



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 1 JUNE 2009

TIME: 1PM

**PLACE: TEA ROOM, TOWN HALL, TOWN HALL SQUARE,
LEICESTER**

Members of the Cabinet

To be appointed at Annual Council on 21 May 2009

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. 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

Appendix A

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2009 are attached, and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

5. MEMBERSHIP OF THE CABINET

Members are asked to note the Membership of the Cabinet, and responsibilities for respective portfolios.

6. MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES

7. SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Appendix B

Councillor Connelly submits a report that makes Cabinet aware of the current status of Leicester's plans to host the National Summer Games for Special Olympics in July this year and to seek agreement to a substantial financial contribution of up to £1m to ensure this major national sporting event takes place in our city. Cabinet is recommended to approve the recommendations as set out in Paragraph 2.1 of the report.

8. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

9. 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 1

Information relating to any individual.

Paragraph 2

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

Paragraph 3

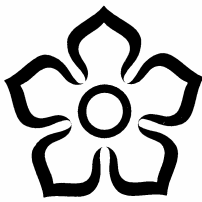
Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

PROPOSED EMPTY DWELLING MANAGEMENT ORDERS

10. PROPOSED EMPTY DWELLING MANAGEMENT ORDERS

Appendix B1

Councillor Willmott submits a report.



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Appendix A

Minutes of the Meeting of the CABINET

Held: MONDAY, 11 MAY 2009 at 1.00 pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Willmott- Chair
Councillor Osman - Vice-Chair

Councillor Bhatti
Councillor Dempster

Councillor Connelly
Councillor Draycott

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Coley – Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group
Councillor Mugglestone – Leader of the Conservative Group

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276. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Aqbandy, Cooke, Kitterick and Wann.

277. 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. No such declarations were made.

278. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

that the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet, held on 20 April 2009, be confirmed as a correct record.

279. SURE START CAPITAL STRATEGY 2008-2011

Councillor Dempster submitted a report that informed Cabinet of the work undertaken to date on the Sure Start Capital Strategy 2008-2011 and proposed how these funds might best be deployed to meet the government requirements and contribute to the 'One Leicester' vision.

It was noted that this presented good news for all young children in the City, as

they would have a centre within a reasonable distance. The comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board were noted.

RESOLVED:

that Cabinet:

- 1) approves the Sure Start Early Years Quality and Access Grant Priorities as detailed in the main report and approves the application of the £2.927m early years and sustainability grant funding in block C of the Children & Young People's Services (CYPS) capital programme;
- 2) approves the process for assessing the grant applications by the Sure Start Grants Panel and delegates authority to the Corporate/Strategic Director in consultation with the Lead Member and Service Director, A.I.P. for individual awards;
- 3) approves the location of the Phase Three Children Centres and approves the application of the £1.738, Children Centres phase three funding in block C of the CYPS capital programme;
- 4) receives a further report to agree the sites for the phase three centres;
- 5) delegates authority to the Corporate/Strategic Director in consultation with the Lead Member and Service Director A.I.P. for virement between the Early Years Quality Improvement strand and Children Centre strand if required.

280. DEVELOPMENT OF BURIAL LAND AT GILROES CEMETERY

Councillor Connelly submitted a report that enabled Cabinet to approve the burial land extension scheme of £420,000 included in the 2009/10 Capital Programme approved in March 2009.

Councillor Connelly stated that there was a longer-term issue with burial site provision, and a report would be submitted to a future meeting of Cabinet. He also stated that he was pleased that the additional revenue costs of the extended burial site had been absorbed within the current budget allocation.

RESOLVED:

that Cabinet:

- 1) approves the burial land extension scheme of £420,000 at Gilroes Cemetery which was included in the 2009/10 capital programme as a scheme approved by the Council but requiring Cabinet approval;
- 2) requests a further report setting out the longer term strategic

requirements for the provision of land for burials and cremations in the future.

281. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 09/10: IN-HOUSE ELDERLY PERSONS HOMES (EPH'S)

Councillor Willmott, in Councillor Cooke's absence, submitted a report that described the proposed use of the provisional capital allocation to Elderly Persons' Homes in the 2009/10 budgets.

The comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board were noted.

RESOLVED:

that Cabinet:

- 1) notes the required standards for regulated provision and the importance of maintaining these for the benefit of residents;
- 2) agrees the capital allocation for 2009/10 of £58,000 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

282. TENANTS' AND LEASEHOLDERS' INVOLVEMENT & CONSULTATIVE ACTIVITIES - UPDATE

Councillor Willmott, in Councillor Aqbany's absence, submitted a report that provided an update on tenants' and leaseholders' involvement and consultation activities and the resulting outcomes in terms of service improvements.

The comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board were noted. It was also noted that there would be a new way of the tenants' and leaseholders' consultations working with Community Meetings, and that significant sums of money would be available for the local community to administer. Councillor Draycott stated that, following Cabinet approval, guidance would be circulated to Councillors and officers, and she hoped that good working relationships would develop through the process.

RESOLVED:

that Cabinet:

- 1) notes the outcomes achieved through the new involvement and consultation structure agreed by Cabinet in January 2008;
- 2) agrees the new flexible funding arrangements for Tenants' and Residents' Associations' activities;
- 3) agrees the proposed consultation mechanisms for the Environmental Works element and CRI funding of the Housing Capital Programme.

283. PROGRESS ON BLACK WORKERS GROUP REPORT ON WORKFORCE REPRESENTATION

Councillor Osman submitted a report that updated Cabinet on the work that had been undertaken across the organisation following the 1 October 2008 Black Workers Group on Workforce Representation and presented the Reach Higher Programme.

The comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board were noted, and their request to receive six-monthly update reports was welcomed.

RESOLVED:

that Cabinet notes the report and progress made on workforce representation and the Reach Higher Programme.

284. RIVERSIDE BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE COLLEGE: BUSINESS CASE FOR CLOSURE

Councillor Dempster submitted a report that summarised conclusions drawn from the options review of Riverside Business and Enterprise College and an immediate recommended course of action to address this situation.

Councillor Dempster stated that six options and suggestions from the governing body, staff and unions had all been considered. However, taking into consideration parental preference, the falling admission numbers, demographic projections, the educational and social outcomes for the students, and the amount of resources that would be required in future years, to the detriment of other schools, the last resort option to consult on closure was being recommended. She drew Members' attention to the representations made and responses to these at the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.

Councillor Dempster stated that Cabinet recognised the dedication and commitment of the staff at the school, and she thanked the staff and governing body for their work. She stated, in response to concerns from parents, that initial notification letters had been sent out through pupil post, and that, when it was brought to officers' attention that not all letters had been received by parents, a further letter was sent by Royal Mail. All future letters to school parents regarding consultation would be sent by Royal Mail.

Councillor Mugglestone stated that closure should be a last option, and he felt that not all options had been exhausted, such as academy status. He also stated that a school was the heart of the community and that standards at Riverside had improved, so time was needed to increase confidence in the school. He drew comparison with New College, which had been turned around in the last few years.

Councillor Coley stated that he recognised the reasons behind the recommendation, but felt that there had not been debate on the options or how to increase intake at the schools. He stated that there would be no negative cost impact for the next year and felt that the school needed time to improve its

profile. He mentioned new housing developments in the vicinity, which would impact on the admission numbers. He also suggested that a 14-19 school or an academy would be more desirable than closure. He felt that, if all city parents sent their children to city schools, there would be insufficient capacity, and this could be an issue as city schools improved.

Councillor Willmott thanked the Opposition Group Leaders for their comments. He stated that full discussion had taken place, and that a decision was required based on the facts in the report. He emphasized that closure was the last option and its recommendation had not been taken lightly. The Council's commitment to the school had been demonstrated by the high staff/student ratio and the large financial investment in the school.

In response to the Opposition Group Leaders' comments regarding 14-19 schools, Councillor Dempster stated that the County Council had identified that this system did not work very well. It had also been identified that the academy option would also not be possible.

Councillor Osman pointed out that staff at the school had identified that the school was not viable in its current situation, and that the Cabinet had a duty to look at it in the best interests of the pupils in the city, otherwise central Government may step in and close it.

Councillor Connelly stated that feeder schools in his ward would be affected, but that the location of the school meant that it did not have such a community focus as other schools. He stated that the Chair of Governors had recognised at the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board that the financial issues could not be disputed. Councillor Connelly stated that the previous suggestion to link the school with Fullhurst School had been identified as unviable. He also felt that, even though there would be no detrimental financial effect for the next year, the Council still had a duty to ensure that all funding was spent as wisely as possible.

In response to concerns from parents and union members who were present at the meeting, Councillor Willmott stated that it was important for the Cabinet to be honest with staff, pupils and parents, and that this was the beginning of the process, not the end. People would have full opportunity to make their views known through consultation, scrutiny and Council. He made people aware that they could submit questions to scrutiny committees and Council, even if the matter was not to be considered at that meeting.

RESOLVED:

that Cabinet,

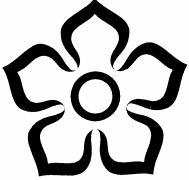
- 1) notes the options that have been considered for the future of Riverside Business and Enterprise College;
- 2) notes that there are pressing educational, financial and business reasons to close the School as soon as practically possible. These include falling admission numbers, parental

preference, demographic projections, educational standards, social outcomes, resourcing requirements and value for money considerations;

- 3) authorises officers to commence a period of immediate further public consultation upon the business case for closure in accordance with DCSF guidance;
- 4) agrees to receive a further report on the outcome of this consultation prior to publication of any statutory notice and detailed proposal in connection with the recommendation from the consultation;
- 5) considers the above recommendation to be urgent, on the grounds that a delay would be prejudicial to pupils' interests, and therefore, in accordance with Cabinet Procedure Rule 12(d) of the Council's Constitution, prevents any exercise of call-in.

285. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 1.46pm.



Leicester
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WARDS AFFECTED
City Wide

Cabinet

1st June 2009

SPECIAL OLYMPICS LEICESTER 2009

Report of the Director of Cultural Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To make Cabinet aware of the current status of Leicester's plans to host the National Summer Games for Special Olympics in July this year and to seek agreement to a substantial financial contribution of up to £1m to ensure this major national sporting event takes place in our city

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Cabinet is recommended to:

- (a) approve funding to Leicester Games 2009 Ltd of up to £1m, and delegate the decision to make this award to the Director of Cultural Services in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer;
- (b) approve the financing of this grant, as described in para 4.2.

3. REPORT

- 3.1 In summer 2007 Leicester was successful in winning the right to stage the National Special Olympics Summer Games. The Games, which take place from July 25th to 31st, include 21 sports at 16 venues with 2,700 athletes, 1,200 coaches, 6,000 visiting families, 1,500 volunteers and seven days of achievements starting with a spectacular Opening Ceremony at Leicester City Football Club and concluding with a party in Abbey Park. The City and County will buzz with sound and colour for the seven days of competition with the eyes of the nation on Leicester and Leicestershire including TV coverage from ITV.

The Games will leave a legacy for the Special Olympics Community that will ultimately achieve its most important aim; that of promoting the sporting achievements, and equality opportunities for those with learning disabilities.

- 3.2 A Company Limited by Guarantee "Leicester Games 2009 Ltd" was formally established in December 2007 with representatives from a wide range of sectors and organisations including:

- Leicester City Council
- NHS Leicester City

- Voluntary Action Leicester
- University of Leicester
- Chamber of Commerce
- Special Olympics Great Britain
- Leicestershire County Council
- Representatives of the Business Community
- Individuals with a specific interest and commitment to sport and/or Learning Disability

- 3.3** The Board of Directors of the company has established a trading subsidiary and is awaiting confirmation of charitable status from the Charity Commission. Both of these are required to maximize the availability of funds to support the Games
- 3.4** In April 2007 Cabinet endorsed and supported Leicester's bid to host the 2009 Special Olympic Games and allocated the sum of £200,000 from the capital programme to support the appointment of a Games Director, other key appointments and to demonstrate commitment from the City Council.
- 3.5** In February 2008 the Board appointed a sponsorship and fundraising company with significant experience of sports sponsorship at a national level with the target of achieving £2-3m from commercial sponsorship. This target was agreed by the Board and the Sponsorship Company as being achievable, provided the SOL was successful in securing a major Broadcast partner. ITV have been contracted as an Official Partner and this gave renewed confidence that significant sponsorship could be achieved.
- 3.6** Although the initial response was not encouraging, SOL were subsequently given approval by LOCOG (London Organising Committee for the Olympic Games) to approach 2012 sponsors. This was a significant achievement as SOL 2009 provides a major opportunity for brand awareness in advance of 2012. Discussions took place with a number of 2012 sponsors and commercial partners. However, this was ultimately unsuccessful despite discussions at a national level between the Board and LOCOG to find a mechanism which would enable SOL 2009 to be recognized as an appropriate event linked to London 2012.
- 3.7** Whilst significant efforts were being made to achieve sponsorship, it became clear that the downturn in the housing market, the crisis in the financial markets and the recession was having a major impact on business confidence and the willingness to sponsor Special Olympics. This has been reflected across the sport and leisure industry in general. This difficulty has not been helped by the fact that unlike the Olympics and Paralympics, Special Olympics does not receive any government funding and relies solely on individual and corporate donations.
- 3.8** In December the Board became increasingly concerned about the lack of success in securing commercial sponsorship and the potential impact this would have on the Games. Given the urgency of the situation the Board agreed to undertake a major review of the budget for the Games to establish the absolute minimum requirement. It also agreed to actively seek contributions from partners to ensure the success of the Games in the event that no significant commercial sponsorship would be obtained

3.9 The budget was reviewed in detail, as requested by the Board, and currently needs to generate additional income of £1.2m. This has recently been reduced to £1m as a result of a successful grant of £200,000 from Sport England. The Leader of Leicestershire County Council has also indicated that the County Council may be able to offer its support to the Games. The Board are still very committed and working hard to find sponsorship support and donations from the commercial and non-commercial sector. In addition a number of meetings have taken place with Gerry Sutcliffe MP, Minister for Sport, with a view to seeking financial support from relevant National Governing Bodies. The Board remain hopeful that this will generate some additional funding, although unsuccessful so far.

4. FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

4.1. Financial Implications

4.1.1 Current forecast games cost is £2.9m with accommodation and catering being the most significant amount. Income is forecast to be £1.9m which includes athletes' contributions, contribution from Sport England, the City Council's contribution and the Lord Mayor's appeal. The increased funding required is therefore £1m.

4.1.2 It is proposed to meet the costs of supporting the Special Olympics from the Council's corporate reserves. At the time the 2009/10 budget was approved, uncommitted reserves were estimated at £6.7m, and this would reduce the balance to £5.7m. This is above the minimum recommended balance of £5m.

4.1.3 We are currently preparing the revenue budget outturn for 2008/09, and reviewing reserve levels. These will be reported to your next meeting, but reserve balances have not deteriorated since the budget was set.

Martin Judson, Head of Finance, Ext 7390

4.2 Legal Implications

4.2.1 The Council has power to give this guarantee under the provisions of section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 (well being powers) when exercising these powers the Council needs to have regard to its community strategy.

4.2.2 It is strongly recommended that the form of any guarantee be settled by Legal Services Division.

Joanna Bunting, Head of Commercial & Property Law, Ext 6450

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph references within the report
Equal Opportunities	Yes	All-The Games will raise awareness of Learning Disability generally and will generate opportunities for those involved to improve their life chances through participation in sport,

		volunteering etc
Policy	Yes	All-Contributes to the priorities of One Leicester principally Adults and Sustainable Communities, Health and Wellbeing and Talking Up Leicester
Sustainable and Environmental	No	
Crime and Disorder	No	
Human Rights Act	No	
Elderly/People on Low Income	No	

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

None

7. CONSULTATIONS

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Key Decision	Yes
Reason	Is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising more than one ward
Appeared in Forward Plan	No
Executive or Council Decision	Executive (Cabinet)