



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 25 JUNE 2001
TIME: 5:30 PM *
**PLACE: COMMITTEE ROOM 1, 'B' BLOCK, NEW WALK CENTRE,
KING STREET, LEICESTER***

*** PLEASE NOTE TIME AND VENUE**

Members of the Cabinet

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

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

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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INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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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 the Cabinet held on 4 June 2001 have been circulated and the Cabinet is asked to confirm them as a correct record.

4. ISSUES RAISED BY CLOSURE OF THE JOHN ELLIS CENTRE [Appendix A](#)

Councillor Roberts submits a report giving details of the progress of relocation of provision from the John Ellis Centre for lifelong learning and responding to the concerns of the Scrutiny Committee about the future of the site. The Cabinet is recommended to note the contents of the report and consider the Scrutiny Committee's comments and concerns about the future of the John Ellis site.

5. LEICESTER MARKETS ENHANCEMENT SCHEME [Appendix B](#)

Councillor Patel submits a report on proposals for the redevelopment of the Market. Cabinet is asked to approve expenditure of £500,000 for the Market redevelopment, which includes the creation of a cafeteria, new self contained units and new lighting and signage; to agree the programme of works for the Market redevelopment, due to commence in July 2001 and completion in May 2002 and to support the principle of future Market redevelopment when funds become available.

6. PROPOSED TENANT PARTICIPATION STRUCTURE [Appendix C](#)

Councillor Draycott submits a report containing the details of the new structure for Tenant Participation. The Cabinet is asked to approve the terms of reference for both the Housing Management Board and the Community Associations; to confirm that the Leicester Federation of

Tenants Associations be given a place on the Housing Management Board and that each Association shall have two members on the Housing Management Board with one vote per Association. Cabinet is also asked to commit to further consultation with tenant's groups on the structure and terms of reference on the Housing Management Board.

7. UPVC COMPOSITE DOORS

Appendix D

Councillor Draycott submits a report recommending a change in policy, which will allow in future tenants to have uPVC doors installed in their properties. Cabinet is asked to approve a change in Council Policy to allow uPVC doors to be the standard replacement door to Council Houses in future; agree that tenants be given the option to select their preferred colour and design of door; to agree a charge of 10 pence per week per door for all uPVC doors installed and to approve the work programme for implementation as outlined in the report. The Cabinet is also asked to delegate authority to the Director of Housing, in consultation with the Cabinet Lead for Housing, using DSO profits to purchase or lease accommodation for door production and authorise the Town Clerk to sign any contracts necessary.

8. BLACK AND ETHNIC MINORITY HOUSING STRATEGY

Appendix E

Councillor Draycott submits a report on the final "Black & Ethnic Minority Housing Strategy". The Strategy sets out the identified housing needs of Leicester's diverse Black and Ethnic Minority population, the priorities to be addressed and outcomes to be sought. The Strategy sets out an overall agenda for all housing providers in the City, including the City Council, Registered Social Landlords and the voluntary and private sectors and seeks to gain commitment and support from all housing providers to address the needs of Black and Ethnic Minority communities in the City across all tenures. The Cabinet is recommended to endorse the Strategy for publication and dissemination.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1990: PART IIA: CONTAMINATED LAND INSPECTION STRATEGY FOR THE CITY OF LEICESTER

Appendix F

Councillor Holden submits a report, which introduces the Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy for the City of Leicester, this strategy has been prepared to comply with Section 78(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and has been subject to external consultation required under the strategy adoption process. The Cabinet is requested to formally adopt the Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy for the City of Leicester.

10. THE REPLACEMENT CITY OF LEICESTER LOCAL PLAN **Appendix G**

Councillor Kavia submits a report detailing the latest position with regard to the production of the Local Plan, contained within the report are details of consultations done on the plan so far. The Cabinet is asked to approve the Replacement City of Leicester Local Plan for public consultation and request that the Director of Environment, Development and Commercial Services move to place the Plan on deposit. The Cabinet is also asked to delegate authority to the Director of Environment, Development and Commercial Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Lead for Strategic Planning and Regeneration, to make amendments to the plan as necessary during the course of its preparation for deposit.

11. EDUCATION CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2001/2002 **Appendix H**

Councillor Roberts submits a report outlining urgent needs for additional accommodation at various Schools and Community Colleges. The Cabinet is requested to approve funding of up to £140, 000 for mobile accommodation and for their transfer.

13. 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 11

Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matters arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.

**RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF
SKILLED CRAFT WORKERS IN THE
HOUSING MAINTENANCE DSO**

APPENDIX B1

12. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

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