



Leicester  
City Council

## **MEETING OF THE CABINET**

**DATE: MONDAY, 21 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 7 January 2008, 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. DEVELOPMENTS IN LEICESTER'S AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AND ACTIONS**

**Appendix B**

Councillor Wann submits a report that updates Cabinet on progress with Local Air Quality Management and advises of the need to extend the statutory Leicester Air Quality Management Area, 2000, in the Abbey Lane corridor. Cabinet is recommended to approve a number of recommendations as set out in paragraph 3.2 of the report.

**The relevant minute extract from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board to be held on 15 January 2008 will be circulated as soon as it is available.**

**A coloured copy of Appendix 3 is attached for Cabinet Members only. Copies are available on the Council's website at [www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk](http://www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk) or by phoning Committee Services on 229 8813.**

**8. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2007/08 - PERIOD 7** **Appendix C**

Councillor Willmott submits a report that shows a summary position comparing spending with the budget. The report is the second 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 approve a number of recommendations as set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report.

**The relevant minute extract from the Performance and Value For Money Select Committee to be held on 14 January 2008 will be circulated as soon as it is available.**

**9. 2007/08 CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - PERIOD 7** **Appendix D**

Councillor Willmott submits a report that updates Cabinet on the progress of spending on the capital programme for 2007/08 up to the end of October (period 7) and the forecast spend at the end of the year. Cabinet is recommended to approve a revised level of programmed expenditure of £124.3 million, approve £50,000 for an enhanced Alley Gate programme of works, note the level of expenditure to the end of October 2007 of £49.8 million, note the position relating to capital receipts, note that forecast capital programme performance is to spend 96% of the approved programme (excluding any additions or expenditure brought forward) compared to a target of 90%, and note the prudential indicators for 2007/08.

**The relevant minute extract from the Performance and Value For Money Select Committee to be held on 14 January 2008 will be circulated as soon as it is available.**

**10. COLLECTION FUND SURPLUSES** **Appendix E**

Councillor Willmott submits a report that identifies the estimated financial position of the Collection Fund Account as at 31 March 2008. Calculating the estimated surplus, or deficit, for this Account is a statutory requirement because the figure needs to be taken into account during the Council Tax setting process. Cabinet is recommended to approve the estimated collection fund surplus figure of £1.709m and approve the estimated shares payable to the Police Authority, Fire Authority and the City Council as detailed in the report.

**11. HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2007/08 AND 2008/11** **Appendix F**

Councillor Bhatti submits a report that advises Cabinet on the position at period 7 on this years capital programme, revises the forecast for the 2007/08 out-turn and proposes a three year housing capital programme for 2008/11, for Members approval. Cabinet is recommended to consider the report and any comments from the Housing Management Board, and recommend to Council a

number of recommendations as set out in paragraph 2.3 the report.

**12. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT - BUDGET 2008/09** **Appendix G**

Councillor Bhatti submits a report that summarises the financial position of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for 2007/08 and 2008/09. The approval of Cabinet is sought for setting rents for 2008/09 again based on the Government's "formula rents", and Cabinet is asked to determine the levels of service charges to be applied in 2008/09. Cabinet is recommended to consider the report, and recommend to Council a number of recommendations as set out in paragraph 2.2 the report.

**13. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSULTATIVE STRUCTURE FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY TENANTS** **Appendix H**

Councillor Bhatti submits a report that seeks Cabinet's approval to make changes to the formal consultative structure, to create a more inclusive involvement mechanism for Local Authority tenants and leaseholders. Cabinet is recommended to agree the proposed changes to enhance the consultative structure for both tenants and leaseholders of Leicester City Council to commence April 2008, to support tenants involvement in the new Community meetings to ensure they can continue to play an active role in local community engagement, and to agree on an interim basis that the tenant representatives to be co-opted onto the new Community meetings will be selected from the existing Tenants Community Associations, until the Tenant & Leaseholder forums are in place as part of the new consultative structure.

**The relevant minute extract from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board held on 11 December 2007 is attached.**

**14. "ADVERTISE AND BID" A NEW LETTING SCHEME FOR SOCIAL HOUSING** **Appendix I**

Councillor Bhatti submits a report that seeks Cabinet agreement, in principle, to implement a new system for allocating Council houses and our nominations to Housing Associations. The new system is based on advertising our vacancies and allowing people on the Housing Register to bid for them. The proposal will require funding from the Housing Revenue Account. Cabinet is recommended to agree the implementation of an advertised based lettings scheme for Leicester subject to budgetary provision, and delegate the details for implementing the scheme to the Corporate Director of Adults and Housing in consultation with the Cabinet Lead for Housing and Community Safety.

**The relevant minute extract from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board to be held on 15 January 2008 will be circulated as soon as it is available.**

**15. SECOND QUARTER PERFORMANCE REPORT 2007/08** **Appendix J**

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, i.e. end of October 2007. The information provided is set out to show performance against CPA, Corporate Plan, Local Area Agreement (LAA) and Departmental indicator sets. Information is also provided through the Cabinet performance indicator portfolios appended to this report. The report also provides an update on the treatment of corporate risks within the Council. 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, to note the risks identified as being matters relevant to the Council at this time, and to receive regular reports on actions taken to mitigate the identified risks as part of the regular performance management process.

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**16. WORKING BETTER TOGETHER - LEICESTER COMPACT**

**Appendix K**

Councillor Willmott submits a report that asks Cabinet to endorse Leicester City Council as a signature to the Leicester Compact.

**17. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

