



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY 20 MAY 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 Bhatti, Draycott, Getliffe, Holden, Kavia, Osman, Roberts 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 of the Cabinet held on 7 May 2002, have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

3. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Town Clerk reports proposed dates for meetings of the Cabinet for the rest of 2002 as set out below for approval:

Wednesday 5 June

17 June

15 July

29 July

2 September

23 September

Tuesday 5 November

18 November

All meetings are scheduled to start at 5.00pm and take place on Mondays unless indicated otherwise.

4. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. ISSUES RAISED AT SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 25 APRIL 2002

1. FROM THE PARTNERSHIP BOARD TO AN EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD FOR THE CITY', - MINUTES EXTRACT

- (2) that Cabinet and the Director of Education be advised of the Scrutiny Committee's view that the Partnership Board should be made more transparent, representative and accountable.

2. HIGHFIELDS YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE SPORTS LOTTERY BID – MINUTES EXTRACT

- (2) that Cabinet be requested to consult the Committee Chair and spokespersons on the finalised business plan before a decision to proceed is taken.

The Cabinet Lead Member to respond.

6. BELGRAVE CORRIDOR PROJECT

Appendix A

Councillor Bhatti submits a report which, following consultations with local people and discussions with the County Council, proposes a new plan for the Belgrave Corridor Project, which meets the needs of the Belgrave area and delivers key local transport plan objectives. The Belgrave Corridor project was established to deliver major public transport, road safety and other improvements from Belgrave Gate, through Belgrave Road, Abbey Lane, and Melton Road out to Thurcaston in the County. The Cabinet is asked to approve the project plan package, as described in the Supporting Information of the report, confirm that the project plan package is seen as a comprehensive and integrated improvement plan for the Belgrave Corridor and the area around it and that it is to be delivered as a whole, that measures to provide safe crossing facilities for pedestrians and cyclists at Melton Road/Troon Way be included, that the Director consider ways in which gateway features for traffic entering the City can be provided at the Melton Road/Troon Way junction and to make sure that the full benefits of the scheme are widely publicised.

The Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee considered the report at its meeting on 24 April 2002 and their comments are included in the report. The relevant extract from the Minutes is also appended to the report.

7. DECISIONS BY CABINET COMMITTEES AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Appendix B

Councillor Patel submits a report asking the Cabinet to consider whether and what decisions they may wish to delegate to Cabinet Committees and individual Cabinet Members and the procedure that would be required. The Cabinet is asked to determine; whether to set up any Cabinet Committees at this stage and, if so, with what terms of reference and whether to delegate to each Cabinet Lead Member decisions which would otherwise be made by Cabinet.

8. A PROGRAMME FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL 2002-2004

Appendix C

Councillor Draycott submits a report detailing the priorities of the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) in 2002/3 and 2003/4. The report also seeks to establish a scheme of delegation for spending the fund and future monitoring and reporting arrangements. The Cabinet is asked to; approve the

priorities developed and funding allocations agreed by the Leicester Partnership; approve the use of the balanced scorecard as a pre-evaluation tool; approve delegated authority to approve individual proposals; approve a two stage process for approving individual projects; approve virement to take place under certain circumstances and request 6 monthly progress reports be submitted to the Leicester Partnership and the Cabinet Briefing on Regeneration and Renewal.

9. CITY CENTRE AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS **Appendix D**

Councillor Willmott submits a report which details the works proposed under the "City Centre and Other Environmental Improvements Programme". The Cabinet is asked to approve the spending plans for the City Centre and Other Improvement Works Programme.

10. THE MODERNISATION OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY RESOURCES **Appendix E**

Councillor Getliffe submits a report informing the Cabinet about proposals for the modernisation of Children and Family Resources and seeking agreement for the resulting proposed strategic direction for the City Council's family support services in Leicester. The Cabinet is asked to approve the strategic direction, as detailed in the Supporting Information for further detailed development and consultation and approve the specific recommendation in the Supporting Information regarding service design for implementation.

The Social Services and Personal Health Scrutiny Committee considered this item at its meeting on 1 May 2002. The relevant extract from the minutes will be circulated as soon as they are available.

11. INTERMEDIATE CARE CAPITAL BID **Appendix F**

Councillor Getliffe submits a report advising the Cabinet of a successful joint capital bid with the two City Primary Care Trusts (PCT) to develop Intermediate Care Services in the City. The Cabinet is asked to approve the proposed way forward and to request further reports on the need for future funding.

The Social Services and Personal Health Scrutiny Committee considered this at their meeting on 1 May 2002. The relevant extract from the minutes will be circulated as soon as they are available.

12. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE **Appendix G**

Councillor Patel submits a report seeking the Cabinet's approval to a proposed Local Code of Corporate Governance and proposed internal arrangements for assessing and reporting on compliance with that code. The Cabinet is asked to recommend to Council the adoption of the Local Code of Corporate Governance as attached to the report and to approve the processes detailed in report, for the appointment of a Corporate Governance Champion (The Town

Clerk) and for compiling annual assurance statements.

The Finance, Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee considered this item at their meeting on 8 May 2002. The relevant extract from the minutes is appended to the report.

13. DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE FOR BEDE ISLAND SOUTH (REVISED VERSION) Appendix H

Councillor Kavia submits a report seeking the Cabinet's approval to adopt the revised Site Development Guidance for Bede Island South, as Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) to the City of Leicester Local Plan. The guidance will be used to provide a framework for comprehensive development of the site.

The Strategic Planning and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee considered this report at their meeting on April 22 2002 and their comments are included in the report. The relevant extract from the minutes is also appended to the report.

14. BEST VALUE REVIEW - HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION Appendix I

Councillor Westley submits a report presenting the interim report of the Review to the Cabinet. The report has previously been considered by the Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee and the Members Best Value Working Group. The Cabinet is asked to approve the interim report.

The Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee considered this report at their meeting on 24 April 2002. The relevant extract from the minutes is appended to the report.

The Interim Report of the Highways and Transportation Best Value Review has been circulated to the Cabinet only. Copies of this document can be obtained by phoning (0116) 252 6022.

15. BEST VALUE REVIEW - HERITAGE SERVICES Appendix J

Councillor Westley submits a report seeking the approval of Cabinet to the outcome of the fundamental challenge stage of the review process, the final scope and terms of reference for the review and the recommended routing of the Heritage Services Review.

Copies of the Interim Review of the Heritage Services Best Value Review have previously been circulated to Members of the Cabinet only. Copies of this document can be obtained by phoning (0116) 252 6022.

16. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

17. 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 7

Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (other than the authority).

Paragraph 8

The amount of any expenditure proposed to be incurred by the authority under any particular contract for the acquisition of property or the supply of goods or services.

THE EMPTY HOMES STRATEGY COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDERS OF VARIOUS HOUSES 2002

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Councillor Draycott submits a report.