



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 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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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.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk 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 Francis Connolly or Steve Garratt in Committee Services on (0116) 229 8812/8813 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. 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.

2. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2008 have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

4. MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES

5. 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 of both the main and supplementary reports.

6. RESIDENTIAL AMENITY GUIDE - DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

Appendix B

Councillor Kitterick submits a report that covers the preparation of a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for the proposed "Residential Amenity Guide" and in particular the recently completed public consultation exercise. Cabinet is recommended to adopt the document as Supplementary Planning Document to the City of Leicester Local Plan.

A coloured copy of the appendix has been circulated to Members of the Cabinet only. Copies are available on the Council's website at www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk or by phoning Committee Services on 229 8813.

7. CHILDCARE WORKFORCE AUDIT

Appendix C

Councillor Willmott submits a report that provides vital planning information to the local authority as well as contributing to local and national data. Cabinet is asked to note the report.

8. LEICESTERSHIRE CONNEXIONS GOVERNANCE AND FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS **Appendix D**

Councillor Dempster submits a report that updates Cabinet on the governance and funding arrangements for the provision of information, advice and guidance for young people aged 13-19 in Leicester and Leicestershire from April 2008. Cabinet is asked to approve a number of recommendations listed in paragraph 3.2 of the report.

The relevant minute extract from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board to be held on 14 February 2008 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

9. PREVENTION OF HOMELESSNESS **Appendix E**

Councillor Bhatti submits a report that proposes delegated authority to be given to the Corporate Director of Adults and Housing to change the Housing Allocations Policy for short periods to respond to pressures on the use of bed and breakfast. Cabinet is recommended to give power to the Corporate Director of Adults and Housing in consultation with the Cabinet Lead for Housing to make temporary amendments to the Allocation Policy if the use of Bed and Breakfast starts to rise.

10. GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET STRATEGY 2008/09 TO 2010/11 **Appendix F**

Councillor Willmott submits a report that requests Cabinet to consider a three year corporate budget strategy, three year departmental revenue strategies for each department, and a general fund budget for 2008/09 and to recommend these to the Council. Cabinet is asked to approve a number of recommendations as set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report.

The relevant minute extracts from the Children, Schools and Young People Task Group held on 16 January 2008, the Regeneration and Culture Task Group held on 23 January 2008, the Adults and Housing Task Group held on 28 January 2008, the Joint Meeting of the Performance and Value For Money Select Committee and the Community Cohesion and Safety Task Group held on 1 February 2008 and the Health Scrutiny Committee held on 4 February 2008 are attached.

The relevant minute extract from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board to be held on 14 February 2008 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

The Departmental Revenue Strategies are attached for Members of the Cabinet only. Further copies are available on the Council's Web Site at: <http://www.cabinet.Leicester.gov.uk> or by phoning Committee Services on 0116 229 8818.

11. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

12. 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 Paragraph 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 1

Information relating to any individual.

- Disposal of Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Sites- Batch 1

Paragraph 2

Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

- Disposal of Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Sites- Batch 1

Paragraph 3

Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

- Barnes Heath House
- Disposal of Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Sites- Batch 1
- Delayed Eviction Scheme for Refugees

13. BARNES HEATH HOUSE

Appendix G

Councillor Bhatti submits a report.

14. DELAYED EVICTION SCHEME FOR REFUGEES

Appendix H

Councillor Bhatti submits a report.

**15. DISPOSAL OF HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) [Appendix I](#)
SITES - BATCH 1**

