



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY 15 JULY 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

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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 17 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 Appendix A

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 20 JUNE 2002

THE FORMATION OF A HISTORIC BUILDINGS TRUST IN LEICESTER (MINUTES EXTRACT)

The full minute is attached at Appendix A

RESOLVED:

that Cabinet be requested to instruct officers to initiate a publicity campaign to publicise the work of the Leicestershire Historic Buildings Trust.

Councillor Kavia to respond.

SOCIAL SERVICES AND PERSONAL HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 26 JUNE 2002

REVENUE BUDGET (MINUTES EXTRACT)

The full minute is attached at Appendix A.

RESOLVED:

(2) that Cabinet be asked to consider how Persons From Abroad will be funded this year as no provision had been made in the Social Services budget.

Councillor Patel to respond.

6. HEALTH AND SAFETY ANNUAL REPORT

Appendix C

Councillor Osman submits a report updating the Cabinet on progress against the Health and Safety Project Plan and presenting the Annual Report on Health and Safety. The Cabinet is asked to note the progress and further action taken, commend the good practice, and note that the Best Value Review of Human Resources will include recommendations to strengthen the Health and Safety function.

The Finance, Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee considered this item at its meeting on 4 July 2002. The relevant extract from the minutes will be circulated as soon as they are available.

7. VACANCIES WITHIN THE CITY COUNCIL

Appendix D

Councillor Osman submits a report which responds to the Finance, Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee's request that the Cabinet give consideration to the vacancy situation across the Council. The report sets out the current situation regarding vacancies across all departments. Departments were asked to provide information for the six month period up to 30 April 2002. The Cabinet is asked to note the issues for and the action being taken by Departments and to consider whether any further action is required before the Finance, Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee reconsiders the matter.

The Finance, Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee considered this matter at its meeting on 8 May 2002. The relevant minutes extract is attached to the report.

8. RELOCATION OF REGISTRATION SERVICE AND FURTHER TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENTS

Appendix E

Councillor Patel submits a report updating the Cabinet on progress with the refurbishment and occupation of the Town Hall, seeking approval for the relocation of the Registration Service from Pocklington's Walk to the Town Hall and to secure the transfer of funding from existing schemes to enable this initiative to commence. The Cabinet is asked to approve the relocation of the Registration Service into the Town Hall and further improvement works, agree that the revised scheme be financed from the capital programme provision for the Register Office allocation and that the provision be reduced from £819,000 to £500,000, to authorise the Director of Resources, Access and Diversity to finalise the scheme details and to authorise the Head of Legal Services to enter into any necessary contracts to enable the scheme to be undertaken.

9. INTERPRETATION, TRANSLATION AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES

Appendix F

Councillor Osman submits a report seeking support for the key findings of a

consultants report on 'Interpretation, Translation and Communication Services' and for consultation to inform a formal Review process within the Council, for the future delivery of the services. The Cabinet is asked to support in principle the overall direction and consultants' recommendations, to request the Service Director (HR & Equalities) to undertake consultation on the resulting organisational changes and to develop proposals for implementing them and for the new service delivery arrangements. It is also recommended that the Council continue to work in partnership with the Health Community in determining and shaping a longer-term vision for communication services in the City.

10. CAPITAL STRATEGY - SINGLE CAPITAL POT Appendix G
SUBMISSION 2003/04

Councillor Patel submits a report which notes the Council has to submit a Capital Strategy Statement (CSS) and Asset Management Plan (AMP) to Government Office by 31 July 2002 to be used in the assessment of the Single Capital Pot (SCP) allocation for 2003/04. The report recommends a revised CSS, rolled forward to 2005/06, for submission. The Cabinet is recommended to endorse the draft capital strategy statement shown in the Supporting Information, and to authorise the Chief Financial Officer, in consultation with the Cabinet Lead for Finance and Resources, to make any necessary amendments required as a consequence of any further Government guidance.

11. REVENUE GRANT DISTRIBUTION REVIEW - A FAIR Appendix H
DEAL FOR LEICESTER

Councillor Patel submits a report outlining the progress to date of the Revenue Grant Distribution Review (RGDR) and to highlight the concerns the Council has about the possible outcomes of the Review. The report also seeks support for a lobbying strategy that aims to address these concerns. The Cabinet is asked to note the City Council's concerns relating to the Revenue Grant Distribution Review and to support lobbying efforts to secure a "fair deal" for Leicester.

The Finance, Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee considered this report at its meeting on 4 July 2002. The relevant minutes extract will be circulated as soon as they are available.

12. LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND Appendix I
ROAD SAFETY PLAN

Councillor Bhatti submits a report seeking the Cabinet's approval for a draft Road Safety Plan for the Leicestershire Police area, and to agree that consultations with user groups be undertaken on the Speed Management Strategy part of the plan. The Cabinet is asked to approve the draft Road Safety Plan for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, agree that consultation on a speed management strategy be undertaken with user groups and other interested bodies and agree that a further report on the speed management strategy be prepared for consideration by Cabinet following the consultation.

13. 2001 RESIDENTS SURVEY ACTION PLAN

Appendix J

Councillor Willmott submits a report presenting the draft Residents Survey Action Plan and seeking approval for the Action Plan, as attached to the report, to be included in the 2002/03 Best Value Performance Plan.

14. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

5. DEVELOPMENT OF A YOUTH STRATEGY FOR LEICESTER

Appendix B

Councillor Roberts submits a report setting out the proposals for the development of a Youth Strategy that will meet the needs and diversity of young people in Leicester, meet the need to promote social inclusion and cohesion across the City and that will satisfy the national policy agenda. The report also provides a detailed analysis of the services that the City Council currently provides directly or by funding to the voluntary sector. The Cabinet is asked to approve the Youth Work Strategy, approve the Transforming Youth Work Plan and to approve the allocation of £125, 000, already in the budget, on the basis of the analysis set out in Appendix 3 of the report.

The Education and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee considered this report at their meeting on 18 June 2002. The relevant minutes extract is attached to the report.