



Leicester  
City Council

## **MEETING OF THE CABINET**

**DATE: MONDAY, 30 JULY 2001**  
**TIME: 5:00 PM**  
**PLACE: COMMITTEE ROOMS 2 & 3, 'B' BLOCK, NEW WALK CENTRE, KING STREET, LEICESTER**

### **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 on 16 July 2001 have been circulated and the Cabinet is asked to confirm them as a correct record.

#### **4. AUDIT OF BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN**

Councillor Westley submits a report setting out the results of the annual statutory audit of the Council's Best Value Performance Plan. The Cabinet is asked to approve the Council's response and proposed method of publicising the Audit.

#### **5. NATIONAL SERVICE FRAMEWORK FOR OLDER PEOPLE**

Councillor Getliffe submits a report informing the Cabinet of requirements being placed on the National Health Service and local authorities to improve services and the quality of life for older people. The Cabinet is asked to note the actions being taken in response to the National Service Framework.

**The Joint Investment Plan for Older People including Older People with Mental Health Difficulties is attached for Members of the Cabinet only. Copies are available from the Committee and Public Information Section, Leicester Social Services Tel. 252 8885.**

#### **6. HOUSING INVESTMENT PROGRAMME STRATEGY 2001/06**

Councillor Draycott submits a report seeking approval to the Council's Housing Investment Strategy 2001/06.

**The full Housing Investment Strategy document is available to Councillors in the Members' Library. Copies can also be obtained from Martin Field, Housing Department, Tel No. 252 8713.**

**7. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUSINESS PLAN 2001**

Councillor Draycott submits a report seeking approval to the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2001.

**The full text of the Business Plan is available to Councillors in the Members' Library. Copies can also be obtained from Rod Pearson, Housing Department Tel No. 252 7108**

**8. 3 CITIES CONSTRUCTION SKILLS INITIATIVE**

Councillor Kavia submits a report seeking the Cabinet's support for the European EQUAL bid that is being developed with Nottingham and Derby City Councils, which aims to address the issues of skills shortages and increase the job opportunities within the construction trade to women and ethnic minority groups, currently under represented in the industry.

**9. THE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN FOR CENTRAL LEICESTERSHIRE - FIRST ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT**

Councillor Subedar submits a report informing the Cabinet of the main contents of the above progress report and seeking approval to the bid for capital funding of local transport improvements in the year 2002/03.

**10. DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT INITIATIVES BUDGET 2001/2002**

Councillor Osman submits a report advising Members of the works included in the Priority List for 2001/2002 (Main List) and Reserve List of the Disability Discrimination Act Initiatives Budget for 2001/2002. The report also advises the Cabinet of the recommended level of the Access to Work portion of the budget and seeks approval to enable the programme to proceed. The Cabinet is recommended to; approve the works in the main list; approve the works in the Reserve List, approve the allocation of funds for Access to Work at £20,000; and to delegate all necessary authorities to allow the works to proceed.

**11. BEST VALUE REVIEW YEAR TWO - FUNDAMENTAL CHALLENGE, FINAL SCOPE AND ROUTING**

Councillor Westley submits a report which includes recommendations of the cross party Member Working Group with regard to the fundamental challenge stage of the Best Value Reviews of the following areas:-

Services to Homeless People  
Highways and Transportation

The full reports on each Review are available with the agenda published on the Council's Intranet and Internet site ([www.leicester.gov.uk](http://www.leicester.gov.uk)). A copy is also available for Councillors in the Members' Library.

If you do not have access to any of the above, a copy can be obtained from Frances Wake, Committee Secretariat Tel No, 252 6028

**12. CULTURAL STRATEGY AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CULTURAL STRATEGY PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

Councillor Holden submits a report presenting the Cultural Strategy. The Cabinet is asked to approve the Strategy (the full text to be circulated separately) and to approve the establishment of the Cultural Strategy Partnership to deliver the strategy.

**13. ABBEY MEADOWS DEPOT RELOCATION - DELEGATED AUTHORITIES**

Councillor Kavia submits a report seeking approval for delegated authority in respect of the invitation to tender and acceptance of tenders of works required to secure the relocation of the Abbey Meadows depot within the timescales agreed with the East Midlands Development Agency. Delegated authority is also sought to consider and agree to, if appropriate, any requests requiring the temporary relocation of the depot offices and car park to secure early development of this part of the site, subject to identifying sources of finance in advance of the delegation being carried out. The Cabinet is also asked to note the circumstances surrounding the electrical supply available within Beaumont Leys and the effect this may have on the relocation of the depot to Leycroft Road.

**14. LEICESTER REGENERATION COMPANY LIMITED**

Councillor Kavia submits a report seeking approval to join and fund the Leicester Regeneration Company (LRC) following approval in principle given by the Regeneration Sub-Committee on 1 June 2000. The Cabinet is asked to agree; that the City Council participates in the LRC according to the rules regarding local authority companies; that the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive be nominated as Directors of LRC; that a contribution of up to £250, 000 be provided by the City Council for the first year of the Company's existence on the basis of equal contributions having been approved by EMDA and English Partnerships; to approval, in principle being given to a similar

level of funding for a further 2 years subject to the level of contributions from other funders; that approvals be subject to the Head of Legal Services being satisfied as to the final details of the framework within which the Company will operate; to the interim funding arrangement with the Company as described in the report with a further report being submitted with specific financial arrangements when these have been resolved to the satisfaction of the Chief Financial Officer; to a further report being submitted on the professional staff input need to serve the Company effectively and any additional resources this might involve.

**15. SINGLE REGENERATION BUDGET (SRB) REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS**

Councillor Kavia submits a report seeking approval to proposals to updated reporting arrangements for SRB funded regeneration programmes. The Cabinet is asked to agree that approval of annual delivery plans for SRB programmes and the authorisation of SRB expenditure be delegated to the Director of Environment, Development and Commercial Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Lead on Strategic Planning and Regeneration and that an annual report on the progress of SRB programmes be presented to Cabinet and Scrutiny Committee each September.

**16. HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES AND IMPROVEMENT LINES:TAILBY AVENUE/CATHERINE STREET AND HUMBERSTONE ROAD/FOREST ROAD**

Councillor Subedar submits a report outlining urgent action taken by the Director in amending the Tailby Avenue and Catherine Street Highway Improvement Scheme and lines so as to avoid the former Salutation Public House site and seeks approval for an urgent review of Humberstone Road and Forest Road Highway Improvement Lines to be carried out as soon as possible.

**17. EXPANSION OF 'STAR TRAK' REAL TIME BUS PASSENGER INFORMATION SYSTEM - WAIVER OF STANDING ORDERS**

Councillor Subedar submits a report seeking a waiver of Standing Order 84 (competition requirements: large contracts) in order to be able to place orders for equipment and services in connection with the expansion of the star-trak real-time bus passenger information and intelligent bus priority system.

**18. TOWN HALL PROGRAMME 2001/02**

Councillor Patel submits a report seeking the Cabinet's approval to improvement and refurbishment works for inclusion in the Town Hall programme for 2001/2002.

**19. PUBLIC CONVENIENCES**

Cllr Holden submits a report seeking approval to site new toilet facilities on a site located on Belgrave Road adjacent to the corner of Dorset Street and to develop the joint operational partnership for toilets sited at Beaumont Leys Market. The Cabinet is recommended to approve the variation to the project allocation to increase the provision to £116,300 in total and to approve the additional expenditure of £16,300 from the Environment and Development Capital Programme budget.

**20. LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL'S SERVICE PLAN FOR FOOD ENFORCEMENT 2001/02**

Councillor Holden submits a report seeking the Cabinet's approval to the Service Plan for Food Enforcement 2001/2002, as required by the Food Standards Agency.

**21. CAPITAL STRATEGY 2002/03 TO 2004/5**

Councillor Patel submits a report recommending a Capital Strategy Statement to be submitted to the Government Office for the East Midlands by 31 July 2001 for consideration in determining the discretionary element of the Single Capital Pot allocation from 2002/03.

Any views of the Finance, Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee will be reported to the meeting.

**22. REVENUE STRATEGY 2002/03 TO 2004/05**

Councillor Patel submits a report seeking approval to a draft revenue budget strategy for the next three years, subject to public consultation and consultation with Scrutiny Committees.

Any views of the Finance, Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee will be reported to the meeting.

**23. CAPITAL PROGRAMME - 2000/2001 OUTTURN**

Councillor Patel submits a report showing the outturn position for Capital expenditure, compared with the position reported previously in February. The report also contains details regarding the generation of capital receipts compared with the targets. The Cabinet is asked to note variations to programmes since February totalling £2,321 and note the progress in generating capital receipts.

**24. GENERAL FUND REVENUE OUTTURN 2000/01**

Councillor Patel submits a report showing the summary position comparing spending with the budget for all General Fund Services and the Housing Revenue Account (HRA). The Cabinet is asked to note; the outturn position for each Department and the Council as a whole; the reasons which the final outturn differed from the budget; the final position on the Council's uncommitted general reserves; the position in

respect of various significant earmarked reserves and approve the requested budget virements and transfers.

**25. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT AND HOUSING DSO OUTTURN 2000/01**

Councillor Draycott and Councillor Patel submit a joint report giving the outturn position for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and the Housing DSO for the financial year 2000/01. The Cabinet are recommended to; note the HRA and Housing DSO outturns for 2001/02 and agree that HRA balances should be set at £1.5m and any surplus should be earmarked to meet future investment as outlined in the report.

**26. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**



## 27. 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.

#### **Development Partnership**

**Crown Hills Community College – Proposals For A 5-A-Side Football Centre**

**Land At Quakesick, Hamilton – 1987 Development Agreement**

#### Paragraph 8

The amount of 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.

#### **Replacement Of Local Taxation And Housing Benefit IT Systems**

#### Paragraph 8 and 9

The amount of 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.

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.

### **Revised Project Management Arrangements**

- 1. DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP**  
Councillor Kavia submits a report.
- 2. CROWN HILLS COLLEGE SPORTS FACILITIES**  
Councillor Roberts submits a report.
- 3. REPLACEMENT OF LOCAL TAXATION AND HOUSING BENEFIT IT SYSTEMS**  
Councillor Draycott and Councillor Patel submit a report.
- 4. LAND AT QUAKESICK, HAMILTON - 1987 DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT**  
Councillor Patel submits a report.

