



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 12 JULY 2010

TIME: 1PM

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

Members of the Cabinet

Councillor Patel (Chair)

Councillor Dempster (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Bhatti, Dawood, Naylor, Osman, Palmer, Russell, Wann and Westley

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

for Director of Corporate Governance

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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 21 June 2010, have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

5. MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES **Appendix A**

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 17 June 2010

Review Of The Vehicle Crossing Policy

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

RESOLVED:

that Cabinet is asked to revoke the current policy and seek to adopt a policy in line with both Derby and Nottingham City Councils by assessing each request on a case by case basis.

6. REPORT OF THE ADULTS AND HOUSING SCRUTINY **Appendix B
TASK GROUP: HOUSING REPAIRS REVIEW**

The Adults and Housing Task Group Leader submits a report that provides Cabinet with the findings of the Adults and Housing Task Group's review into the Housing Repairs Service in Leicester.

Relevant minute extracts of meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board and a divisional response are attached.

7. REPORTS OF THE ADULTS AND HOUSING **Appendix C
SCRUTINY TASK GROUP: HOME COME**

The Adults and Housing Task Group Leader submits a report that provides Cabinet with the findings of the Adults and Housing Task Group's review into HomeCome, a limited company set up by the Council in 2004 to create new affordable housing.

Relevant minute extracts of meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board and a divisional response report are attached.

8. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL BALANCE CONTROL MECHANISM [Appendix D](#)

Councillor Dempster submits a report that seeks support for proposals for a new School Balance Control Mechanism to be introduced during 2010-11 that will apply to school balances held at 31 March 2011. Cabinet is asked to approve the recommendations set out in Paragraph 2 of the report,

A minute extract from the meeting of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee held on 6 July 2010 will be circulated when it is available.

9. FULLHURST COMMUNITY COLLEGE STRUCTURAL SOLUTIONS FOR NATIONAL CHALLENGE SCHOOLS - LAND TRANSFER [Appendix E](#)

Councillor Dempster submits a report that updates Members on the Land Transfer process and seeks approval for the disposal of the site to the Trustees at nil consideration in order to progress National Challenge Co-operative Trust Status. Cabinet are asked to consider the terms proposed for the transfer of the school site and confirm approval for a disposal at nil consideration.

A minute extract from the meeting of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee held on 6 July 2010 will be circulated when it is available.

10. BABINGTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE STRUCTURAL SOLUTIONS FOR NATIONAL CHALLENGE SCHOOLS - LAND TRANSFER [Appendix F](#)

Councillor Dempster submits a report that updates Members on the Land Transfer process and seeks approval for the disposal of the site to the Trustees at nil consideration. Cabinet are asked to consider the terms proposed for the transfer of the school site and confirm approval for a disposal at nil consideration.

A minute extract from the meeting of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee held on 6 July 2010 will be circulated when it is available.

11. WORK EXPERIENCE AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES IN LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL [Appendix G](#)

Councillor Dempster submits a report that provides an update on the work completed across the City Council to develop work experience and employment opportunities for children and young people and adults with learning disabilities across Leicester City Council. Cabinet is asked to approve the recommendations set out in Paragraph 2 of the report.

A minute extract from the meeting of Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee held on 6 July 2010 will be circulated when it is available.

12. STRUCTURAL REPORT ON NEW WALK CENTRE [Appendix H](#)

Councillor Patel submits a report that outlines the actions that the Council are required to take in the light of the conclusions of the structural report on New Walk Centre. Cabinet is recommended to note the content and conclusions of the Ove Arup report and note the commencement of an options appraisal project in response.

A minute extract from the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board held on 8 July 2010 will be circulated when it is available.

13. COUNCIL TAX DISCRETIONARY RELIEF - LOCAL DISCOUNTS [Appendix I](#)

Councillor Patel submits a report that proposes a framework for applying Council Tax Discretionary Relief under Section 13A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (LGFA 1992) as inserted by Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2003 (LGA 2003). Cabinet is asked to approve the recommendations set out in Paragraph 2.1 of the report.

14. NATIONAL SPENDING CUTS - RESPONSE [Appendix J](#)

Councillor Patel submits a report that advises that the Government has made cuts to local authority grants in 2010/11 and plans to accelerate the speed of spending reductions between 2011/12 and 2014/15. Cabinet is asked to approve the recommendations set out in Paragraph 1.1 of the report.

15. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS