



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2007

TIME: 1PM

**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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INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND MEETINGS

You have the right to attend Cabinet to hear decisions being made. You can also attend Committees, as well as meetings of the full Council.

There are procedures for you to ask questions and make representations to Scrutiny Committees, Area Committees and Council. Please contact Committee Services, as detailed below for further guidance on this.

You also have the right to see copies of agendas and minutes. Agendas and minutes are available on the Council's website at www.leicester.gov.uk/cabinet or by contacting us as detailed below.

Dates of meetings are available at the Customer Service Centre, King Street, Town Hall Reception and on the Website.

There are certain occasions when the Council's meetings may need to discuss issues in private session. The reasons for dealing with matters in private session are set down in law.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESS

Meetings are held at the Town Hall. The Meeting rooms are all accessible to wheelchair users. Wheelchair access to the Town Hall is from Horsefair Street (Take the lift to the ground floor and go straight ahead to main reception).

BRAILLE/AUDIO TAPE/TRANSLATION

If there are any particular reports that you would like translating or providing on audio tape, the Committee Administrator can organise this for you (production times will depend upon equipment/facility availability).

INDUCTION LOOPS

There are induction loop facilities in meeting rooms. Please speak to the Committee Services Officer at the meeting if you wish to use this facility or contact them as detailed below.

General Enquiries - if you have any queries about any of the above or the business to be discussed, please contact Frances Wake or Francis Connolly in Committee Services on (0116) 229 8810/8812 or email Frances.Wake@leicester.gov.uk or call in at the Town Hall.

Press Enquiries - please phone the Communications Unit on 252 6081

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 15 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. AREA COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE

Appendix A

Councillor Draycott submits a report that seeks Cabinet endorsement of spending proposals by Area Committees. Cabinet is recommended to agree the expenditure proposals in Appendix A and note the funding report in Appendix B.

7. COMMUNITY MEETINGS: PHASE ONE

Appendix B

Councillor Draycott submits a report that proposes arrangements for phase one of a new Community Meetings Programme. Cabinet is asked to approve a number of recommendations as set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report.

8. HEAD OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

Appendix C

Councillor Willmott submits a report that seeks approval for establishing the new post of Head of Communications and Marketing. Members are asked to approve the post of Head of Communications and Marketing, subject to funding being approved through the budget process and approve the approach to the grade.

9. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair has agreed to admit to the agenda an item of Urgent Business, 'Digital Media Centre'. The report is not yet available due to ongoing negotiations but is urgent as a decision is needed in order to maintain the Centre's timetable. The report is recommended for consideration on the private agenda for the reasons detailed below.

10. 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 8

The amount on any expenditure proposed to be incurred by the authority under any particular contract for the supply of goods or services.

Paragraph 9

The amount of any expenditure proposed or to be proposed by or to the authority in the course of negotiations for a contract for the supply of goods or services.

11. DIGITAL MEDIA CENTRE

Councillor Kitterick submits a report.

