



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

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

3. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2002/03 - 2004/05

Appendix A

Councillor Draycott submits a report which presents the Youth Justice Plan 2002/03 – 2004/05. The plan is a requirement of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and it sets out how Youth Justice Services will be provided in each area and how they are to be funded. The Cabinet is asked to note the plan and approve its submission to the Youth Justice Board.

Copies of the Youth Justice Plan are attached for Members of the Cabinet. Copies of this Document can be obtained either from the Council's website (www.leicester.gov.uk) or by phoning (0116) 252 6022.

5. TREASURY STRATEGY 2002/2003

Appendix B

Councillor Patel submits a report recommending a Treasury Strategy for 2002/2003. The Treasury strategy governs the way the Council manages its debt and its investments. The Cabinet is asked to; adopt the treasury strategy and that the proposed lending list as detailed in the report and to recommend to Council that the borrowing limits detailed in the report, be adopted.

The minutes of the Finance, Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee from 28 January 2002 will be circulated to the Cabinet in due course.

6. LEICESTER'S PUBLIC SERVICE AGREEMENT

Appendix C

Councillor Patel submits a report asking the Cabinet to note the 14 targets which form the starting point for the Council's Public Service Agreement (PSA) negotiations with the Government. The report also seeks approval to refer the report to Council as variations to some targets contained in the key strategies and plans which make up the Policy Framework, may be required. The Cabinet

is asked to; confirm the stretch target for each of the 14 targets; confirm the freedoms and flexibilities requested by Officers; note the indicative allocation of pump priming and to recommend to Council that authority be given to Cabinet to vary the policy framework within the parameters of these targets, to enable the Public Service Agreement to be finalised by the Government's deadline.

7. PROPOSED DECLARATION OF ST SAVIOURS NON STATUTORY RENEWAL AREA **Appendix D**

Councillor Draycott submits a report outlining plans to declare St Saviours a non-statutory renewal area, subject to consultation. Non-Statutory Renewal Areas are declared by the Council to improve private sector housing conditions for areas of greatest need. The Cabinet is asked to declare St. Saviours a non-statutory renewal area, implementation of which is to be phased as detailed in section 3 of the supporting information and to delegate authority to the Director of Housing to implement action in the area, subject to a positive response to public consultation.

8. PROPOSED STREET DRINKING BAN **Appendix E**

Councillor Draycott submits a report which details the powers the Council has under Section 12-16 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 and the proposal to impose a street drinking ban in designated areas of the City Centre and its environs. The Cabinet is asked to; recommend to Council to adopt the powers contained in the Act and impose a street drinking ban in accordance with the timescale prescribed by the Act on the designated streets as detailed in the report; to delegate authority to the Town Clerk and the Director of Environment, Development and Commercial Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member for Housing and Neighbourhood Renewal, to make any minor changes to the report as necessary; request that a review of the scheme be carried out in six months, that signs to show the area's boundaries be first approved by the Town Clerk, the Director of Environment, Development and Commercial Services and the Cabinet Lead Member for Housing and Neighbourhood Renewal and that during a public event taking place in any or all of the designated areas in the street drinking ban can be lifted at the discretion of the relevant Cabinet Lead, the relevant Director(s) and Leicestershire Constabulary.

9. REVIEW OF ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND HARASSMENT POLICY **Appendix F**

Councillor Draycott submits a report setting out proposals to enhance the current Anti Social Behaviour and Harassment Policy arising from the review of the review of the policy undertaken to ensure the aims and objectives of the Leicester Partnership Against Crime and Disorder and the Stephen Lawrence Enquiry were adopted as part of the policy. The Cabinet is asked to; approve the introduction of a Citywide Anti-Social Behaviour Team including a legal officer; adopt the usage of Acceptable Behaviour Contracts; and to adopt a comprehensive mechanism for recording cases of Anti-Social Behaviour including categories to reflect major/minor breaches, domestic violence and

racial harassment.

10. ROAD AND BRIDGE WORKS AFFECTING MAJOR ROADS IN THE CITY **Appendix G**

Councillor Subedar submits a report describing the necessity for major road works in the City over the next five years as part of the Local Transport Plan and detailing how the disruption caused by the works can be minimised. The Cabinet is asked to confirm their support as to the necessity of the major road and bridge works and new traffic schemes in the City; and comment on the draft protocol produced to improve the information flow to members, residents, the travelling public and the press.

11. ADVANCE DIRECTION SIGN, LUTTERWORTH ROAD **Appendix H**

Councillor Subedar submits a report regarding a petition on the siting of a proposed traffic sign on the A426 Lutterworth Road adjacent to Monsell Drive. The Cabinet is asked to; note the petitioners concerns; approve the proposed actions of the Director of Environment, Development and Commercial Services to site and advance direction sign on the A426 Lutterworth Road adjacent to the junction with Monsell Drive; prioritise the proposed refuge in accordance with approved procedure and implement when funds become available and to request that the petitioners be informed of the outcome.

A copy of the minutes from the Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee from 9 January 2002 are attached to the report.

12. PROGRAMMED MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE 2002/03 **Appendix I**

Councillor Draycott submits a report proposing schemes of programmed maintenance for Council Houses to be funded from the Capital and Revenue Programmes for 2002/2003 that were approved by Cabinet on 28 January 2002. The Cabinet is asked to; approve the draft list of Housing Revenue Account Schemes; and to approve the schemes from the Housing Capital Programme as detailed in the report.

Copies of the Programmed Maintenance Expenditure 2002/2003 booklet have been circulated to the Cabinet. Copies of this booklet can be obtained by phoning (0116) 252 6022.

13. ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2000/2001 **Appendix J**

Councillor Patel submits a report advising Members of the key messages arising from the Annual Audit Letter for 2000/2001 and the main actions taken or proposed as a result. The Cabinet is asked to; note and endorse the actions taken by the Chief Executive as a result of the Annual Audit Letter 2000/2001, as set out in the report; refer the action plan to the Finance, Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee to monitor implementation; note and endorse the view of the Finance, Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny

Committee to require the Chief Financial Officer to put into place actions to ensure outstanding actions arising from the District Audit Management Letter 1999/00 are completed.

The minutes of the Finance, Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee from 28 January 2002 will be circulated to the Cabinet in due course.

14. IMPLEMENTATION OF CARERS & DISABLED CHILDREN ACT 2000 **Appendix K**

Councillor Getliffe submits a report highlighting the requirements of the Carers and Disabled Children Act 2000 and outlining the statutory responsibilities and resource implications. The Cabinet is asked to; confirm that the statutory requirements to offer carers an assessment of their ability to provide and continue to provide care are implemented in accordance with the eligibility criteria, until further resources are made available from the Government or identified through other funding streams; and to confirm that the Act is partly implemented in Leicester as detailed in the report.

A copy of the minutes from the Social Services and Personal Health Scrutiny Committee from 27 January 2002 are attached to the report.

15. NON-RECURRENT PARTNERSHIP GRANTS AND SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT SMALL GRANTS SCHEME **Appendix L**

Councillor Getliffe submits a report informing the Cabinet of the proposal to merge the Leicester Social Services, Leicestershire County Social Services and Rutland Social Services Small Grant Schemes with some of the functions of the Non-Recurrent Partnership Grant Scheme led by Leicestershire Health Authority under the Health Act Flexibility Regulations and to inform Members of the similarities of the schemes. The Cabinet is asked to approve the transferring of a contribution of £9,000 from the existing Small Grants Scheme Budget to a pooled budget under Health Act Flexibilities subject to completion of necessary financial and legal agreements; and to approve the continuation of the Small Grants Scheme process at its reduced capacity.

16. BEST VALUE REVIEW - YEAR THREE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AND ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT SCOPING EXERCISE **Appendix M**

Councillor Westley submits a report seeking approval to the scope of the ICT and E-Government Best Value review, the main focus of which is to consider whether ICT is supporting the Council's strategic agenda. The Cabinet is asked to endorse the work carried out in order to inform the scoping recommendations and to approve the scoping recommendations as detailed in the report.

17. BEST VALUE REVIEW - YEAR THREE HERITAGE SERVICES SCOPING EXERCISE **Appendix N**

Councillor Westley submits a report seeking the Cabinet's approval of the draft Scope of the Heritage Services review. The Cabinet is asked to endorse the work carried out in order to inform the scoping recommendations and to approve the scoping recommendations as detailed in the report.

18. BEST VALUE REVIEW - YEAR THREE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (WASTE MANAGEMENT, STREET CLEANSING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SCOPING EXERCISE **Appendix O**

Councillor Westley submits a report seeking approval of the draft scope of the Environmental Services review. The Cabinet is asked to; endorse the work carried out in order to inform the scoping recommendations; approve the scoping recommendations as detailed in the report and request the Director of Environment, Development and Commercial Services to arrange a replacement Lead Assistant Director for the review in consultation with the Acting Director of Arts and Leisure.

19. BEST VALUE REVIEW YEAR THREE OPERATION FINANCE - SCOPE **Appendix P**

Councillor Westley submits a report seeking the Cabinet's approval of the draft scope of the Best Value review of Operational Finance. The Cabinet is asked to approve the scoping recommendations as detailed in the report and to request that the review focus on the payroll function first and the other services specified in the scope to follow later.

20. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

21. 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 involved 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 DISPOSAL AT SECOND BRIDGE CROSSING, BEDE ISLAND SOUTH
– DELEGATED AUTHORITY

**22. LAND DISPOSAL SECOND BRIDGE - BEDE ISLAND
SOUTH DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

Councillor Patel submits a report.