



Leicester  
City Council

## **MEETING OF THE CABINET**

**DATE: MONDAY, 02 JULY 2001**  
**TIME: 5:30 PM\***  
**PLACE: COMMITTEE ROOM 1, 'B' BLOCK, NEW WALK CENTRE,  
KING STREET, LEICESTER**

\* Members are asked to note the Cabinet's later start time; this is to facilitate a presentation on the Ofsted Inspection of the City Council which all Councillors are invited to attend. The presentation will be held between 5.00p.m. – 5.30p.m.

### **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**

### **ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND MEETINGS**

You have the right to attend Cabinet to hear decisions being made. You can also attend Scrutiny Committees, as well as meetings of the full Council. You can ask questions and make representations to Scrutiny Committees and Council. You also have the right to see copies of agendas and minutes. Dates of meetings are available at the Customer Service Centre. There are, however, certain occasions when the Council's meetings may need to discuss issues in private session. The reasons for dealing with matters in private session are set down in law.

### **WHEELCHAIR ACCESS**

The Committee Rooms at New Walk Centre are all accessible to wheelchair users. If wheelchair access is required for Council meetings, which are held at the Town Hall, please contact Charles Poole on 252 7015 or call in at the Customer Service Centre.

### **BRAILLE/AUDIO TAPE**

If there are any particular reports that you would like translating into Braille or providing on audio tape, the Committee Administrator can provide this for you (production times will depend upon equipment/facility availability).

**General Enquiries - if you have any queries about any of the above or the business to be discussed, please contact Frances Wake, Committee Administrator on (0116) 252 6028 or call in at the Customer Service Centre.**

**Press Enquiries - please phone the Communications Unit on 252 6081**

# **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 Cabinet meeting on 25 June 2001 have been circulated and Members are asked to approve them as correct record.

### **4. QUALITY STANDARDS IN EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES**

**Appendix A**

Councillor Kavia submits a report on the Leicester Employment Agency Association (LEAA) which has been established to raise and maintain quality standards in agency work in the City. The Cabinet is asked to support the LEAA by becoming a signatory member; follow current practice in using employment agencies only when conventional recruitment practices have been assessed as impractical; to accept that, in the case of schools, the Authority is limited in the control it has over the actions of individual governing bodies; to consult with the Local Government Association about their possible contribution to the issue of standards in employment agencies nationally; and to agree that by adopting the standards the authority is making a commitment to quality standards and will require its practices to be adjusted accordingly.

### **5. PLAY AREA STRATEGY 2001/2002**

**Appendix B**

Councillor Holden submits a report on the play area strategy and seeks Cabinet approval for a programme of refurbishment for playgrounds and kickabout areas. Cabinet are also asked to approve capital expenditure of £150,000 in relation to Playground Improvements and Kickabout Areas in accordance with the 2001/02 Capital Programme and to approve the principle of linking the Playground revenue and capital budgets together with the Kickabout Area capital budget in 2001/02 to enable prioritised refurbishment works to be carried out at a total cost of £200,000.

**6. ENVIRONMENT ACT 1995 PART VI - REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF AIR QUALITY** [Appendix C](#)

Councillor Holden submits a report on progress with the statutory review and assessment of air quality. The Cabinet is asked to approve capital expenditure totalling £74,250 to be funded by Supplementary Credit Approval to upgrade the Council's monitoring and dispersion modelling and carry forward the statutory review and assessment of air quality and to note progress with the current phase of the air quality review and assessment as part of the City Council's ongoing commitment to achieve better air quality.

**7. CAPITAL RECEIPTS INITIATIVE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES TO TENANT ASSOCIATION INITIATIVES 2001/2002** [Appendix D](#)

Councillor Draycott submits a report proposing a programme of work for this financial year under the Capital Receipts Initiative, in line with the Cabinet's decision in January 2001. The report summarises the bids received and Cabinet is recommended to consider the bids and indicate whether it supports the proposed schemes; to indicate whether works such as door entry system, and dropped kerbs/hardstandings should only proceed if owner occupiers meet their full share of the costs involved; to instruct the Central, Humberstone and Beaumont Leys Tier 2 groups to review or reprioritise their bids to stay within the resources allocated; to approve the bids for New Parks and Saffron Tier 2 Groups; and to approve the bid from Braunstone Tier 2 subject to no work being undertaken on streets covered by the demolition proposal, until such time as Cabinet has made a final decision.

**8. NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUND SUGGESTED YEAR ONE PROGRAMME** [Appendix E](#)

Councillor Draycott submits a report recommending a programme of projects and service improvements to be carried out this financial year using this Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF). The Fund has to be used in partnership with the Local Strategic Partnership for Leicester but in its absence for this year, the Leicester Regeneration Agency was used. The Cabinet are recommended to agree the year one NRF programme, and to ask the Director of Housing working with the Leicester Regeneration Agency (NRF) Task Group to create an evaluation and monitoring framework for the programme that is linked directly to the Council's financial regulations and the Public Sector Agreement and Community Plan targets.

**9. FINDING OF MALADMINISTRATION BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN (OMBUDSMAN REPORT 00/B/04564)**

**Appendix F**

The Town Clerk and Director of Corporate Resources submits a report on the Local Government Ombudsman's investigation of a complaint about the Council's delay in completing the Right to Buy process. The Ombudsman has found maladministration causing injustice and the Cabinet is asked to approve the Ombudsman's recommendations to remedy the situation.

**10. COUNCIL CONSTITUTION**

The Organisations Working Party, at their meeting on 28 June 2001 considered reports on the new Constitution and Cabinet is recommended to note progress (to be reported) in reaching an agreed timescale for the production and adoption of the new Constitution for the Council.

The Organisations Working Party also considered reports on the Periodic Electoral Review and the Independent Panel on Members Allowances - Scope of Review, Terms of Reference and Information Requirements. Both of these reports relate to all Members of the Council and therefore need to be considered at the next meeting of full Council, on 12 July, 2001.

To comply with the requirements of Standing Orders, Cabinet is asked to approve the submission direct to Council of these Reports, as considered at the Organisations Working Party.

**11. FREEDOM OF THE CITY**

The City Council may, if it so wishes, admit to the Freedom of the City persons of distinction and persons who have, in the Council's opinion, rendered eminent services to the City.

Such an honour is initiated by way of a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the members voting thereon at a meeting of the Council specially convened for the purpose.

Consideration of the conferment of the Freedom of the City is currently underway. To conclude this deliberation, a special meeting of the Council is proposed to be called for 5.00 p.m. on Thursday, 12 July 2001, with the ordinary meeting of the Council meeting at 5.05 p.m. or immediately upon the rising of the Special Council, whichever is the later.

Although the Lord Mayor may call a Special Meeting of Council, the Cabinet may vary the start time of a Council meeting.

The Cabinet is, therefore, asked to approve the variation in the start time for the Council meeting scheduled to be held on 12 July 2001, and also to approve the submission of a report to the Special Council Meeting

regarding admissions to the Freedom of the City.

**12. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

### 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 Cabinet 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

**(1) REPLACEMENT SUPPLIER FOR  
THE HOUSING BENEFIT DOCUMENT  
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

**APPENDIX B1**

#### Paragraph 7

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

**(2) LEICESTER COMEDY FESTIVAL**

**APPENDIX B2**

**FIELD\_TITLE**