



Leicester  
City Council

## **MEETING OF THE CABINET**

**DATE: MONDAY 28 JANUARY 2002**  
**TIME: 5:00 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:**

**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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# **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 14 January 2002, have been circulated to members and the Cabinet is asked to confirm them as a correct record.

### **4. CORPORATE CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2002/03 TO 2004/05 Appendix A**

Councillor Patel submits a report recommending a draft "corporate" capital programme for the period 2002/03 to 2004/05 based on the Council's Capital Strategy. The report also updates the existing Capital Strategy. The Cabinet is asked to support a number of recommendations regarding the Corporate Capital Programme for submission to Council. The comments of the Finance, Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee held on 24 January will be reported at the meeting.

### **5. TRADE WASTE AT COMMUNITY RECYCLING CENTRES Appendix B**

Councillor Holden submits a report which highlights the increasing problems associated with trade waste being illegally deposited at Community Recycling Centres which denies residents the opportunity to deposit their own household waste and causes budget pressures. The Cabinet is asked to; approve the introduction of a free permit scheme for city residents using vans and trailers over 4ft 6 inches to deliver household waste to the City Recycling Centres in the city; approve the implementation of the other Action Plan proposals as set out in the Supporting information to the report; and request that the Director of Environment, Development and Commercial Services provides a monitoring report to members 6 months after scheme implementation date.

### **6. HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2001/2002 AND 2002/2003 Appendix C**

Councillor Draycott submits a report reviewing the current years approved Housing Capital Programme and, following receipt of the Single Capital Pot, recommending a programme for 2002/2003. The Cabinet is asked to; approve

the revised programme for 2001/2002 as detailed in the report; note that the City Council has been designated by, the Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions as a 'well above average housing authority'; approve the resources shown in paragraph 2.1 of the Supporting Information to support the 2002/2003 Housing Capital Programme and to approve the Housing Capital Programme for 2002/2003 outlined at Appendix B of the report for recommendation to Council. The comments of the Housing Scrutiny Committee from 10 January 2002 will be reported at the meeting.

**7. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT - BUDGET 2002/03 Appendix D**

Councillor Draycott submits a report summarising the financial position of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for 2001/02 and 2002/03 and sets out the options for Members in deciding the 2002/03 rent level. The Cabinet is asked to; note the estimated working balance of £3.187m at the start of 2002/03, and the base budget for 2002/03 as detailed in the report; consider the issues outlined in the background information of the report and decide the level of rents to be applied for 2002/03 for recommendation to Council; and consider and decide on the revised level of miscellaneous payments and charges to be applied in 2002/03. The comments of the Housing Scrutiny Committee from 10 January 2002 will be reported at the meeting.

**8. STRATEGY FOR THE LICENSING OF HACKNEY CARRIAGES Appendix E**

Councillor Holden submits a report proposing a strategy for licensing hackney carriages for adoption by the City Council. The Cabinet is asked to; adopt the Strategy for Licensing Hackney; adopt a number of other policies in relation to Hackney Carriages as detailed in the report from April 2002; delegate authority to the Director of Environment, Development and Commercial Services to make minor amendments to these policies if necessary; consult with private hire operators on the application of comparable policies to the licensing of private hire vehicles; and carry out a review of the purpose built policy, commencing in April 2003.

**9. EDUCATION BUDGET STRATEGY 2002/03 Appendix F**

Councillor Roberts submits a report seeking approval for; the Education Budget for 2002/03; the proposed addition delegation for 2002/03; the revision of the Local Management of Schools formula following consultation with schools and the Education and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee. The Cabinet is asked to approve a number of recommendations regarding the Education budget. The minutes of the Education and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee from 5 December 2001 are attached to the report.

**10. LEICESTER CITY EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT PLAN Appendix G  
2002-2007**

Councillor Roberts submits a report presenting the priorities and the supporting activities of the Educational Development Plan for 2002/2003. The Cabinet is

asked to approve the Plan. The comments of the Education and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee from 21 January will be reported at the meeting.

**11. A NEW APPROACH TO VOLUNTARY SECTOR SERVICE PROVIDERS** **Appendix H**

Councillor Patel submits a report proposing a new corporate approach for Voluntary Sector funding arrangements within the Council's Revenue Budget Strategy for 2002/03 to 2004/05. The Cabinet is asked to comment on the report in the light of the comments of the Finance, Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee from its meeting on 24 January, which will be reported to the meeting.

**12. BRAUNSTONE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PROJECT** **Appendix I**

Councillor Getliffe submits a report seeking confirmation of the City Council's interest in the possible development of a health and social care centre with Leicester City West Primary Care Trust and the Braunstone Community Association in Braunstone. The Cabinet is asked to: confirm the City Council's interest in participating in the development of a Health and Social Care Centre for Braunstone; delegate to the Director of Social Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Lead for Social Services and Personal Health, authority to submit the joint Outline Business Case; and receive further reports on the progress of the project, including any future land, property or service implications.

**13. UPDATED JOINT INVESTMENT PLAN FOR ADULTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES** **Appendix J**

Councillor Getliffe submits a report introducing a draft version of the Local Authority led Joint Investment Plan (JIP) for Adults with Learning Disability, which Central Government requires to be completed by 31 January 2002. The Cabinet is asked to endorse the Joint Investment Plan subject to the views of the Learning Disability Partnership Board and to delegate authority to confirm the Plan to the Director of Social Services in consultation with the Cabinet Lead for Social Services and Personal Health. The comments of the Social Services and Personal Health Scrutiny Committee from January 16 will be reported to the meeting.

**14. CUSTOMER CARE IN HOUSING** **Appendix K**

Councillor Draycott submits a report indicating how improvements can be achieved in the day-to-day delivery of housing services to tenants, homeless people, benefit claimants, and others by additional investment in customer care initiatives. The Cabinet is asked to allocate £350,000 from the Housing Revenue Account reserves to progress service improvements through customer care initiatives; and authorise the Director of Housing, in consultation with the Cabinet Lead for Housing and Neighbourhood Renewal, to spend up to £350, 000 following consultation with tenants and other housing clients.

**15. REVISED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2000/01**

**Appendix L**

Councillor Patel submits a report which notes changes required to be made to the Revised Statement of Accounts 2000/01 following the unqualified audit opinion by the District Auditor. The Cabinet is asked to note the revised Statement of Accounts for 2000/2001. Copies of the revised statement of accounts are available from the Accountancy Section in the Town Clerk's and Corporate Resources Department on (0116) 252 6013.

**16. ATTENDANCE MANAGEMENT POLICY**

**Appendix M**

Councillor Osman submits a report informing Cabinet of the new Attendance Management Policy and seeks approval for implementation. The Cabinet is asked to endorse the Attendance Management Policy enabling implementation following appropriate notice to all employees; and to note the identified changes in the new policy compared to the previous policy as at appendix 2 of the report.

**17. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

**18. 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.

FREEHOLD PURCHASE OF 499, SAFFRON LANE

FREEHOLD SALE OF FORMER COLEMAN INFANT SCHOOL, THE WAYNE WAY, LEICESTER, BY SEALED OFFER

FREEHOLD SALE OF 63 HIGHFIELD STREET TO THE FOUNDATION HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED

**19. FREEHOLD PURCHASE OF 499, SAFFRON LANE**

Councillor Patel submits a report.

**20. FREEHOLD SALE OF FORMER COLEMAN INFANT SCHOOL, THE WAYNE WAY, LEICESTER, BY SEALED OFFER**

Councillor Patel submits a report.

**21. FREEHOLD SALE OF 63 HIGHFIELD STREET TO THE FOUNDATION HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED**

Councillor Patel submits a report.