



Leicester
City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the
CABINET

Held: MONDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2007 at 1.00 pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Willmott- Chair
Councillor Draycott- Vice-Chair

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| Councillor Bhatti | Councillor Dempster |
| Councillor Connelly | Councillor Kitterick |
| Councillor Corral | Councillor Osman |
| Councillor Mrs Sood | |

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

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

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138. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Wann.

139. 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. No declarations were made.

140. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader reported that funding had been reallocated in order to provide CCTV coverage of the Pork Pie Island area of the City.

141. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

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

142. MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES

There were no matters referred from Committees.

143. CLIMATE CHANGE - THE NEXT STEPS

Councillor Willmott submitted a report that proposed a new way of managing and integrating the next steps in implementing Leicester's Climate Change Strategy. In particular the proposal for a single Programme Board involving key partners was noted, which would be chaired by Councillor Cooke.

The relevant minute extract of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board to be held on 8 November 2007 was also circulated and it was noted that the Board supported the proposed way forward.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that the proposed structure and Cabinet Lead responsibilities to champion further work on climate change as detailed in appendices 1 and 2 of the report be approved; and
- (2) that the proposed timeframes and new actions, which accelerate implementation of the Climate Change Strategy for the City, be approved.

144. ECO-MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT SCHEME (EMAS) REVIEW OF 2006-07, PROPOSED ACTION FOR 2007-08

Councillor Willmott submitted a report that provided Cabinet with information on the Council's environmental progress through the Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS) including the integration of the council's Climate Change Action Plan into the EMAS system, enabling all targets and actions to be performance managed through EMAS.

The relevant minute extract of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board held on 8 November 2007 was also circulated and their comments welcomed and endorsed.

Councillor Follett emphasised the importance of setting targets for specific types of recycling in order to truly monitor progress.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that progress towards the EMAS targets during 2006/07 as detailed in appendix 1 of the report be noted
- (2) that the amendments to existing corporate targets as detailed in appendix 4 of the report be approved
- (3) that the implementation of the proposed 2007/08 action programme as detailed in appendix 3 of the report be

approved

- (4) that the draft text for the 10th EMAS Public Statement as detailed in appendix 2 of the report be approved
- (5) that approval be given for the management review of EMAS as detailed in appendix 5 of the report; and
- (6) that the issues raised at the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board be supported.

145. REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

Councillor Willmott submitted a report that sought Cabinet's views on the draft Statement of Licensing Policy following public consultation and consultation with the Licensing Committee, and prior to final approval by full Council. The relevant minute extract from the Licensing Committee on 1 October 2007 was circulated to Cabinet.

RESOLVED:

That the proposed Statement of Licensing Policy to apply between February 2008 and February 2011 be recommended to Council for approval.

146. TWINNING WITH HASKOVO, BULGARIA

Councillor Kitterick submitted a report that proposed a formal twinning link between Leicester and Haskovo. It was noted that the proposal was for a new style twinning arrangement which was time limited to 10 years and then subject to a review and with specific targeted issues to be addressed within the link.

RESOLVED:

That Council be recommended to approve a formal twinning link between Leicester and Haskovo for a period of 10 years in the first instance.

147. HIGHWAYS DEVELOPMENT CONTROL POLICY AND GUIDANCE FOR LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE

Councillor Kitterick submitted a report that asked the Cabinet to consider the adoption of the document entitled 'Highways, Transportation and Development'.

The relevant minute extracts from the Planning And Development Control Committee on 4 September 2007, Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on 11 October 2007, Cabinet on 15 October 2007, the Regeneration and Transport Task Group on 7 November 2007 and the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on 8 November were also circulated and Councillor Kitterick supported the recommendations of the Task Group. Following a request from Scrutiny for more time, he also proposed that the implementation

date be delayed until 1 January 2008.

Councillor Mugglestone welcomed the extra time for public consultation.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that the adoption of the document 'Highways, Transportation and Development' be approved to be applied to planning applications received by the Planning Authority from 1 January 2008
- (2) that approval be given for entering into an agreement with Leicestershire County Council
- (3) that the Lead 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
- (4) that the updated Guide be referred to the Planning and Development Control Committee for noting
- (5) that officers be asked to produce a plan to update the Guide to deal with detailed amendments brought to their attention as well as a chapter by chapter programme of upgrading and modernisation of the Guide
- (6) that this programme be reported to Overview and Scrutiny management Board in June 2008; and
- (6) that the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board consider referring relevant aspects of the Guide, as identified by the Regeneration and Transport Task Group, to the Environment and Sustainability Task Group for further scrutiny.

148. LEICESTER REGENERATION COMPANY - MASTER PLAN INTERVENTION AREAS

Councillor Kitterick submitted a report that updated Cabinet on the current position of the four projects delivering infrastructure improvements in the Leicester Regeneration Company Master Plan (LRC) area. He asked Cabinet to recommend to Council an addition to the Approved Capital Programme of £1.5m for LRC Intervention Schemes, financed by Department of Communities & Local Government New Growth Points Initiative capital grant, and capital expenditure of up to £2m on the schemes identified in paragraph 4.1 to be financed by capital grant of £1.5m and prudential borrowing of £0.5m. He gave assurances that the tight timetable for delivery would be carefully monitored.

RESOLVED:

That Council be recommended to approve:-

- a) an addition to the Approved Capital Programme of £1.5m for LRC Intervention Schemes, financed by Department of the Communities and Local Government National Growth Points Initiative capital grant.
- b) capital expenditure of up to £2m on the schemes identified in paragraph 4.1 to be financed by capital grant of £1.5m and prudential borrowing of £0.5m.

149. SCHEME OF DELEGATION

Councillor Willmott submitted a report that provided Cabinet with a summary of decisions made at Corporate Director level in consultation with Cabinet Leads.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

150. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 1.22 pm

