



Leicester  
City Council

## **MEETING OF THE CABINET**

**DATE: MONDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2008**  
**TIME: 1PM**  
**PLACE: TEA ROOM, TOWN HALL, TOWN HALL SQUARE,  
LEICESTER**

### **Members of the Cabinet**

Councillor Willmott (Chair)  
Councillor Osman (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Aqbany, Bhatti, Connelly, Cooke, Dempster, Draycott,  
Kitterick, 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. 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 14 July 2008 have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

#### 4. MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES

#### 5. 13-19 EDUCATION: CHANGES TO THE NATIONAL MACHINERY OF GOVERNMENT & LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN LEICESTER CITY Appendix A

Councillor Dempster submits a report that aims to inform Cabinet of changes to the way the 13-19 education system will be managed nationally, important strategic developments in the City, and proposes some first steps in responding to this new planning environment. Cabinet is recommended to note the report.

**A copy of the appendices is attached for Members of the Cabinet only. A copy can be viewed by contacting Committee Services on 0116 2298816 or by using the link to the Council's website below:**

<http://www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.asp?CIId=78&Year=2008>

#### 6. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADOPTION TEAM AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE Appendix B

Councillor Dempster submits a report that introduces the Cabinet to the updated Leicester City Council Adoption Agency Statement of Purpose and Annual Report of activity during 2007-08. Cabinet is recommended to note and approve the Statement of Purpose and the activity of the adoption team.

**A minute extract from the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, held on 6 August 2008, is attached.**

#### 7. JOINT AREA REVIEW ACTION PLAN Appendix C

Councillor Dempster submits a report that presents the findings of Leicester's

Joint Area Review (JAR) and to highlight the requirement for the Local Authority to produce a JAR action plan. Cabinet is recommended to note these findings and this requirement.

**A minute extract from the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, held on 6 August 2008, will be circulated as soon as it is available.**

**8. CORPORATE CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2008/09 TO 2011/12 – PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS** [Appendix D](#)

Councillor Kitterick submits a report that seeks Cabinet approval to implement the proposed Corporate Capital Programme funded Pedestrian Crossing Programme 2008/09 to 2011/12. Cabinet is asked to approve the recommendations as set out in Paragraph 3.2 of the report.

**A minute extract from the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, held on 6 August 2008, is attached.**

**9. PROPOSED WEST END CONSERVATION AREA** [Appendix E](#)

Councillor Wann submits a report that seeks to approve the amalgamation of the Daneshill and Westcotes Drive Conservation Areas, their extension of boundaries to include parts of Fosse Road South and Hinckley Road, and to re-designate the area as the 'West End Conservation Area.' Cabinet is asked to make any comments and note the points in Paragraph 3 of the report, prior to consideration at Council.

**10. FAIR TRADE PLEDGE AND MANIFESTO** [Appendix F](#)

Councillor Wann submits a report that informs Cabinet of the manifesto of the Leicester Advocating Fair Trade (LaFT) group and to gain Member approval to a Fair Trade Pledge. Cabinet is recommended to approve the Fair Trade Pledge, to commit to reviewing progress annually and to take part in the launch of the manifesto.

**A minute extract from the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, held on 6 August 2008, is attached.**

**11. REPLACEMENT FOR THE CITY GALLERY** [Appendix G](#)

Councillors Connelly and Willmott submit a report that seeks Cabinet approval for the development of the old Workplace Nursery building as a new contemporary art gallery to replace the City Gallery. Cabinet is recommended to approve the conversion and to authorise an addition to the capital programme 2008/09 to fund the conversion costs.

**12. CAPITAL PROGRAMME - LEICESTER CASTLE PROJECT: OPTIONS APPRAISAL AND FEASIBILITY STUDY** [Appendix H](#)

Councillors Connelly and Willmott submit a report that provides further information on the project to undertake an options appraisal and feasibility study on Leicester Castle, included in the 2008-09 Capital Programme, and to seek approval to commence the project. Cabinet is recommended to approve the commencement of the project at a cost of £50,000 from the Council's 2008-09 Capital Programme.

**13. CAPITAL PROGRAMME - DE MONTFORT HALL BOX OFFICE** [Appendix I](#)

Councillor Connelly submits a report that provides information to Cabinet on the replacement of the box office and telephone systems at De Montfort Hall included within the 2008-09 Capital Programme. Cabinet is recommended to approve the commencement of the project at a cost of £135,000 from the 2008-09 Capital Programme.

**14. CAPITAL PROGRAMME - FESTIVALS AND EVENTS INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT** [Appendix J](#)

Councillor Connelly submits a report that provides further information to Cabinet on the programme of Festivals and Events capital works included within the 2008-09 Capital Programme. Cabinet is recommended to approve the commencement of the work at a cost of £100,000 from the 2008-09 Capital Programme.

**15. BEAUMONT SPORTS CONSORTIUM - PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP SPORTS FACILITIES** [Appendix K](#)

Councillor Connelly submits a report that informs Cabinet of a proposal by a consortium to develop a football, speedway and cycling centre at Beaumont Park. Cabinet is recommended to approve the recommendations as set out in Paragraph 3 of the report.

**A minute extract from the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board held on 6 August 2008 is attached.**

**16. COMMUNITY COHESION ASSESSMENT PROJECT** [Appendix L](#)

Councillor Osman submits a report that presents the main findings of a project to assess community cohesion in the city. Cabinet is asked to approve the recommendations as set out in Paragraph 3 of the report.

**17. DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT INITIATIVES 2008/09 TO 2009/10** [Appendix M](#)

Councillor Draycott submits a report that seeks approval for the works

recommended for funding from the Disability Discrimination Act Initiaves budget for 2008-09 and 2009-10. Cabinet is asked to approve the recommendations as set out in Paragraph 3 of the report.

**18. WARD COMMUNITY MEETINGS APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING** [Appendix N](#)

Councillor Draycott submits a report that seeks Cabinet endorsement of the spending proposal from the Rushey Mead Ward Community Meeting, notifies Cabinet of an agreement under delegated powers to fund the proposal from the Eyres Monsell Community Meeting, and asks Cabinet to agree that delegated powers will be used to approve future recommendations from Ward Community meetings. Cabinet is asked to approve the recommendations as set out in Paragraph 3 of the report.

**19. SUPPORTING PEOPLE CONTRACTS** [Appendix O](#)

Councillors Cooke and Willmott submit a report that informs Cabinet of the arrangements for extending the 'grant aid contracts' steady state contracts due to expire on 31 March 2009, to enable re-provision to take place in accordance with the decisions of the Commissioning Body. Cabinet is recommended to waive the relevant contract procedure rules and authorise the relevant Corporate Director to offer extended contracts to the providers concerned for up to 6 months from 1 April 2009.

**20. CORPORATE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AND PROCUREMENT IMPROVEMENT PLAN** [Appendix P](#)

Councillor Willmott submits a report that enables Cabinet to monitor implementation of the Improvement Plan. Cabinet is recommended to review implementation of the Improvement Plan.

**A minute extract from the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 25 June 2008 will be circulated as soon as it is available**

**21. SCHEME OF DELEGATION - REVIEW OF DECISIONS MADE AT CORPORATE DIRECTOR LEVEL** [Appendix Q](#)

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.

**22. ONE LEICESTER - DELIVERING EXCELLENCE** [Appendix R](#)

Councillor Willmott submits a report that seeks the release of a further £300,000 from the Service Transformation Programme allocation identified in the Budget Strategy 2008/2011. Cabinet is recommended to release this amount to resource this work.

## **23. 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 Paragraphs 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).

Accommodation Strategy – Purchase of Property

## **24. ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY - PURCHASE OF PROPERTY**

**Appendix B1**

Councillor Willmott submits a report.

## **25. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

