



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 21 APRIL 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
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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 31 March 2008 have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

5. MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES

Appendix A1

Meeting of the Audit Committee – 2 April 2008 Internal Audit Operational Plan 2008-09

The following was agreed at the above Committee. The full minute extract is attached.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that the Annual Internal Audit Operational Plan 2008-9 be approved.
- (2) that the recommendation of the Chief Finance Officer that the plan is an acceptable compromise between audit need and resources available be accepted.
- (3) that the Committee recommend to Cabinet to be mindful of the need for additional financial resources for internal audit to procure, by appointment or otherwise, competent IT audit resources to supplement existing resources.

Councillor Willmott to respond.

6. REGENERATION AND TRANSPORT TASK GROUP REVIEW - REVIEW OF THE CLOSURE OF HIGH STREET AND MOVING BUS STOPS TO ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS

Appendix A

Councillor Kitterick submits a report from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board of the Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Task Group regarding the closure of the High Street and moving bus stops to alternative

locations. Cabinet is recommended to note the contents of the report and to make any additional comments.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS - LOCAL VALIDATION REQUIREMENTS [Appendix B](#)

Councillor Kitterick submits a report that asks Cabinet to adopt a list of requirements for the validation of planning applications in line with Government advice and that the final content of the list be delegated to the Service Director Planning and Policy taking into account any consultation responses.

8. DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS AND THE PLANNING PROCESS [Appendix C](#)

Councillor Kitterick submits a report that seeks approval of funding for the Developer Contributions Officer and admin support posts from a surcharge on developer contributions. Cabinet is asked to approve the recommendations as set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report.

9. APPLICATION OF CONDITIONS OF FITNESS TO EXISTING HACKNEY CARRIAGES [Appendix D](#)

Councillor Wann submits a report that seeks to obtain Cabinet's approval to apply the Council's conditions of fitness for hackney carriages to vehicles that are already licensed. Cabinet is recommended to approve the implementation proposals and a policy of discounting the licence fees for hackney carriages manufactured to Euro IV standard or better.

10. REVIEW OF STREET TRADING POLICY [Appendix E](#)

Councillor Wann submits a report that seeks to obtain Cabinet's approval for the proposed Street Trading Policy following public consultation. Cabinet is asked to agree the recommendation as set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report.

11. CONTROL OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF FREE PRINTED MATTER [Appendix F](#)

Councillor Wann submits a report that seeks approval to make an order to designate land within the inner ring road as an area for which consent is required to distribute free printed matter. Cabinet is asked to agree the recommendations as set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report.

The relevant minute extract of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board held on 10 April 2008 is attached.

12. SCHEME OF DELEGATION - REVIEW OF DECISIONS MADE AT CORPORATE DIRECTOR LEVEL [Appendix G](#)

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

Cabinet is recommended to note the summary of decisions as listed in the appendices to the report.

The relevant minute extract of the Performance and Value for Money Select Committee held on 16 April 2008 is attached.

13. SERVICE DIRECTOR - TRANSFORMING THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT **Appendix H**

Councillor Dempster submits a report that seeks approval for establishing the new post of Service Director, Transforming the Learning Environment. Cabinet is recommended to approve the post and the approach to the grade as set out in paragraph 4.7.

14. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS **Appendix AOUB1**

The Chair has agreed to accept the following items of urgent business.

CORPORATE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AND AOUB 1
PROCUREMENT IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Councillor Willmott submits a report that enables Cabinet to monitor implementation of the Improvement Plan, to review its Scheme of Delegation and to reserve to itself decisions to enter into contracts above a prescribed threshold, and to consider training and information needs for Elected Members. Cabinet is recommended to set a financial threshold and to consider training and information needs for Elected Members.

A minute extract from Audit Committee held on 2 April 2008 is attached.

This item is considered as a matter of urgency to enable Cabinet to ensure close monitoring of implementation of this improvement plan.

PRIVATE SESSION

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 3

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

SALE OF FORMER MAYFIELD FAMILY CENTRE,
MAYFIELD ROAD

APPENDIX B1

Councillor Willmott submits a report.

This report is to be considered as a matter of urgent business to enable a timely resolution of the sales and thereby secure the Council's interests.

SALE OF VACANT LAND & BUILDINGS, FORMER
BENDBOW RISE INFANT SCHOOL, BRAUNSTONE LANE

APPENDIX B2

Councillor Willmott submits a report.

This report is to be considered as a matter of urgent business to enable a timely resolution of the sales and thereby secure the Council's interests.