



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 15 JANUARY 2001
TIME: 5:00 PM
**PLACE: COMMITTEE ROOM 3, 'B' BLOCK, NEW WALK CENTRE,
KING STREET, LEICESTER**

Members of the Cabinet

Councillor Willmott (Chair)
Councillor Patel (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Draycott, Getliffe, Holden, Osman, Roberts and Subedar

Members of the Cabinet are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business listed overleaf.

for Town Clerk

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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. SERVICE PROFILE - TOWN CLERK'S AND CORPORATE RESOURCES (IT AND FINANCIAL SERVICES)

Councillor Patel to give a presentation.

4. CHARTER OF SIMON DE MONTFORT C1321 - RESPONSE [Appendix A](#) TO PETITION

Councillor Patel submits a report proposing a response to a petition with 31 signatures submitted to the Council meeting on 30 November by Councillor Garner relating to the Charter of Simon de Montfort granted to the burgesses of Leicester around 1231. The Cabinet is asked to recommend to Council that it renounce the sentiments and prejudices within and any exercise of the Charter of Simon de Montfort.

5. CAPITAL PROGRAMME [Appendix B](#)

Councillor Patel submits a report seeking the Cabinet's approval to the main Capital Programme for 2001-02 for recommendation to Council.

6. COLLECTION FUND SURPLUSES [Appendix C](#)

Councillor Patel submits a report which highlights the estimated position of the Collection Fund Account as at 31 March 2001. Calculating the estimated surplus or deficit for this account is a statutory requirement. Cabinet is asked to approve the estimated surplus figures and the amounts payable to the relevant authorities.

7. COUNCIL TAX - TAXBASE [Appendix D](#)

Councillor Patel submits a report seeking approval to a "Taxbase" for recommendation to Council. This is required by 31 January, for the purposes of setting the Council Tax.

- 8. EDUCATION BUDGET STRATEGY** [Appendix E](#)
- Councillor Subedar submits a report recommending a revenue budget for the Education Department and proposed additional delegation to schools in 2001-02. The full details of the budget proposals will be circulated as soon as they are available.
- 9. RETURN OF FINANCIAL DELEGATION - QUEENSMEAD JUNIOR SCHOOL** [Appendix F](#)
- Councillor Subedar submits a report asking the Cabinet to approve the return of financial delegation to Queensmead Junior School.
- 10. ANNUAL LIBRARY PLAN 2000** [Appendix G](#)
- Councillor Subedar submits a report seeking approval to the draft Annual Library Plan for 2000. The views of the Education and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee will be reported to the meeting.
- 11. REVIEW OF LEICESTER CITY LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SERVICES 2000** [Appendix H](#)
- Councillor Subedar submits a report asking the Cabinet to consider recommendations arising from the above review. The views of the Education and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee will be reported to the meeting.
- 12. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT - BUDGET 2001/02** [Appendix I](#)
- Councillor Draycott submits a report asking the Cabinet to note the estimated working balance of £1,786,000 at the start of 2001-02 and the base budget for 2001-02 and to recommend to Council a rent level for 2001-02 and the level of miscellaneous payments and charges. The views of the Housing Scrutiny Committee will be reported to the meeting.
- 13. HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2000/2001 AND 2001/2002** [Appendix J](#)
- Councillor Draycott submits a report seeking approval to the Housing Capital Programme for 2001/02 for recommendation to Council. The views of the Housing Scrutiny Committee will be reported to the meeting.
- 14. CRITERIA FOR APROVING A NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS SCHEME** [Appendix K](#)
- Councillor Draycott submits a report seeking approval for the introduction of criteria against which Neighbourhood Warden Schemes can be assessed.
- 15. FUTURE PROGRAMME OF AREA RENEWAL - DECLARATION OF NON STATUTORY RENEWAL AREAS** [Appendix L](#)
- Councillor Draycott submits a report recommending that the unsatisfactory living conditions identified in the report be addressed by declaring a non statutory renewal area for New Humberston or St Saviours.

- 16. BRAUNSTONE NEW DEAL MANAGEMENT BOARD** [Appendix M](#)
Councillor Draycott submits a report recommending that a Neighbourhood Management Board be set up to replace the Statutory Agencies Group in Braunstone.
- 17. TENANT PARTICIPATION IN COUNCIL HOUSING** [Appendix N](#)
Councillor Draycott submits a report asking the Cabinet to consider the outcome of consultation and the views of Housing Scrutiny Committee on proposals for future arrangements for Tenant Participation.
- 18. SAFER ROUTES STRATEGY, ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY AND CASUALTY REDUCTION TARGETS** [Appendix O](#)
Councillor Osman submits a report seeking Cabinet's approval to the development of a Road Safety Strategy mainly based around the introduction of Area Safer Routes Projects which are aimed at reducing the number of casualties in the City particularly involving children.
- 19. PASTURE LANE WAITING RESTRICTIONS** [Appendix P](#)
Councillor Osman submits a report seeking the Cabinet's endorsement of the decisions of the former Urban Management Sub-Committee, Environment and Development Committee and Planning and Transportation Committee and confirm that the existing waiting restrictions and cycleway on Pasture Lane should be retained and that the review of traffic orders throughout the City be continued with the aim of ensuring that consistent and justifiable restrictions are imposed wherever they are considered necessary, with the ultimate aim of gaining decriminalised parking enforcement powers.
- 20. URBAN WHITE PAPER** [Appendix Q](#)
Councillor Roberts submits a report seeking the Cabinet's approval to a letter to be sent to the Secretary of State as the City Council's response to the Urban White Paper.
- 21. BEST VALUE REVIEW PROGRAMME YEAR 2** [Appendix R](#)
Councillor Willmott submits a report seeking Cabinet's approval to changes in the review programme.
- 22. ELECTED MEMBERS' ABSENCE FROM MEETINGS** [Appendix S](#)
The Town Clerk submits a report seeking the Cabinet's approval to recommend to Council an extension of time for Councillor Nasim who has been unable to attend meetings since 24 August 2000 due to long term illness and that such decisions be in future delegated to the Standards Committee, when established.

23. AGENDA NOTE: MEMBER ISSUE RAISED BY HOUSING DEPARTMENT STAFF

The Town Clerk reports that at the Council meeting on 30 November 2000, he was asked to report on an investigation into a matter concerning Councillors Blackmore and Bunce, raised by Housing Department staff. This is a Standards Committee issue and as that has not yet been constituted it falls to be considered by the full Council.

The Cabinet is recommended to approve that the Council consider a report by the Town Clerk on his investigation into the matter raised by Housing Department staff.

24. HOUSING OPTIONS FOR WEBSTER ROAD/WELLINGER WAY [Appendix T](#)

Councillor Draycott submits a report seeking approval to consult with local residents on the future of Webster Road and Wellinger Way in North Braunstone.

25. ROWLATTS HILL TOWER BLOCK SITE REDEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS [Appendix U](#)

Councillor Draycott submits a report updating the Cabinet on the redevelopment of the Rowlatts Hill Tower Block Site

26. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

27. PRIVATE SESSION

AGENDA

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO NOTE

Under the law, the Sub-Committee 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 Sub-Committee 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, and consequently that the Sub-Committee 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.”

Paragraph 9

Any terms proposed or to be proposed by or to the authority in the course of negotiations for a contract for the acquisition or disposal of property or the supply of goods or services.

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Paragraph 12

Any instructions to counsel and any opinion of counsel (whether or not in connection with any proceedings) and any advice received, information obtained or action to be taken in connection with:

- a) any legal proceedings by or against the authority; or
- b) the determination of any matter affecting the authority,

(whether, in either case, proceedings have been commenced or are in contemplation).

BLANKLYN AVENUE

28. HOUSING OPTIONS FOR WEBSTER ROAD/WELLINGER WAY

Councillor Draycott submits a report.

29. ROWLATTS HILL TOWER BLOCK AND PUBLIC HOUSE SITE

Councillor Draycott submits a report.

30. 12 BLANKLYN AVENUE

Councillor Patel submits a report.