



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY 29 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. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 15 July 2002, have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

3. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. ISSUES RAISED AT SCRUTINY COMMITTEES Appendix A

FINANCE, RESOURCES AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE- 4 JULY 2002

COLLECTION OF INCOME 1 APRIL 2001 TO 31 MARCH 2002

The full minute is attached at Appendix A.

RESOLVED:

that Cabinet be informed of the Committee's concern regarding the situation, and ask about why the Council's problems seem to be deeper and more prolonged than other similar authorities and seek reassurance from the Cabinet that a similar problems will not occur in the future.

Councillor Patel to respond.

5. THE EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN AND JOINT STRATEGY FOR THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN IN PUBLIC CARE Appendix B

Councillor Getliffe and Councillor Roberts submit a joint report informing the Cabinet of the current educational performance of looked after children and of the proposed Joint Strategy for the Education of Children in Public Care aimed at raising standards of achievement for looked after children within Leicester City. The Cabinet is asked to endorse the corporate parenting work already undertaken within the City Council and support the re-launch of the corporate parenting strategy during the autumn 2002, note and comment upon current

performance and proposed action and endorse the Joint Strategy for the Education of Children in Public Care.

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.

The Social Services and Personal Health Scrutiny Committee considered this report at their meeting on 26 June 2002. The relevant minutes will be circulated as soon as they are available.

**6. LEICESTER CHILDREN'S PLANNING PARTNERSHIP Appendix C
- BECOMING A CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S
STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

Councillor Getliffe submits a report advising the Cabinet of the proposals for developing the Leicester Children's Planning Partnership into a Children and Young Persons Strategic Partnership. The Cabinet is asked to note the support of the Health Partnership Executive board and Directors' Board, for the recommendation of the Leicester Children's Planning Partnership that it becomes the Leicester Children's Strategic Partnership (LCSP) and to approve the proposals outlined in the appended 'Report to Leicester Children's Planning Partnership', 19 February 2002.

**7. BEST VALUE REVIEW OF SERVICES FOR Appendix D
VULNERABLE CHILDREN OVERVIEW REPORT AND
IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Councillor Westley submits a report presenting, for final agreement, an overview report and the final improvement plan arising from the Best Value Review of Service for Vulnerable Children. The Cabinet is asked to approve the overview report and improvement plan.

The Overview Report and Improvement Plan are attached for Members of the Cabinet only. Copies of the Plan can be obtained from the City Council's website (www.leicester.gov.uk) under the link to Council meetings and decisions or by phoning Matthew Reeves on (0116) 252 6022.

**8. LIFT PROJECT AND THE BRAUNSTONE HEALTH Appendix E
AND SOCIAL CARE CENTRE**

Councillor Getliffe submits a report which provides an update on the progress of the LIFT (Local Improvement Finance Trust) Project and the Braunstone Health and Social Care Centre, highlights associated issues, and seeks approval from Cabinet for delegated authority to formally progress with the Council's involvement to the next key stages. The Cabinet is asked to note the progress of the LIFT project and the Braunstone Health and Social Care Centre, confirm their support for the principle of co-located services provided by the City Council together with Health and other partners, delegate authority

to the Corporate Director of Social Care and Health, in consultation with the Leader, the Cabinet Lead for Social Services and Personal Health, the Chief Finance Officer and the Head of Legal Services, to sign off the LIFT Strategic Service Development Plan (SSDP) and the Braunstone Health and Social Care Centre Full Business Case (FBC), and to request further reports to Cabinet when the final endorsements of the Council role are required.

9. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUSINESS PLAN 2002 **Appendix F**

Councillor Draycott submits a report presenting the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2002. The Plan covers the management and maintenance of the Council's housing stock and its purpose is to compare investment needs with resources over the next 30 years. The Cabinet is asked to approve the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2002.

The Housing Scrutiny Committee considered this report at their meeting on 25 July 2002. The relevant minutes extract will be circulated as they are available.

10. THE HOUSING INVESTMENT PROGRAMME STRATEGY - 2002 UPDATE **Appendix G**

Councillor Draycott submits a report outlining the Council's Housing Investment Programme Strategy 2002 update. The Housing Investment Programme Strategy 2001-2006 sets out the Council's policies and priorities in relation to all social housing in the City. The Cabinet is asked to approve the update to the Housing Investment Programme Strategy and the changes to the priorities for housing in the City.

The Housing Scrutiny Committee considered this report at their meeting on 25 July 2002. The relevant minutes extract will be circulated as soon as they are available.

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

Councillor Bhatti submits a report, previously considered by the Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee on 9 January 2002 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, to approve the proposed actions of the Corporate Director to site an advance direction sign on the A426 Lutterworth Road adjacent to the junction with Monsell Drive, to note the proposed pedestrian refuge to be prioritised in accordance with the approved procedure and implemented when funds are available and to request that the petitioners be informed of the outcome.

The Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee considered this report at their meeting on January 9 2002. The relevant minutes extract is attached to the report.

12. A REVIEW OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS JUSTIFICATION AND PRIORITISATION PROCEDURES **Appendix I**

Councillor Bhatti submits a report which reviews the current pedestrian crossing request justification and prioritisation procedures in light of approved Local Transport Plan procedures. The Cabinet is asked to approve the revised justification procedure and the revised prioritisation procedure.

13. ROWLEY FIELDS AND NORTH BRAUNSTONE - SAFER ROUTES PROJECT & NARBOROUGH ROAD LOCAL SAFETY SCHEME **Appendix J**

Councillor Bhatti submits a report informing the Cabinet of the Rowley Fields and North Braunstone "Safer Routes project. It also reports the results of the consultations carried out on the Narborough Road Local Safety Scheme as part of the project. The Cabinet is asked to approve the proposals for the Rowley Fields and North Braunstone "Safer Routes" project, agree that further reports be submitted to the Director as required to implement the outline proposals that will make up the Rowley Fields and North Braunstone "Safer Routes" project, to approve the Narborough Road Local Safety Scheme in principle and to note that consultations will be undertaken with Ward Councillors prior to the Director approving the advertisement of the Traffic Regulation Orders associated with the scheme.

14. SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE: VEHICLE PARKING STANDARDS AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY IN NEW DEVELOPMENTS **Appendix K**

Councillor Kavia submits a report seeking the views of members on the proposed amendments to the Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance on "Vehicle Parking Standards" and "Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in New Developments". The Cabinet is asked to approve the guidance as Supplementary Planning Guidance to the City of Leicester Local Plan.

The Strategic Planning and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee considered this report at its meeting on 20 June 2002. The relevant minutes extract is attached to the report.

The Vehicle Parking Standards and Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy in New Developments draft Supplementary Planning Guidance have been attached for Members of the Cabinet only. 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 Matthew Reeves (0116) 252 6022.

15. STONEYGATE SCHOOL - SITE DEVELOPMENT GUIDANCE **Appendix L**

Councillor Kavia submits a report setting out the planning and urban design requirements for the Stoneygate School site at 254 London Road and 9 Elmfield Road. The Cabinet is asked to adopt the guidance as Supplementary Planning Guidance to the City of Leicester Local Plan.

16. PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENTS 2002-2003 **Appendix M**

Councillor Holden submits a report outlining the approved capital funding available for children's playgrounds and kickabout areas. The report presents a proposal for the refurbishment of existing play areas and the development of a kickabout area, based on the findings of the draft Play Area Strategy. The Cabinet is asked to approve the refurbishment of eight play areas and the development of a kickabout area.

17. REVENUE OUTTURN 2001/02 **Appendix N**

Councillor Patel submits a report showing the summary position comparing spending with the budget for all General Fund Services and the Housing Revenue Account. The Cabinet is asked to note the final outturn for 2001/02 for each department and the Council as a whole, note the reasons for the variances between the 2001/02 budget and the final outturn, note the position of the Council's uncommitted general reserve; note the position in respect of other significant earmarked reserves and to authorise a number of actions in respect of the reserves.

18. 2001/02 CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - OUTTURN **Appendix O**

Councillor Patel submits a report showing the provisional outturn of the capital programme for 2001/02. The Cabinet is asked to note the outturn for 2001/02 of £62.849 million, representing 97.6% of the period 8 forecast outturn, note the additional slippage of £3.153 million since period 8, to note additional funding for various schemes, to note the progress on specific schemes, to note the achievement of the capital receipts target and to request a further report identifying steps that can be taken to maintain and further improve recent progress on capital spending.

19. PROTOCOL ON ORGANISATION AND STAFFING CHANGE **Appendix P**

Councillor Osman submits a report seeking agreement to the Protocol on Organisation and Staffing Change to replace the old Appendix "R" mechanism. The Cabinet is asked to approve and endorse the new Protocol and to note that the protocol will replace the Appendix R procedure in the Local Scheme of Conditions of Service.

20. CULTURAL QUARTER **Appendix Q**

Councillor Holden submits a report informing the Cabinet of the tendering and selection processes used to procure Architectural Services for the new

Performing Arts Centre and seeking approval to appoint the preferred Architectural Practice. The report also informs the Cabinet of progress made on the options study to select the site for the development of the Creative Industries Workspaces. The Cabinet is asked; in regard to the Performing Arts Centre, to approve a number of recommendations regarding appointing architects and quantity surveyors, the funding for the work and authorising the relevant contracts to be entered in to; in regard to the Creative Industries Workspaces to approve recommendations regarding the site for the Workspaces, the consultants and the contractors to undertake work on the Workspaces and to authorise the relevant contracts to be entered in to.

21. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

BEST VALUE REVIEW – HUMAN RESOURCES AND PERSONNEL SERVICES

The Chair agreed to take this report and an item of urgent business. The reason for urgency was that to wait until the next meeting of Cabinet in September would delay the implementation of actions identified in the Improvement Plan.

22. BEST VALUE REVIEW - HUMAN RESOURCES AND PERSONNEL SERVICES **Appendix R**

Councillor Osman submits a report informing the Cabinet of the Best Value Review of Human Resources and Personnel Services, to present the Improvement Plan and highlight the main implications of implementing the Review findings. The Cabinet is asked to agree that the main role of the Council's HR services should move to be focused as a strategic interventionist type of service, support the proposed aims for the service and strategic priority themes as set out in 5.1 of the report, support the proposal to redirect at £500,000 of service resources, support the changes to the central HR services as set out in 5.3 of the report, advise on the options for redirecting resources and to approve the service plan.

23. 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 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.

CULTURAL QUARTER

PROPOSED EXTENSION TO THE SHIRES

LAND AT MANOR FARM, HAMILTON, LEICESTER

24. CULTURAL QUARTER

Councillor Holden submits a report.

25. PROPOSED EXTENSION TO THE SHIRES

Councillor Patel submits a report.

26. LAND AT MANOR FARM, HAMILTON

Councillor Patel submits a report.