 BUDGETS

Councillor Willmott submitted a report that detailed all the Council's trading organisations and their 2007/08 budgets and outlined policies in respect of the use of any retained surpluses of the trading organisations.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the 2007/08 budgets for the Council's trading organisations be approved;

- (2) that the proposed policies in respect of the use of retained surpluses for each department be noted; and
- (3) that the determinations to Finance Procedures Rules be amended, allowing the Resources and Regeneration & Culture departments to retain budgeted surpluses, as detailed in paragraph 2.2 of the supporting information.

21. STATUTORY STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2006/07

Councillor Willmott submitted a report which detailed the Statutory Statement of Accounts 2006/07 which required approval by full Council. He noted that these had already been subject to robust debate. The Chief Finance Officer reported that although the accounts looked different to the revenue and capital outturn reports, this arose only from the presentation style required and there was no difference of substance.

It was noted that the Audit Committee had considered the Statement and had made no observations to Council.

RESOLVED:

That the Statutory Statement of Accounts 2006/07 be submitted to Council for approval.

22. PRIVATE SESSION

RESOLVED:

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 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 1

Information relating to any individual

Paragraph 2

Information which is likely to reveal the identity of any individual.

Paragraph 3

Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any

particular person (including the authority holding that information).

23. BEAUMONT LEYS REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME: CURRENT OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR DISPOSAL OF LAND

Councillor Bhatti submitted a report.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Council accept Lovell Partnership's revised offer, as detailed in the report, subject to the minimum sum detailed in the report, with an anticipated payment date of 1st October 2007; and
- (2) that the Corporate Director of Resources be authorised in consultation with the Corporate Director of Adults & Housing and the Cabinet Members for Community Safety and Housing and Strategy, Finance, Property and Communications to negotiate and agree the necessary terms in respect of the strip of land at 90/92 Bishopdale Road, site E and any consequential or incidental matters necessary to implement the Beaumont Leys Redevelopment Scheme (or any varied scheme which is materially the same).

24. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 5.30pm

