



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2007

TIME: 1.00 PM

**PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, TOWN HALL
SQUARE, LEICESTER**

Members of the Cabinet

Councillor Willmott (Chair)

Councillor Draycott (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Bhatti, Connelly, Corral, Dempster, Kitterick, Osman, Mrs
Sood and Wann

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 1 October 2007 have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

5. MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES

6. NEW POLICY DEVELOPMENTS

Appendix A

Councillor Willmott submits a report that asks Cabinet to consider a proposed set of new policy developments in advance of the budget for 2008/09.

7. PUBLIC CONSULTATION - BUDGET 2008/09 TO 2010/11

Appendix B

Councillor Willmott submits a report that seeks Cabinet approval for the specific proposals to consult with the public on the council's financial strategy 2008/09 to 2010/11.

8. FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2008/09 TO 2010/11

Appendix C

Councillor Willmott submits a report that seeks the Cabinet's approval to the draft financial strategy for 2008/09 to 2010/11, as a basis for further consultation with the public and partners, and to request the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.

9. RIVAL MARKETS POLICY

Appendix D

Councillor Connelly submits a report that discusses the option of revising the Rival Markets Policy to allow an organisation to operate up to twelve Farmers Markets per year, from three at present. Cabinet is recommended to approve the amendments to the Rival Markets Policy, with effect from 1st January 2008, to grant delegated authority to the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Culture to grant permissions under the Policy in consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member, and to grant delegated authority to the Corporate Director of

Regeneration and Culture, in consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member, to be able to amend any fees.

10. HIGHWAYS DEVELOPMENT CONTROL POLICY AND GUIDANCE FOR LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE **Appendix E**

Councillor Kitterick submits a report that seeks approval for the adoption of the document entitled 'Highways, Transportation and Development'. Cabinet is recommended to approve the adoption of the document 'Highways, Transportation and Development', to be applied to planning applications received by the Planning Authority from 1st November 2007, to approve entering into an agreement with Leicestershire County Council, and to agree that the Leader Member – Regeneration and Transportation be kept informed of progress in reviewing the document, with reports where appropriate to the Regeneration and Transportation Task Group Lead.

The Planning and Development Control Committee on 4 September noted the report. The relevant minute extract of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on 11 October 2007 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

11. EUROPEAN CITY OF SPORT (UK) PROPOSAL FOR LEICESTER YEAR OF SPORT **Appendix F**

Councillor Connelly submits a report which proposes that Leicester promote 2008 as a Year of Sport to coincide with Leicester being awarded European City of Sport (UK) 2008, to link with the 2008 Beijing Olympics and Paralympic Games, the commencement of the London Olympiad and encourage citizens to participate in a fit and active lifestyle to improve health inequalities in the City. Cabinet is recommended to approve the promotion of "Leicester – Year of Sport 2008" and delegate authority to officers to deliver the initiative, to delegate to officers the task of developing in partnership with the 2012 Executive Working Group a five-year strategic plan centred on fully exploiting the benefits of European City of Sport, Special Olympics 2009 and the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and that this plan is reported to Cabinet.

12. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2007/08 PERIOD 4 **Appendix G**

Councillor Willmott submits a report that shows a summary position comparing spending with the budget. The report is the first in the regular cycle of reports for the 2007/2008 financial year showing the budget issues that have arisen so far. Cabinet is recommended to note the changes made to the original approved budget for 2007/08, note the expenditure to date and the budgetary issues which have emerged so far this year, note the proposals put forward to ensure that spending is contained within the Departments' budgets, consider what other action is necessary to prevent departments from overspending, note the progress made towards achieving the Business Improvement Programme savings targets for 2007/08, and to approve the virements from corporate budgets in respect of new policy developments.

13. CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING 2007/08 PERIOD 4

Appendix H

Councillor Willmott submits a report that updates Members on the progress of spending on the capital programme for 2007/08 up to the end of July (period 4) and the forecast spend at the end of the year. Cabinet is recommended to approve a revised level of programmed expenditure of £122.7 million, note the level of expenditure to the end of July 2007 of £23.1 million, approve earmarking an additional £127,000 of capital receipts for the Hamilton Footbridge scheme, note the position relating to capital receipts, note that forecast capital programme performance is to spend 99% of the approved programme (excluding any additions or expenditure brought forward) compared to a target of 90%, although this is a very early forecast, and note the prudential indicators for 2007/08.

14. BASE BUDGET PREPARATION

Appendix I

Councillor Willmott submits a report that explains the process by which the Council's 2008/09 base budget is being prepared, and summarises the principles supporting this process. Cabinet is recommended to endorse the framework for base budget preparation, approve the cash limits for each department, and authorise the Chief Finance Officer to change the provision for pay in the light of better information which may emerge.

15. REMPLOY

Appendix J

Councillor Willmott submits a report that draws Cabinet's attention to the ongoing situation with regard to Remploy. The Cabinet is asked to consider what action it may wish to take.

16. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO COUNCIL'S INDEMNITY FOR OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

Appendix K

Councillor Willmott submits a report seeking Cabinet's approval to a change to the Council's indemnity for Officers and Members so as to support the Building Schools for the future programme.

17. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair has agreed to admit to the agenda an item of Urgent Business, 'Building Schools for the Future – Financial Close'. The report is not yet available but is urgent in order not to delay the Building Schools for the Future project. The report is recommended for consideration on the private agenda for the reasons detailed below.

18. PRIVATE AGENDA

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).

19. EFFICIENCY REVIEW OF PROPERTY

Councillor Willmott submits a report.

20. BUILDING FOR SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE - FINANCIAL CLOSE

Councillor Dempster submits a report.

