



Leicester  
City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
CABINET

Held: MONDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2007 at 1.00 pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Willmott- Chair  
Councillor Draycott- Vice-Chair

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Follet – Leader of the Green Group  
Councillor Mugglestone– Leader of the Conservative Group

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**63. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were submitted by Councillor Dempster.

**64. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were 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 applied to them.

Councillor Sood declared a non prejudicial interest as a member of the Council of Faiths.

**65. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Leader's announcements.

**66. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 23 July 2007 and the minutes of the special meeting held on 30 July, having

been circulated to Members, be taken as read and signed by the chair as a correct record.

## 67. MATTERS REFERRED FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

### Overview and Scrutiny Management Board 1 August 2007

The following was agreed at the above Committee.

*RESOLVED:*

*that Cabinet be requested to give urgent consideration to the allocation of funding for scrutiny activities.*

Councillor Willmott responded that the Cabinet were aware of the need to adequately resource the Scrutiny process. However, the exact nature of the resources needed to be defined. He requested therefore that a process of dialogue with Scrutiny members be set up to identify what the needs were.

## 68. AREA COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE

Councillor Draycott submitted a report that sought Cabinet endorsement of spending proposals by Area Committees.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the expenditure proposals by Area Committees as detailed in Appendix A of the report be approved; and
- (2) that the funding report detailed in Appendix B of the report be noted.

## 69. NEW POLICY DEVELOPMENTS

Councillor Willmott submitted a report which asked Cabinet to consider introducing new service provision in advance of the budget for 2008/09.

Further to the report a list of proposed schemes was circulated, most of which were one off but some of which affected next year's budget. The proposals were as follows:

	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>One-Off Costs 2007/08</b>
1.	<b>Street Cleaning Machines purchases</b> This is a more powerful machine than existing machines and will maintain the appearance of	£80,000

new surfaces and improve the appearance of older paved surfaces which have become stained with time.

2.	<b>Summer Playschemes</b> This is the investment in 40 settings where new play and youth activities would take place over the summer months and benefit hundreds more children and young people across Leicester.	£100,000
3.	<b>Coleman Neighbourhood Centre – Ball Court</b> This is the development of a ball court for the young people of this area and would help them to engage with others and encourage teamwork and sports in an area that needs more activities to young people.	Up to £150,000
4.	<b>New Parks Club for Young People</b> This is to support the club in bringing the building up to standard.	Up to £60,000
5.	<b>CCTV at Gilroes Cemetery</b> This is to provide CCTV cameras to improve security at this site.	£40,000
6.	<b>*Crime &amp; Disorder</b> Lights at Victoria Park.	£53,000
7.	<b>Picasso Exhibition</b> Marketing costs	£29,000
	<b>Total One-Off Commitments:</b>	<b>£512,000</b>

**\*Already funded**

		<b>On-going Costs 2007/08</b>
8.	<b>Jewry Wall/Abbey Pumping Station</b> Extend opening hours.	£54,000
9.	<b>Street Cleaning Machine Running Costs</b>	£20,000
10.	<b>Renovate Castle Park Bridge and Demolish Charles Street Bridge</b>	Nil
11.	<b>Brite Centre Library, Highfields</b>	£56,000

**Library and Southfields Library.**

Extending opening hours.

**Total On-Going Costs: £130,000**

In relation to the additional summer playschemes, Councillor Draycott, endorsed by Councillor Willmott, congratulated officers on putting together such a successful programme in a very short space of time.

**RESOLVED:**

That the above schemes and service improvements be approved, for immediate implementation, with one-off projects being funded from the capital fund and ongoing service improvements being met from an increase to the revenue budget.

**70. A VISION FOR EXTRACARE IN LEICESTER**

Councillor Corrall submitted a report seeking approval to a vision for the development of ExtraCare in Leicester.

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That the vision for Extra Care in Leicester be endorsed; and
- (2) that the opportunity to develop a scheme at Butterwick House / Tilling Road be noted.

**71. DEVELOPMENT OF FOOTBALL FACILITIES**

Councillor Connelly submitted a report seeking Cabinet agreement to begin a major investment programme to improve football facilities across the City.

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That the commencement of the project as detailed in the report, be supported and approval given for expenditure of £455,000 from existing budgets and Football Foundation funding to undertake detailed design and development;
- (2) that a further report be received when the outcome of the full application to the Football Foundation has been determined; and
- (3) that it be noted that the Leicestershire and Rutland County FA, who are key partners on this project, are responsible for consulting and liaising with local football clubs and the football community in Leicester on this project

## **72. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor Willmott submits a report seeking approval to City Council representation on outside bodies.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That Councillor Westley be appointed to the East Midlands Airport Independent Consultative Committee
- (2) that Councillors Connelly and Councillor Shelton be appointed to Leicester Arts Centre; and
- (3) that Councillor Wann be appointed to the Leicester and Leicestershire Groundwork Trust

## **73. PRIVATE SESSION**

RESOLVED:

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).

## **74. ACCOMMODATION WITH CARE CAPITAL BUILD - BUTTERWICK HOUSE**

RESOLVED:

- (1) that the proposed future plans for the delivery of an Accommodation with Care scheme as outlined in the report be supported;
- (2) that approval be given in principle, to the use of the land adjacent to Butterwick House for the purposes of developing ExtraCare and some supported living properties, to the extent necessary to deliver the scheme; and
- (3) that support be confirmed for the agreement by Cabinet on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2005 to dispose of Brookside Court in pursuance of an intermediate care facility at Butterwick

House.

#### **75. SALE OF VACANT BUILDINGS 1-9 POCKLINGTON'S WALK**

- (1) that the sale of three buildings at 1-9 Pocklington's Walk, as shown on Plan no. Cttee 143 to Developer A for the figure detailed in the report be approved;
- (2) that the Service Director, Legal Services be authorised to enter into the necessary legal documentation.
- (3) that the Corporate Director of Resources be authorised to approve any alterations to the terms of disposal and to take all necessary action to progress and complete the proposed disposal in consultation with the Lead Member for Resources; and
- (4) that the Corporate Director of Resources be authorised, in consultation with the Lead Member for Resources, to proceed with Developer B in the event that the higher bid does not proceed to completion.

#### **76. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting ended at 1.25pm

