



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 19 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 MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 5 March 2001 have been circulated to Members and Cabinet is asked to confirm them as a correct record.

4. SERVICE PROFILE - CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICES

Councillor Getliffe to give a presentation.

5. JOINT REVIEW ACTION PLAN UPDATE 2001/2002

Appendix A

Councillor Getliffe submits a report detailing the action that the Department and City Council have taken on the Audit Commission/Department of Health Joint Review Presentation to the Social Services Committee in March 2000. The Cabinet is recommended to note the substantial service developments that have taken place since March 2000 and receive a further report in March 2002 on actions taken in 2001/2002; to commend staff in the Department for their commitment in achieving these developments and accept this updated plan as the official response from the Authority to the Joint Review when they revisit the Authority at the end of March.

6. THE CHILDREN'S FUND

Appendix B

Councillor Getliffe submits a report outlining the implications of the Children's Fund launched by the Government on 15 November 2000, as part of a strategy to tackle child poverty and social exclusion. The Cabinet is asked to note the strategic importance of this fund, agree the submission of a bid to the fund and also to receive further reports with regard to the outline submission due 14 May and the final submission due 29 June. Any observations of the Social Services and Personal Health Scrutiny Committee will be reported to the meeting.

7. LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN

Appendix C

Councillor Osman submits a report for consideration of expenditure on transport schemes. The report was referred to the Highways and Transportation Scrutiny

Committee on 14 March 2001 for its views. These will be reported to the meeting.

8. ON STREET PARKING IN THE CITY CENTRE

Appendix D

Councillor Osman submits a report that reviews experience with the operation of on-street parking during the past year, and recommends increasing the level of fines. The report also contains revised proposals for spending the surplus income generated by the scheme. The views of the Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee will be reported to the meeting. The Cabinet is recommended to approve the increase in the level of the fine from £20 to £30 and the proposals for spending the surplus income and also to delegate to the Director the power to vary the amounts spent on the various items, subject to funding being available.

9. ABBEY MEADOWS DEPOT RELOCATION

Appendix E

Councillor Patel submits a report setting out for decision the issues surrounding the proposal to relocate the Abbey Meadows Depot and considering the financial implications and the comments of the Highways and Transportation and Finance, Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committees following the Cabinet's approval in principle to the relocation at its last meeting. The Cabinet is asked to consider its 'in principle' decision on the light of the additional financial information and the comments of the relevant Scrutiny Committees. An addendum report from the Chief Financial Officer and the comments of the Scrutiny Committees will be circulated as soon as they are available.

10. THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE BILL: KEY IMPLICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL

Appendix F

Councillor Getliffe submits a report that identifies those aspects of the Health and Social Care Bill that will have implications for the Council and to propose how the issues identified can be addressed when the legislation takes effect. The Cabinet is recommended to note the provisions of the Health and Social Care Bill and the implications for the Council; to receive a further report on the proposals for how the new scrutiny powers for the Council in relation to the NHS might best be achieved; make suitable representations to Government in support of the Local Government Association and Association of Directors of Social Services proposal that care trusts should have joint governance arrangements and not be wholly NHS bodies and commission a further report on the anticipated budget implications of the Long Term Care Funding changes for 2001/2 and 2002/3. Any views of the Social Services and Personal Health Scrutiny Committee will be reported to the meeting.

11. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCE SCHEME

Appendix G

Councillor Patel submits a report which asks the Cabinet to consider suggested modifications to the Members' Allowance Scheme, prior to its consideration by the full Council

12. EDUCATION CAPITAL PROGRAMME - RELOCATION OF STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICE [Appendix H](#)

Councillor Subedar submits a report seeking approval to capital expenditure of up to £70,000 for work to enable the urgent relocation of the Student Support Service, currently based at the Wycliffe Community College site. The relocation is urgent to allow demolition works to take place as part of the scheme to build a new leisure facility on the site.

13. EDUCATION CAPITAL PROGRAMME - EMILY FORTEY SCHOOL [Appendix I](#)

Councillor Subedar submits a report seeking approval for capital expenditure up to £150,000 for works to the toilets at Emily Forte School.

14. LEICESTER RESIDENTS SURVEY 2001 [Appendix J](#)

Councillor Willmott submits a report seeking approval to carry out a Residents' Survey over the summer as done in previous years. The Cabinet is asked to approve proposals for undertaking the project and approve expenditure from the Chief Executive's Office budget, within existing resources.

15. LANESBOROUGH ROAD SITE DEVELOPMENT GUIDANCE [Appendix K](#)

Councillor Roberts submits a report that sets out the planning and urban design requirements for the former allotment site to the rear of Lanesborough Road in the Rushey Mead area of North Leicester. Once adopted such guidance becomes a material consideration in the determination of any planning applications relating to the site. The Cabinet is recommended to adopt the Site Development Guidance as Supplementary Planning Guidance.

16. TREASURY STRATEGY 2001/2002 [Appendix L](#)

Councillor Patel submits a report that recommends a Treasury Strategy for 2001/2002. The Cabinet is asked to adopt the Strategy detailed in the report and to recommend that the Council adopt the borrowing limits detailed at paragraph 5.1 of the Strategy. The Cabinet is also asked to adopt the proposed lending list attached as Appendix A to the report.

17. HUMAN RESOURCE STRATEGY [Appendix M](#)

Councillor Patel submits a report seeking approval to the Human Resource Strategy for the Council.

18. ELECTED MEMBER ABSENCE FROM MEETINGS [Appendix N](#)

The Town Clerk submits a report informing the Cabinet of expiry of six months since the last attendance by Councillor Vaz at a Council, Committee or Sub-Committee meeting. The Cabinet is asked to recommend to Council that, having regard to the extenuating circumstances, an extension of time be granted for Councillor Vaz and the position reviewed prior to the expiry of a further for months.

**19. CONSTITUTION OF THE LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE
AND RUTLAND COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY**

Appendix O

The Town Clerk submits a report asking the Cabinet to consider whether or not to support a proposal to reduce the number of members on the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Fire Authority. The Cabinet is asked to consider the reduction of the overall membership of the Combined Fire Authority from 27 to 17 for the reasons set out in the report and to authorise the Town Clerk to communicate its decision to the Chief Fire Officer as soon as possible.

20. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

21. 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 8

The amount or any expenditure proposed to be incurred by the authority under any particular contract for the acquisition or disposal of property or the supply of goods or services.

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.

Rushey Mead School, Authority to Negotiate a Building Contract

22. RUSHEY MEAD SCHOOL - AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT

Councillor Subedar submits a report.

