



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY 17 JUNE 2002

TIME: 5.00PM

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

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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. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 5 June 2002, have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

4. ISSUES RAISED AT SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 23 MAY 2002

1. ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ANNUAL REPORT INCORPORATING CRIME AND DISORDER ACTIVITIES (MINUTES EXTRACT)

- (3) that, given that Anti-Social Behaviour Orders were not tenure specific, and cut across the work of a number of Departments in the City Council, that during the budget round 2003/04, Cabinet be asked to consider meeting the cost involved from Corporate Budgets, rather than expecting the Housing Department to find the resources.

Councillor Patel to respond.

2. VOIDS PILOT SCHEME – EXTENSION

The Committee agreed to amend the minutes of its previous meeting on 9 April regarding discussion of a report on the Voids Pilot Scheme. The Committee on 9 April 2002 received the report and was asked to suggest changes which may help to reduce the re-let times of void properties. The minutes of that meeting were amended to reflect a reference made by the Chair to a previous report on the 'Cost of Tenancy Terminations' and the comments made during its consideration at Housing Scrutiny Committee on 10 January and that these should be drawn to Cabinet's attention as follows:-

At its meeting on 10 January 2002, a number of options were considered for reducing the cost of tenancy terminations. Option 1

'Financial reward to tenants who left the property in good condition' was moved, voted on and lost by 4 votes to 3.

Councillor Draycott to respond.

**5. COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT Appendix A
CORPORATE SELF ASSESSMENT STATEMENT**

Councillor Willmott submits a report informing the Cabinet of the Self Assessment of the Council's Performance in preparation for the Comprehensive Performance Assessment of the Council. The Cabinet is asked to note that the report was considered by the Organisations Working Party on 23 May 2002 and signed off by the Leader and Chief Executive and sent to the Audit Commission on 29 May 2002 as required and to note the main story in the self-assessment and the strengths and weaknesses as set out in the report.

**6. BRAUNSTONE LEISURE CENTRE - APPROVAL TO Appendix B
PROCEED**

Councillor Holden submits a report which details progress on the Braunstone Leisure Centre Project and the development of the overall funding package. It outlines the steps taken to attract additional funds and reduce expenditure. The Cabinet is asked to confirm its support for the development of the Braunstone Leisure Centre at a total estimated cost of £9,878,741 and approve the City Council's contribution.

**7. REVIEW OF SPECIAL EDUCATION - SCHOOLS WITH Appendix C
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES (SARS)**

Councillor Roberts submits a report informing the Cabinet of the details of the key element in the strategy to provide greater opportunities for inclusion for pupils with Special Educational Needs. The Cabinet is asked to approve consultation with schools on achieving School with Additional Resources status, to approve a renegotiation of contracts with schools with special units to become a School with Additional Resources, to approve the establishing of formal partnerships between mainstream and special schools to increase inclusion opportunities and to consider the possible expansion of the Special Educational Needs Project Board.

The Minutes of the Education and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee held on 13 March 2002 are attached to the report.

8. PROPOSED LOCAL NATURE RESERVES Appendix D

Councillor Holden submits a report seeking authorisation for the declaration of Local Nature Reserves at Watermead Country Park, Watermead Ecology Park and Birstall Meadows; Goss Meadows and the Orchards in Anstey Green Wedge; Knighton Spinney; and the Greenlife Reserve and the Rally Bank next to Humberstone Park. The Cabinet is asked to approve that, following consultation with English Nature and agreement with Charnwood District

Council, the land at Watermead is declared a Local Nature Reserve; that the formal procedure of declaring Aylestone Meadows a Local Nature Reserve is completed with a minor amendment to the original boundary proposed in 1990; and following consultation with English Nature, the six nature reserves managed by Environ for the City Council are jointly declared a Local Nature Reserve.

9. ABANDONED SHOPPING TROLLEYS

Appendix E

Councillor Holden submits a report recommending to Cabinet that the City Council adopts the provisions relating to abandoned shopping trolleys contained within the Environmental Protection Act 1990. The Cabinet is asked; to adopt the provisions relating to abandoned shopping trolleys contained within Section 99 and Schedule 4 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 on a city-wide basis with effect from 17 September 2002 and that, until such time as these powers come in to effect, officers, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services and the relevant Cabinet Leads, review the need for interim measures to address any local problems with abandoned shopping trolleys; and to approve that the Corporate Director of Environment, Regeneration and Development assumes responsibility, under delegated powers, for the implementation of these powers once they come in to effect.

10. BEST VALUE REVIEW- YEAR THREE ICT AND E-GOVERNMENT FUNDAMENTAL CHALLENGE, FINAL SCOPE, TERMS OF REFERENCE AND ROUTING FOR THE REVIEW

Appendix F

Councillor Westley submits a report seeking approval 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 ICT and E-Government best value review.

The Best Value Review Interim Report on ICT and E Government is attached for Members of the Cabinet only. Further copies are available by calling Matthew Reeves, Committee Secretariat, Tel No 252 6022.

11. BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN

Appendix G

Councillor Westley submits a report outlining the Best Value Performance Plan for 2002/03. The Cabinet is asked to endorse the Plan for recommendation to Council on 11 July and note the revised publication and distribution arrangements for the Plan.

The full Best Value Performance Plan is attached for Members of the Cabinet only. Copies are available by phoning Ann Oliver, Policy & Performance Team, Tel No. 252 7124.

12. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS