



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 26 JANUARY 2009

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:

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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 5 January 2009, have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

5. MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES

Appendix A

Audit Committee – 18 December 2008

Annual Governance Statement 2007-8 Follow Up Report

The following was agreed at the above meeting. The full minute extract is attached at Appendix A.

- 1) That Cabinet be requested to provide biannual updates of progress made to address the issues identified in the Annual Governance Statement; and
- 2) That such reports from Cabinet be considered by this Committee to consider the adequacy or otherwise of progress made.

Councillor Willmott to respond.

6. 100 ACHIEVEMENTS - REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Appendix B

Councillor Willmott submits a report that lists 100 achievements since May 2007. Councillor Willmott asks Cabinet to endorse the report and send it to Council for further discussion.

7. PROPOSED CHANGES TO MAINSTREAM HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT POLICY AND THE INTRODUCTION OF REVISED CONTRIBUTION CHARGES FOR STUDENTS IN THE 16-19 SECTOR [Appendix C](#)

Councillor Dempster submits a report that updates Cabinet on the need to revise the City Council's Home to School Transport Policy in response to legislative changes. Cabinet is recommended to agree the revised City Council Home to School Transport Policy to comply with statutory requirements, and agree to the introduction of revised contribution charges for implementation from autumn 2009.

A minute extract from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board meeting, held on 22 January 2008, will be circulated as soon as it is available.

8. THE 2ND EDITION OF THE TRANSPORT ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN 2007-2011 [Appendix D](#)

Councillor Kitterick submits a report that seeks approval of the 2nd edition of the Leicester City Council Transport Asset Management Plan 2007 – 2011, which includes the new Gating Order Policy and Vehicle Crossing Policy. Cabinet is recommended to note the progress made on the improvement plans, and to recommend to Council that they approve the 2nd Edition of the Transport Asset Management Plan 2007 – 2011 including the new Gating Order Policy and the Vehicle Crossing Policy.

The Document, "Leicester City Council Transport Asset Management Plan 2007-2011" has previously been circulated to Members of Cabinet. A copy can be viewed at the Customer Service Centre, B Block, New Walk Centre, or by calling Democratic Support on 0116 229 8816.

A minute extract from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board meeting, held on 22 January 2008, will be circulated as soon as it is available.

9. HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2008/09 AND 2009/14 [Appendix E](#)

Councillor Aqbany submits a report that advises Members on the position at period 7 on this years capital programme, revises the forecast for the 2008/09 out-turn and proposes a five year housing capital programme for 2009/14, for Members approval. Cabinet is recommended to approve the recommendations as set out in Paragraph 2.3 of the report.

A minute extract from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board meeting, held on 22 January 2008, will be circulated as soon as it is available.

10. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET 2009/10 [Appendix F](#)

Councillor Aqbany submits a report that summarises the financial position of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for 2008/09 and 2009/10. Cabinet is recommended to approve the recommendations as set out in Paragraph 2.2 of the report.

A minute extract from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board meeting, held on 22 January 2008, will be circulated as soon as it is available.

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD ENGAGEMENT - THE NEXT STEPS [Appendix G](#)

Councillor Draycott submits a report that considers the next steps to be taken to build on the early successes of Ward Community Meetings as a vehicle for effective community engagement. Cabinet is recommended to approve the recommendations as set out in Paragraph 3 of the report.

A minute extract from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board meeting, held on 22 January 2008, will be circulated as soon as it is available.

12. LEICESTER RESIDENTS' SURVEY FINDINGS 2008 [Appendix H](#)

Councillor Willmott submits a report that informs Cabinet of the key findings of the Leicester Residents' Survey 2008, which was carried out by Ipsos Mori on behalf of Leicester City Council and NHS Leicester City. Cabinet is asked to consider the recommendations as set out in Paragraph 3 of the report.

13. THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACT 2007 [Appendix I](#)

Councillor Willmott submits a report that informs Cabinet about the provisions of the Sustainable Communities Act 2007. Cabinet is recommended to approve the recommendations as set out in Paragraph 2 of the report.

Further information on the local options will be circulated prior to the Cabinet meeting, as soon as it is available.

14. LEICESTER'S LOCAL ANNUAL AGREEMENT ANNUAL REVIEW 2008/9 [Appendix J](#)

Councillor Willmott submits a report that presents the performance information for the second quarter of 2008/9 along with commentary on Leicester Partnership's delivery arrangements, in the form of a self assessment, which will inform the annual review of our Local Area Agreement (LAA). Cabinet is recommended to note the report, the additional information on responses to the increased levels of serious acquisitive crime, and receive a further report on the annual refresh of the LAA.

15. LEICESTER'S SECOND GENERATION LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICE AGREEMENT (2005/08) REWARD GRANT CLAIM

Appendix K

Councillor Willmott submits a report that seeks Cabinet 'sign-off' of a claim for Reward Grant in respect of Leicester's Second Generation Local Public Service Agreement (LPSA 2). Cabinet is asked to approve the recommendations as set out in Paragraph 3 of the report.

16. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

DISTRICT HEATING CHARGES

The Leader has agreed to admit to the agenda an item of Urgent Business 'District Heating Charges'. The report is not yet available but the Leader has agreed to consider the report as an urgent item of business in order to enable Cabinet to respond in a timely manner to a judicial review challenge on the matter.

Cabinet is recommended to consider this item in private session as specified below.

JOB EVALUATION – PROJECT MANAGEMENT COSTS

Appendix AOUB2

The Leader has agreed to admit to the agenda the above report as a matter of urgency because of the impact of the project on the Council if the project is delayed.

17. 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).

Paragraph 5

Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

TRANSFER OF HIGHFIELDS CENTRE

DISTRICT HEATING CHARGE

18. TRANSFER OF HIGHFIELDS CENTRE

Appendix B1

Councillor Aqbany submits a report.

