



Leicester  
City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
CABINET

Held: MONDAY, 1 JUNE 2009 at 1.00 pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Willmott- Chair  
Councillor Dempster - Vice-Chair

Councillor Connelly	Councillor Dawood
Councillor Kitterick	Councillor Osman
Councillor Palmer	Councillor Patel
Councillor Russell	Councillor Westley

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Grant – Leader of the Conservative Group

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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies were received.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were asked to declare any interests they may have in the business on the agenda and/or declare that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applied to them.

Councillor Connelly declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 7, Special Olympics, as he was appointed by the City Council to the Board of Special Olympics Company. He undertook to leave the meeting during consideration of the item.

Councillor Palmer declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 7, Special Olympics, as he was appointed by the City Council to the Board of Special Olympics Company. He undertook to leave the meeting during consideration of the item.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED:

that the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet, held on 11 May 2009,

be confirmed as a correct record.

#### **4. MEMBERSHIP OF THE CABINET**

Members noted the 2009/10 Membership of the Cabinet and the responsibilities for respective portfolios.

#### **5. MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES**

There were no matters referred from committees.

#### **6. SPECIAL OLYMPICS**

**Councillors Connelly and Palmer left the meeting during consideration of the following item.**

Councillor Willmott presented a report that made Cabinet aware of the current status of Leicester's plans to host the National Summer Games for Special Olympics in July 2009 and sought agreement to a substantial financial contribution of up to £1m to ensure this major national sporting event takes place.

Councillor Willmott stated that the sponsorship target was not met due to the decline in the national financial climate and that there were problems with gaining sponsorship for many events. He felt that it was important the Special Olympics took place and that it was an opportunity to raise the profile of the city.

It was noted that the County Council was not currently able to pledge finances to the Special Olympics due to its elections taking place on 4 June.

Councillor Grant announced that at the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board there had been cross party support for the Special Olympics, however concern had been expressed on the large sum of money needed. It had been agreed that there would be an evaluation following the event to assess lessons learned.

Councillor Grant queried what financial risk management had taken place and when the Council was made aware that extra finances were required. In response Councillor Willmott noted that the Special Olympics Board had regular meetings regarding their finances. He was uncertain on the exact date that the financial problems were reported to the City Council and agreed to provide Councillor Grant with this information.

Cabinet thanked Councillor Manjula Sood for her work raising funds for the Games in her role as Lord Mayor in 2008/09.

RESOLVED:

that Cabinet:

- a) approves funding to Leicester Games 2009 Ltd of up to £1m and delegates the decision to make this award to the Director of Cultural Services in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer.
- b) approves the financing of the grant, as described in paragraph 4.1 of the report.

## **7. PRIVATE SESSION**

### **RESOLVED:**

that the press and public be excluded during consideration of the following report in accordance with the provisions of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, because it involved 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.

#### Paragraph 2

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

#### Paragraph 3

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

### **PROPOSED EMPTY DWELLING MANAGEMENT ORDERS**

## **8. PROPOSED EMPTY DWELLING MANAGEMENT ORDERS**

Councillor Willmott submitted a report that sought Cabinet approval to make Empty Dwelling Management Orders on three privately owned empty properties and agree a scheme of delegation for setting up an Empty Dwelling Management Scheme.

### **RESOLVED:**

that Cabinet agree the recommendations as set out in paragraph 2 of the report.

## **9. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 1.20pm.

