

*PLEASE NOTE TIME OF MEETING

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2001

TIME: *5.30 PM

PLACE: COMMITTEE ROOMS 2 & 3, 'B' BLOCK, NEW WALK

CENTRE, KING STREET, LEICESTER

Members of the Committee

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:

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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 held on 10 September 2001 have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to confirm them as a correct record.

4. FURTHER HOUSING OPTIONS FOR WEBSTER ROAD, WELLINGER WAY, HOLLINS ROAD, HAND AVENUE, HOCKLEY FARM ROAD AND GALLARDS HILL IN THE BRAUNSTONE NEW DEAL AREA

Appendix A

Councillor Draycott submits a report detailing two options for the above streets in North Braunstone. The Cabinet is asked to delegate to the Director of Housing, in consultation with the Cabinet Lead for Housing and Neighbourhood Renewal, the authority to produce consultation material and commission a ballot on the two options and adopt the majority decision of the ballot as Council policy.

5. REPORT ON THE DRAFT LEA OFSTED ACTION Appendix B PLAN

Councillor Roberts submits a report presenting the post OFSTED Action Plan which has been submitted to the DfES and OFSTED. The Cabinet is asked to receive the plan as a basis for action required to address the recommendations in the OFSTED report.

The full Plan has previously been circulated to all Members of the Council. Further copies are available from Frances Wake, Committee Secretariat on 252 6028.

6. EMAS ACTION PROGRAMME - ANNUAL REVIEW Appendix C

Councillor Holden submits a report presenting the Annual Review of the

EMAS Action Programme with the progress made on actions and the new actions designed to move the Council forward in meeting the targets it has set for environmental improvement. The Cabinet is asked to endorse the revisions to the EMAS Action Programme and consider referring it to the Arts, Leisure and Environment Scrutiny Committee for monitoring of implementation.

7. TORONTO DECLARATION

Appendix D

Councillor Willmott submits a report informing the Cabinet of the signing by him of the Toronto Declaration formulated following the Toronto Summit on Climate Change held in June 2001. The Declaration re-affirmed the City Council's commitment to reducing energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions within the City. The Cabinet is asked to endorse the Toronto Declaration, note Leicester's achievements in reducing energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions and receive further reports on future energy policy and strategy.

8. LEICESTERSHIRE, LEICESTER AND RUTLAND Appendix E WASTE LOCAL PLAN

Councillor Kavia submits a report informing the Cabinet of the findings of the Inspector's Report into the above Plan and seeking approval to proposed responses to the Inspector's recommendations and consequent amendments to the Plan.

9. PROPOSED REFURBISHMENT OF SAFFRON LANE Appendix F SPORTS CENTRE ATHLETICS TRACK

Councillor Holden submits a report detailing the progress made regarding the proposed refurbishment of Saffron Lane Sports Centre athletics track and seeking approval to proceed with the submission of a Stage 1 Lottery Bid to Sport England.

10. EDUCATION CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Appendix G

Councillor Roberts submits a report seeking approval to a revised 2001/02 Capital Programme following notification of new grant funding since the original Capital Programme was set.

11. BASE BUDGET PREPARATION 2002/03

Appendix H

Councillor Patel submits a report explaining the process by which the Council's 2002/03 base budget is being prepared and summarising the principles supporting this process. The Cabinet is asked to endorse the framework, subject to any changes it wishes to make following scrutiny committee and approve the cash limits for departments.

12. RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Appendix I

Councillor Patel submits a report seeking approval to a risk management policy statement and a risk management strategy for the Council.

13. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ANNUAL REPORT 2000 ON THE SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION TEAM

Appendix J

The Chief Executive submits a report enclosing his annual report on the performance of the Social Services Department's registration and inspection functions for submission to the Department of Health's Social Services Inspectorate. The Cabinet is asked to receive the report.

14. STATUTORY STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Appendix K

Councillor Patel submits a report submitting the Statement of Accounts 2000/01 for approval, prior to audit and inspection. The Cabinet is also asked to note any comments of the Finance, Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee.

The full Accounts are attached for Members of the Cabinet only. Further copies are available for Andy Morley, Financial Services, Town Clerk's Department on 252 7404.

15. AGENDA NOTE: POLITICAL CONVENTIONS

The Town Clerk reports that the Political Conventions, introduced in 1998, require updating to reflect the Council's Cabinet/Scrutiny/Regulatory model of local governance. This updating process has been the subject of considerable and in-depth discussion, with final consideration by the Organisations Working Party, at it's meeting on 20 September 2001. It is therefore **RECOMMENDED:-**

That the revised Political Conventions, incorporating the General Principles and the Model Code, be put to the September full Council meeting for consideration and adoption.

16. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

18. FORMER MUNDELLA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Councillor Patel submits a report.

19. PRESENTATION - CONSERVATION AREAS

Councillor Kavia to give a presentation.