



Leicester  
City Council

## **MEETING OF THE CABINET**

**DATE: MONDAY 25 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 11 February 2002 have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to confirm them as a correct record.

### **3. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **4. BUDGET STRATEGY 2002/03 TO 2004/05**

**Appendix A**

Councillor Patel submits a report outlining the proposed Departmental Revenue Strategies for the period 2002/03 – 2004/05 and to consider a change to the Education budget approved at Council on 31 January 2002. The Cabinet is asked to approve a number of recommendations that include the Corporate Revenue Strategy and each Departmental Revenue Strategy. Other recommendations are included; to address various different issues, in response to public consultation, action for future savings and to request a review of Social Services funding upon the results of a national Government review.

### **5. THE COUNCIL'S GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2002/03**

**Appendix B**

Councillor Patel submits a report outlining the proposed General Fund Revenue Budget for 2002/03. The Cabinet is asked to; approve the budget, as summarised in the report; and to approve Appendix A as its report to Council on the Revenue Budget and proposed Council Tax for 2002/03, subject to the Chief Financial Officer inserting the final figures for the Police element of the Council Tax as they become available.

### **6. REVITALISING NEIGHBOURHOODS**

**Appendix C**

Councillor Willmott submits a report developing final proposals arising from the Revitalising Neighbourhoods Project. The report also contains details of consultations that have taken place and a summary of the analysis by OPM, the consultants employed on the Project. The Cabinet is asked to; note the results of the consultation exercise; approve the revised proposals as set out in Appendix 4 of the report; agree to set up a project team to oversee the implementation phase of the project; consider whether it wishes to make an early appointment of neighbourhood managers and to seek funding from the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund.

**Copies of the consultant's analysis of the consultation and analysis and benchmark proposals report have been circulated to the Cabinet. Copies of the document are available by phoning (0116) 252 6022.**

**7. VISITOR DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**

**Appendix D**

Councillor Holden submits a report seeking the Cabinet's approval of proposals to take forward a Visitor Development Strategy. The Strategy produced, provides an overview of key issues facing the City. The Cabinet is asked to; approve the Visitor Development Strategy to be presented at the joint City and County tourism conference at the end of February; request a further report when the Action Plan is complete, agree in principle that the Strategy and associated activities should provide the future strategic framework for all of the work delivered by Leicester Promotions Ltd; and to request a report to be presented to a future meeting identifying the implications of making the management of this Strategy the sole focus of Leicester Promotions' activities on behalf of Leicester City Council.

**Copies of the Visitor Development Strategy have been circulated to the Cabinet. Copies of this document can either be obtained from the Council's website ([www.leicester.gov.uk](http://www.leicester.gov.uk)) or by phoning (0116) 252 6022.**

**8. ADVICE STRATEGY**

**Appendix E**

Councillor Kavia submits a report which seeks to define the relationship between the City Council and the Community Legal Services Partnership for Leicester; establish the City Council's priorities for commissioning of advice services; and to put in place the arrangements necessary to secure Best Value in the provision of advice services within Leicester. The report also outlines details of the consultation that has taken place on the draft strategy. The Cabinet is asked to approve the Council's participation within the Community Legal Service Partnership; approve the strategic priorities in the report as the basis for future commissioning decisions; approve the role of the single commissioning point for advice services as set out in the report; agree that funding for advice services be linked to the attainment of the Community Legal Service Quality Mark from April 2003; approve the Charter for Advice Services and require all services either provided by or funded by the Council meet the terms of the Charter. A copy of the minutes of the Strategic Planning and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee from 6 December 2001 are attached to the report.

**Copies of the Legal Advice Services Survey 2001 summary have been circulated to the Cabinet. Copies of this document can be obtained either be obtained from the Council's website ([www.leicester.gov.uk](http://www.leicester.gov.uk)) or by phoning (0116) 252 6022.**

**9. GIPSY LANE BRICKWORKS, SITE DEVELOPMENT GUIDANCE** **Appendix F**

Councillor Kavia submits a report outlining the Gipsy Lane Site Development Guidance written for the purpose of informing landowners and developers of appropriate forms of development for the site. Details of consultations undertaken on the proposed Guidance are also included. The Cabinet is recommended to adopt the Gipsy Lane Site Development Guidance as supplementary Planning Guidance to the City of Leicester Local Plan.

**10. AUTOMATION OF UPVC WINDOW FACTORY** **Appendix G**

Councillor Draycott submits a report that seeks approval to purchase new machinery to further automate the production of uPVC windows. The Cabinet is asked to approve the purchase of new window production machinery and approve the addition of single glazed "Timber Plas" and aluminium windows to the end of the overall programme.

**11. 2001/02 CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - PERIOD 8** **Appendix H**

Councillor Patel submits a report showing the summary position of the capital programme for 2001/02 up to the end of November (period 8). The Cabinet is asked to; approve a revised level of programmed expenditure; note the level of expenditure to the end of November 2001 of £31.878 million; note the position relating to capital receipts; approve the use of £366,000 of monies for feasibility studies to be spent on project management costs associated with the Cultural Quarter and to approve a number of additions to the capital programme.

The minutes of; the Arts, Leisure and Environment Scrutiny Committee on 18 February 2002, the Strategic Planning and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on 20 February 2002 and the Social Services and Personal Health Scrutiny Committee on the 21 February 2002 will be circulated at the meeting.

**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.

CITY CENTRE CCTV CONTROL ROOM STAFFING CONTRACT

**14. CITY CENTRE CCTV CONTROL ROOM STAFFING CONTRACT**

Councillor Draycott submits a report.