



Leicester  
City Council

**MEETING OF THE CABINET**

**DATE: MONDAY, 05 MARCH 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. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS - 12 FEBRUARY 2001 AND 26 FEBRUARY 2001**

The Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Cabinet held on 12 February 2001 and the Minutes of the special meeting of the Cabinet held on 26 February 2001 have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to confirm them as a correct record.

#### **4. HOUSING MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE - PRESENTATION**

**Appendix A**

Councillor Draycott will give a presentation on this item and also submits a report detailing the draft list of schemes proposed for funding from the Capital and Revenue Programmes for the financial year 2001/ 2002. The report also includes criteria for Tier 2 / Community Associations to use in preparing bids for funds under the Capital Receipt Initiative – Neighbourhood Approach, under next years Housing Capital Programme. The Cabinet is recommended to approve the draft list of schemes listed in the report and the criteria for bids under the Capital Receipt Initiative – Neighbourhood Approach.

#### **5. REPLACEMENT LEISURE FACILITY**

**Appendix B**

Councillor Holden submits a report updating the Cabinet on the current position with the replacement leisure facility at Hinckley Road, Braunstone, on the Wycliffe site and seeking approval to actions to progress the scheme.

#### **6. QUALITY PROTECTS YEAR 3 - CHILDREN'S SERVICES GRANT**

**Appendix C**

Councillor Getliffe submits a report outlining the Quality Protects Management Action Plan for 2001/ 2002 and the process for its implementation. The Cabinet is asked to endorse the Plan and the process of implementation and scrutiny of the Plan and receive a regular report on the Council's Corporate Parenting Strategy.

- 7. RELOCATION OF ABBEY MEADOWS DEPOT** [Appendix D](#)
- Councillor Patel submits a report seeking approval to actions to facilitate the relocation of Abbey Meadows Depot.
- 8. ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS PROGRAMME 2001/02** [Appendix E](#)
- Councillor Draycott submits a report summarising the proposed programme of environmental works in the declared Renewal Areas and Urban Management Areas. The Cabinet is asked to; approve the environmental works proposed for the renewal areas; approve the Home Maintenance programme for the Belgrave and Highfields Urban Management Areas and approve the proposed programme of works for the Environment Task Force (New Deal Rear Wall Scheme) in the North Belgrave Renewal Area Phase 2.
- 9. THE LEICESTERSHIRE, LEICESTER AND RUTLAND STRUCTURE PLAN - PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS** [Appendix F](#)
- Councillor Roberts submits a report informing the Cabinet of the progress, future actions and the timetable for the production of the Leicestershire, Leicester, and Rutland Structure Plan. The Cabinet is asked to support the progress of the Structure Plan, agree to the proposed pre Examination in Public modifications and to approve delegated authority for a range of housekeeping and procedural decisions to be taken by the Director of Environment and Development and Commercial Services in consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member for Strategic Planning and Regeneration.
- 10. LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN** [Appendix G](#)
- Councillor Osman submits a report seeking approval to expenditure on various transport schemes for referral to the Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee for its views.
- 11. STRASBOURG DRIVE FLATS - RESULTS OF CONSULTATION ON DEMOLITION** [Appendix H](#)
- Councillor Draycott submits a report outlining the results of consultation with residents and the Beaumont Leys Partnership with regard to the future of the flats on Strasbourg Drive, Beaumont Leys and proposing action to be taken in the light of the consultation. The Cabinet is asked to agree to demolition of the flats identified in the report; the acquisition of the two flats purchased under Right to Buy and that consultation take place with the remaining tenants of the blocks of flats on Fowler Close with a view to the flats being included in the demolition programme.
- 12. RESOURCES FOR COMMUNITIES** [Appendix I](#)
- Councillor Draycott submits a report outlining progress on the two pilot 'Resources for Communities' areas. The Cabinet is asked to support the proposed improvements to each area, subject to finance as appropriate, implications for the other areas of 'common' problems being clarified and that

the pilot continue for a further 6 months subject to consideration of funding from the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund.

**13. HIGHFIELDS ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND**

**Appendix J**

Councillor Holden submits a report seeking approval for essential Capital Programme Works to the perimeter fence for the Highfields Adventure Playground to meet legislative Health and Safety Requirements.

**14. OBJECTIVE 2 ACTION PLANS**

**Appendix K**

Councillor Roberts submits a report seeking the Cabinet's approval for the development by the City Council of Action Plans for Priorities 2&3 ("Strategic Development Opportunities" and "Sustainable Communities") of the Objective 2 programme and for the City Council to act as Accountable Body for the Action Plans. The report also seeks approval to consultation taking place with the Leicester Regeneration Agency for determination of which projects should be incorporated into the Action Plans.

**15. DISABLED PERSONS' ADAPTATIONS - CASE MONITORING INFORMATION APRIL 2000 - SEPTEMBER 2000**

**Appendix L**

Councillor Draycott submits a report outlining performance targets for Disabled Persons Adaptations and provides monitoring information on performance for April to September 2000. The Cabinet is asked to approve a target timescale for completion of adaptation cases.

**16. EMPTY HOMES STRATEGY - ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT**

**Appendix M**

Councillor Draycott submits a report giving an update on the progress of the Empty Homes Strategy. The Cabinet is recommended to note the progress made in reducing the number of empty homes, approve a rolling programme of Compulsory Purchase Orders and support the exploration of Private Finance Initiatives to fund the acquisition and rehabilitation of empty properties with a Registered Social Landlord.

**17. APPROVAL FOR ALTERATION OF LEASE TERMS FOR AYLESTONE HALL REFURBISHMENT**

**Appendix N**

Councillor Patel submits a report seeking Cabinet's approval to the insertion of new terms in the lease of Aylestone Hall to Hazlewood Plc to ensure the refurbishment of the stable block ahead of the main refurbishment of the Hall.

**18. AGENDA NOTE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN - SECOND REPORT INTO MALADMINISTRATION BY LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL HOUSING DEPARTMENT**

The Chief Executive reports that a second report has been issued by the Ombudsman into maladministration by the City Council's Housing Department in

the case of Mr Elm.

The Cabinet is asked to approve that the report be submitted to Council for determination.

## **19. 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, 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 5

Information relating to any particular applicant for, or recipient of, any financial assistance provided by the authority.

#### Paragraph 7

Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (other than the authority).

#### **Disjointed**

#### 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).

### **De Montfort Hall Refurbishment Dispute**

#### **Employment Tribunal Proceedings**

##### 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.

### **De Montfort Hall Investigation**

**20. 'DISJOINTED'**

Councillor Roberts submits a report.

**21. DE MONTFORT HALL REFURBISHMENT DISPUTE**

The Director of Arts and Leisure submits a report.

**22. DE MONTFORT HALL INVESTIGATION**

The Chief Executive submits a report.

**23. EMPLOYMENT TRIBUNAL PROCEEDINGS**

The Town Clerk submits a report.

