



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY 11 FEBRUARY 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. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2002 have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to confirm them as a correct record.

3. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. EMAS PUBLIC STATEMENT 2000-2001

Appendix A

Councillor Holden submits a report presenting the Council's fourth Environmental Statement. The Statement is a requirement of the Council's Eco Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS) to keep the public regularly informed of the City Council's environmental progress, both in meeting its targets and its terms of day-to-day environmental management. The Cabinet is asked to approve the fourth EMAS Environmental Statement.

5. LEICESTER CITY EXAMINATION RESULTS 2001 AND LEA TARGETS 2004

Appendix B

Councillor Roberts submits a report advising the Cabinet on the results of pupils in City Schools in the Summer 2001 examination results at Key Stages 1, 2, 3 and GCSE and the targets set for 2004 examination results. The Cabinet is asked to note the results for City Schools for summer 2001 and the targets for 2004.

6. VOIDS PILOT SCHEME - EXTENSION

Appendix C

Councillor Draycott submits a report which outlines plans for an extension of the voids pilot scheme, set up to address the concerns about the time taken to re-let properties. The Cabinet is asked; to approve extending the pilot scheme to Saffron, Eyres Monsell and Braunstone and to recruit the relevant staff for the scheme; to refer the report to Housing Scrutiny Committee for any future ideas on changes that may help reduce the re-let times; and to authorise the Director of Housing in consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member for Housing and Neighbourhood Renewal to follow up any ideas arising.

7. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2001/2002

Appendix D

Councillor Patel submits a report summarising the Authority's revenue budget monitoring position and compares spending with the budget for all General Fund Services and the Housing Revenue Account. The Cabinet is asked to; note the spend to date and the budgetary issues which have emerged so far this year; note the action proposed, as set out in the appendices to this report, to ensure that spending is contained within the Departments' budgets; approve one-off additional funding from corporate reserves of £0.5m, to assist the Social Services Department (£0.35m) and the Education Department (£0.15m) with the additional costs incurred as a result of an influx of EU nationals; and to consider the recommendations of the Social Services and Personal Health Scrutiny Committee which are attached to the report.

8. 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 report in private on the grounds that it contains '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 report in accordance with the provisions of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, because it involves 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.

LAND AT MANOR FARM, HAMILTON, LEICESTER

9. LAND AT MANOR FARM, HAMILTON, LEICESTER

Councillor Patel submits a report.