



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2008
TIME: 5PM
**PLACE: OAK 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.
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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 1 September 2008 have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

5. MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES

Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 18 September 2008

Update on Progress for the Teenage Pregnancy Strategy.

A minute extract from the above Committee will be circulated as soon as it is available.

Councillor Dempster to respond

**6. COMMUNITY COHESION AND SAFETY TASK GROUP [Appendix A](#)
FINAL REPORT - "SUPPORT SERVICES FOR YOUNG
PEOPLE AFFECTED BY DRUGS MISUSE"**

Councillor Hall, Task Group Leader for Community Cohesion and Safety, submits a report that provides the findings, comments and recommendations of the Task Group's investigation into substance misuse amongst young people. Cabinet is asked to approve the recommendations in the report and refer them to officers to be implemented.

7. ONE LEICESTER - TACKLING ALCOHOL HARM [Appendix B](#)

Councillor Bhatti submits a report that provides Cabinet with an overview of the Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy and action plan for Leicester. Cabinet is asked to endorse the report and agree that a report be drawn up to more explicitly identify the City Council contribution to this Partnership Plan and to include proposals for a joint commissioning strategy.

8. YOUTH JUSTICE PLANNING FRAMEWORK 2008-09 [Appendix C](#)

Councillor Bhatti submits a report that provides a summary of the new Youth Justice Planning Framework to be submitted to the Youth Justice Board by the Youth Offending Service as a requirement of the Crime and Disorder Act (1998). Cabinet is asked to note and approve the Youth Justice Planning Framework 2008/09.

9. EARLY YEARS COMMUNICATION STRATEGY [Appendix D](#)

Councillor Dempster submits a report that informs Cabinet of the multi-agency strategy that has been developed to address children's early communication needs. Cabinet is recommended to note and approve the strategy and work streams.

A minute extract from the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board held on 18 September 2008 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

10. LEICESTER PLAY STRATEGY 2007-2012 [Appendix E](#)

Councillor Dempster submits a report that requests Cabinet to approve and adopt the Leicester Play Strategy. Cabinet is recommended to approve and adopt the strategy and note that Members will be kept informed and involved in consultation in the Big Lottery Play projects and the city wide consultation for the Playbuilder programme.

A minute extract from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board held on 18 September 2008 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

11. REVIEW OF HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT DISTRICT HEATING CHARGES [Appendix F](#)

Councillor Aqbany submits a report that informs Cabinet of the very large increase, effective of 1 October 2008, in the cost of gas used by the district heating service. Cabinet is recommended to consider the report and decide on the level of charges to be applied for the latter part of 2008/09 and for the 2009/10 financial year.

12. HOUSING PFI CREDITS 2008 - DELEGATED AUTHORITY [Appendix G](#)

Councillor Aqbany submits a report that seeks delegated authority for the Corporate Director of Adults and Housing to submit an Expression of Interest for schemes under the current Housing PFI round in consultation with the Leader and relevant Cabinet Leads. Cabinet is recommended to delegate authority as described above.

13. CITY CENTRE PROJECTS FUNDING AND PROGRAMMING [Appendix H](#)

Councillor Kitterick submits a report that recommends how unallocated prudential borrowing funding for public realm works should be used, and sets out the current position of the City Centre Development Project and indicates how it will be completed.

A minute extract of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board meeting on 18 September 2008 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

14. REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY [Appendix I](#)

Councillor Kitterick submits a report that informs Cabinet of the Government's public consultation on 'Proposed Changes' to the draft Regional Spatial Strategy for the East Midlands. Cabinet is recommended to note the proposed changes and their likely implications for Leicester, and to consider the comments set out in section 5.0 of the report which will form the basis of the City Council's response to the consultation.

A minute extract from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board meeting, held on 18 September 2008, will be circulated as soon as it is available.

15. APPROVAL OF MUSEUMAKER PROJECT ACCOUNTABLE BODY FUNCTION [Appendix J](#)

Councillor Connelly submits a report that seeks Cabinet approval for the Council to take on the accountable body role for the Museumaker partnership.

16. COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT (CPA) - CORPORATE ASSESSMENT 2008 [Appendix K](#)

Councillor Draycott submits a report that summarises areas for improvement from the Corporate Performance Assessment. Cabinet is recommended to note the learning points arising from the experience of the Corporate Assessment and consider the actions set out in the report to address the areas for improvement.

Minute extracts from the Performance and Value for Money Select Committee, held on 31 July 2008, and the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, held on 6 August 2008, will be circulated as soon as they are available.

17. BLACK WORKERS GROUP - IMPROVING BME WORKFORCE REPRESENTATION [Appendix L](#)

Councillor Osman submits a report that identifies workplace issues that have had a negative impact on the representation and career progression of Black

Workers across the organisation, puts forward a series of 'quick wins' an a model for staff engagement. Cabinet is asked to approve the recommendations as set out in Paragraph 2 of the report.

18. MEMBER DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY [Appendix M](#)

Councillor Willmott submits a report that seeks approval for a new approach to member training and development and the launch of a new Member Development Strategy, led by the Member Development Forum. Cabinet is asked to agree the Member Development Strategy, encourage Members to take up the opportunities included in the strategy, and agree to work towards achievement of the IDeA Member Development Charter.

19. LOCAL ASSESSMENT OF COMPLAINTS - MAKING THE NEW SYSTEM WORK [Appendix N](#)

Councillor Willmott submits a report that enables members to review the practical issues which have emerged since May when the Council was obliged to introduce a new system for the local assessment of complaints. Cabinet is asked to review the issues which have emerged since the implementation of local assessment of complaints and endorse the actions being taken by officers.

A minute extract from the Standards Committee meeting, held on 10 September 2008, is attached.

20. CORPORATE CAPITAL PROGRAMME - TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENTS [Appendix O](#)

Councillor Willmott submits a report that seeks authorisation for the release of capital monies for works on the Town Hall. Cabinet is recommended to approve the works identified within the report and the release of £405,000 from the Capital Programme which has been allocated for the Town Hall restoration works.

21. 2008/09 CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - PERIOD 4 [Appendix P](#)

Councillor Willmott submits a report that updates Members on the progress of spending on the capital programme for 2008/09 up to the end of July, and the forecast spend to the end of the year. Cabinet is asked to approve the recommendations as set out in Paragraph 3 of the report.

A minute extract from the Performance and Value for Money Select Committee, held on 4 September 2008, will be circulated as soon as it is available.

22. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2008/09 – PERIOD 3/4 [Appendix Q](#)

Councillor Willmott submits a report that shows a summary position comparing spending with the budget. Cabinet is asked to approve the recommendations as set out in Paragraph 3 of the report.

A minute extract from the Performance and Value for Money Select Committee, held on 4 September 2008, will be circulated as soon as it is available.

23. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

DELIVERING EXCELLENCE

The Leader has agreed to take this item as urgent business to allow for the inclusion of important information that will not be available at the time of agenda publication, and to ensure further work on the matter is not delayed.

The report will be circulated as soon as it is available.

24. 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).

SALE OF CLARENCE HOUSE 36-46 HUMBERSTONE GATE

CHILDREN'S CENTRES – GRANT OF NEW LEASES

25. CHILDREN'S CENTRES - GRANT OF NEW LEASES **Appendix B1**

Councillor Willmott submits a report.

26. SALE OF CLARENCE HOUSE - 36-46 HUMBERSTONE GATE **Appendix B2**

Councillor Willmott submits a report.