



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 7 JANUARY 2008

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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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 10 December 2007, have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

5. MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES

There are no matters referred.

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 proposal in Appendix A.

**7. LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS PROGRAMME
2007/8 - PHASE 2**

Appendix B

Councillor Kitterick submits a report that seeks Cabinet approval to implement phase 2 of the 2007/8 Local Environmental Works (LEW) programme. Cabinet is asked to approve phase 2 of the 2007/8 Local Environmental Works programme estimated at £250,000 and approve the method of allocation of future LEW funding as being split 25 percent to each of the three Parliamentary Constituencies and Citywide.

The relevant minute extract from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board held on 11 December 2007 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

**8. NEW PARKS LIBRARY & COMMUNITY LEARNING
CENTRE**

Appendix C

Councillor Connelly submits a report that updates Cabinet on the current position of the successful Big Lottery bid for a new Library & Community

Learning Centre for New Parks. Cabinet is recommended to approve an addition to the Approved Capital Programme of £1.3m for the New Parks Library & Community Learning Centre, financed by Big Lottery.

9. SECOND QUARTER PERFORMANCE REPORT **Appendix D**
2007/08

Councillor Draycott submits a report that presents the performance of the Council and its Partners in delivering services to citizens during the second quarter of 2007/08. Cabinet is recommended to congratulate those areas demonstrating continuous improvement in performance, review the second quarter performance results and consider the need for any special action on areas of concern, note the risks identified as being matters relevant to the council at this time and receive regular reports on actions taken to mitigate the identified risks as part of the regular performance process.

10. COUNCIL TAX - TAXBASE **Appendix E**

Councillor Willmott submits a report that details the recommended taxbase for the financial year 2008/09. Cabinet is recommended to endorse a taxbase for 2008/09 of 77,298 properties expressed as the equivalent number of "Band D" properties.

11. SINGLE STATUS FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT **Appendix F**

Councillor Willmott submits a report that presents the Council's Single Status Framework Agreement that has been successfully negotiated with the Trade Unions. Cabinet is asked to approve the terms on which the Single Status Framework Agreement has been agreed (subject to the Trade Unions formal approvals processes) and in particular the projected cost of implementation as set out in the addendum of this report.

Please note that the addendum to the report contains exempt information and will be circulated to Members only as soon as it is available. These papers will be marked 'NOT FOR PUBLICATION'. The information in these papers will be exempt as defined in paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended and it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. The information therefore must not be disclosed or discussed at the meeting. Should Members wish to refer to any of these details it is recommended that the meeting move into private session.

12. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair has agreed to admit to the agenda an item of Urgent Business 'Application of Discretion Under the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS)'. The report is not yet available but is urgent because it is in the interest of the Council to resolve as speedily as possible staffing issues relating to senior managers.

