



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY 25 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

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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 of the Cabinet held on 11 March 2001, have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

3. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. QUALITY PROTECTS YEAR 4 - CHILDREN'S SERVICES GRANT

Appendix A

Councillor Getliffe submits a report presenting the Quality Protects Management Action Plan (MAP) for 2002/2003 and outlining the process of implementing the Plan. Quality Protects is a national initiative intended to transform Children's social services and improve the life chances of all children in need. The Cabinet is asked to endorse the Quality Protects Management Action Plan 2002/03 and the process of dissemination, implementation and scrutiny outlined in the report and agree to receive a regular report on the Council's Corporate Parenting Strategy.

The minutes of the Social Services and Personal Health Scrutiny Committee held on 21 February 2002 and the Education and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee held on 13 March 2002 will be circulated to the Cabinet in due course.

The Quality Protects – Management Action Plan 2002/2003 has been attached for the Cabinet. Copies of this document can be obtained from the City Council's website (www.leicester.gov.uk) under the link to Council meetings and decisions or by phoning (0116) 252 6022.

5. TRANSPORT CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Appendix B

Councillor Subedar submits a report seeking approval to spend money on various transport schemes in accordance with the Council's transport policies. The report outlines a number of different proposals to improve transport around the City to be funded from different sources. The Cabinet is asked to; authorise expenditure of £10.067 million on the transport capital programme; approve the

programme of works for 2002/03 as set out in Appendix A; delegate authority to the Director of Environment, Development and Commercial Services to implement the programme, including the making of contracts, provided that expenditure on the programme does not exceed the budgets available and to authorise the Director of Environment, Development and Commercial Services in consultation, with the relevant Cabinet Members, to vary the programme, provided such variations help achieve the Council's transport policy.

The Minutes of the Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee held on 27 February 2002 are attached to the report.

6. BRAUNSTONE PARK REGENERATION PROJECT Appendix C

Councillor Holden submits a report updating Members on the Braunstone Park Regeneration Project and the joint working relationship between Leicester City Council and the Braunstone Community Association. The report seeks approval to support the Braunstone Community Association in the appointment of a Landscape Consultant and also outlines plans for a joint management arrangement of Braunstone Park. The Cabinet is asked to; note the partnership with the Braunstone Community Association; approve the Council to act as agent for the BCA to appoint the Landscape Consultant; approve the contents of the consultants brief; request the consultants undertake an objective evaluation of alternative management options for Braunstone Park; approve the appointment of Plincke Landscapes Ltd as landscape consultant for the project subject to additional agreements and agree to receive further reports at appropriate stages in the development of the project.

**7. RENEWAL AREAS: ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS Appendix D
PROGRAMME 2002 / 2003**

Councillor Draycott submits a report which summarises the proposed programme of environmental works to be carried out in the declared renewal areas to avoid the area falling back into decline. The Cabinet is asked to approve the proposed works in Appendix 1 of the report and approve that owners benefiting from rear wall improvements contribute £150 for skips and other facilities.

**8. CITYWIDE HOME MAINTENANCE SERVICE: Appendix E
ASSESSMENT OF TWO YEAR PILOT SCHEME**

Councillor Draycott submits a report summarising the findings from the pilot scheme of a two year citywide Home Maintenance Service approved by the Housing Committee in March 2000. The report recommends what future direction the strategy should take. The Cabinet is asked to approved the proposed programme outlined in the report and to confirm that Home Repair Assistance Grants continue to be available in support of the citywide home maintenance strategy, the minimum cost works eligible for grant to be £200.

9. PROTOCOL FOR MAJOR ROADWORKS Appendix F

Councillor Subedar submits a report detailing the proposed protocol for major roadworks to be issued to stakeholders of the City's highway infrastructure. The report also details consultation that has taken place on the protocol. The Cabinet is asked to approve the protocol.

10. EXTENSION OF RESIDENTS PARKING SCHEMES Appendix G

Councillor Subedar submits a report that seeks to clarify the present situation with regard to the extension of residents parking schemes and the future timetable for such works. The report seeks approval to the basic principles with regard to the design and implementation of such schemes. The Cabinet is asked to; approve the timetable for the extension of residents parking schemes set out in the Supporting Information; confirm that the scheme must be self financing and therefore, with effect from the date of introduction of the Highfields South area scheme, the cost of residents parking permits be raised to £48 per annum; approve the strategy for designing and implementing residents parking schemes as set out in Appendix 1 and approve a further round of public consultation in view of the increase in the cost of permits and the strategies approved for the implementation of the schemes.

11. IMPROVING TRANSPORT IN THE CITY Appendix H

Councillor Subedar submits a report containing revised proposals for spending the surplus income generated by the on street parking scheme to improve transport in the City. The Cabinet is asked to; approve the proposals for spending the surplus income as set out in the appendix to the report and to delegate authority to the Director of Environment, Development and Commercial Services to vary the amounts spent on the various items referred to in the Appendix, subject to funding being available.

The minutes of the Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee held on 27 February 2002 are attached to the report.

**12. INITIATIVES TO REDUCE ROAD CASUALTIES - Appendix I
LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE AREA - SAFETY CAMERA
SCHEME**

Councillor Subedar submits a report which details a successful joint bid with Leicestershire Police, submitted to the Department of Transport, Local Government and the Regions in December 2001, to be part of the national programme for additional safety cameras for the Leicestershire Police Area, to be funded from fine income. The Cabinet is asked to; note the success of the joint bid commencing in April 2002; confirm Leicester City Council's agreement to be part of the scheme as set out in the operational case in Appendix A of the report; note the programme for introducing additional cameras agreed by the Safety Camera Scheme; and to confirm that any requests for safety cameras outside the programme will be assessed for inclusion in future programmes of work.

13. MANOR FARM HOUSING SITE - SITE DEVELOPMENT GUIDANCE Appendix J

Councillor Kavia submits a report presenting the Manor Farm Housing Site – Site Development Guidance. The Guidance will be used to guide the design and future layout for this part of Manor Farm to ensure that a high standard of development is achieved. The Cabinet is asked to adopt the Manor Farm Housing Site – Site Development Guidance to City of Leicester Local Plan.

The minutes of the Strategic Planning and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held on the 20 February 2002 are attached to the report.

14. THE TOWERS - SITE DEVELOPMENT GUIDANCE Appendix K

Councillor Kavia submits a report setting out the planning and urban design requirements for the Towers Hospital site on Gipsy Lane, part of Wycombe Road Allotments and Albermarle Hall site on Humberstone Drive. The guidance will be used to guide the design and future layout for the site to ensure a high standard of guidance is achieved. Subject to the amendments mentioned in the supporting information, the Cabinet is recommended to adopt the guidance as supplementary planning guidance to the Local Plan.

The minutes of the Strategic Planning and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held on 20 February 2002 are attached to the report.

15. DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE FOR THE FORMER MUNDELLA COMMUNITY COLLEGE Appendix L

Councillor Kavia submits a report which sets out the planning and urban design requirements for the development of the former Mundella Community College site. The Supplementary Planning Guidance will be used to guide the design and future layout of the site to ensure a high standard of development is achieved. The Cabinet is asked to adopt the guidance as Supplementary Planning Guidance to the City of Leicester Local Plan.

The minutes of the Strategic Planning and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held on 20 February 2002 are attached to the report.

16. DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE FOR ST GEORGE'S CHURCH AND THE FORMER ODEON CINEMA Appendix M

Councillor Kavia submits a report outlining the site development guidance for St George's Church and the former Odeon Cinema. Both of these buildings are listed and stand within the St George's Conservation Area and Strategic Regeneration Area. Once adopted the site development guidance will advise existing landowners and potential developers of the types of alternative uses that will be appropriate within the listed buildings. The Cabinet is recommended

to adopt the site development guidance for St George's Church and the former Odeon Cinema as Supplementary Planning Guidance to the City of Leicester Local Plan.

The minutes of the Strategic Planning and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held on 15 January 2002 are attached to the report.

17. PROSECUTIONS POLICY

Appendix N

Councillor Patel submits a report asking the Cabinet to consider and approve a Prosecutions Policy which has been produced as the result of the view expressed by the District Auditor in his management letter, that a policy should be produced to link in with action the Council is taking to combat fraud. The Cabinet is asked to agree the policy for adoption and to note in agreeing the policy, it also includes a specific departmental enforcement policy from Environment, Development and Commercial Services. The report also seeks authority for the Town Clerk, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Lead Member, to keep the Prosecutions Policy under regular review and to deal with further development of the policy and any consequential changes.

18. 2001/02 BASIC CREDIT APPROVAL TRADING

Appendix O

Councillor Patel submits a report recommending that the Council offer to trade up to £3 million of its Basic Credit Approval with another local authority or authorities for 2001/02, in order to reduce revenue expenditure in 2001/02 and 2002/03. The Cabinet is asked to authorise the Chief Financial Officer the power to trade up to £3 million of the authority's Basic Credit Approval in 2001/02, in exchange for credit approval in 2002/03 and to make such trades in future years if it is financially advantageous to the Council.

19. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS