



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY 02 SEPTEMBER 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:

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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 29 July 2002, have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

4. REFURBISHMENT OF KITCHENS AND BATHROOMS **Appendix A**

Councillor Draycott submits a report seeking approval to a policy for the prioritisation of the kitchen and bathroom refurbishment programme in Council dwellings. The Cabinet is asked to consider and approve one of the options identified in the Supporting Information of the report for both kitchens and bathrooms. The Cabinet is also asked to request a further report in 12 months time reviewing the application of policies adopted within the report.

5. CREATING ACCESSIBLE BUS STOPS **Appendix B**

Councillor Bhatti submits a report which informs the Cabinet of the views of the Highways and Transportation and Finance, Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committees on the proposed scheme to provide accessible bus stops and protect them with traffic regulation orders. The Cabinet is asked to approve the principle of introducing raised kerbs at bus stops to maximise the accessibility of bus services and to recognise the need to protect bus stops from obstruction by other vehicles and approves the principle of the use of bus stop clearway orders to achieve this.

The Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee considered this report at its meeting on 3 July 2002. The relevant minutes extract is attached to the report.

The Finance, Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee considered this report at its meeting on 4 July 2002. The relevant minutes extract is attached to the report.

6. PROMOTING THE RESPONSIBLE USE OF FIREWORKS **Appendix C**

Councillor Holden submits a report detailing the launch of a campaign promoting the responsible use of fireworks following last years rise in complaints from members of the public about their antisocial and inappropriate use. The Cabinet is asked to endorse the launch of a sustained publicity campaign promoting the responsible use of fireworks, approve that the Council takes steps to ensure its own activities do not compromise any promotional work associated with the responsible use of fireworks and confirm that the Council continues, via its three City M.P.s to lobby the Government for a change in legislation to deal with the sale and use of “noisy” fireworks.

7. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER FOR 2001/02 **Appendix D**

Councillor Patel submits a report that summarises the key Monitoring Officer Issues which arose in 2001/2. The report also indicates how they were addressed. The Cabinet is asked to note the Monitoring Officer issues which arose in 2001/2 and the responses made to these issues.

8. A NEW STRATEGY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT **Appendix E**

Councillor Kavia submits a report outlining the new strategic framework for the Council’s international activities informed by a recent audit of overseas links activities. The report recommends how International Development should be approached by the Council and its partners in future. The Cabinet is asked to approve the rewriting of the Overseas Links strategy to reflect a number changes and request that the Terms of Reference of the Overseas Links Working Party be rewritten to reflect the Council’s new approach to international development work.

9. SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE: SPINNEY HILL PARK CONSERVATION AREA - CHARACTER STATEMENT **Appendix F**

Councillor Kavia submits a report seeking the Cabinet’s approval to adopt the Spinney Hill Park Conservation Area Character Statement as supplementary planning guidance to the City of Leicester Local Plan.

10. EVINGTON FOOTPATH CONSERVATION AREA - ARTICLE 4(1) DIRECTION **Appendix G**

Councillor Kavia submits a report seeking the Cabinet’s approval to prepare an Article 4(1) Direction on properties within the Evington Footpath Conservation Area. The report also seeks approval to authorise the Town Clerk to forward the Direction to the Secretary of State for confirmation.

11. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

12. PRIVATE SESSION

**13. APPOINTMENT OF AUCTIONEERS AND OTHER
DISPOSAL DELEGATIONS**

Councillor Patel submits a report.

**14. SALE OF 62/64 NEW WALK AND 83/87 WELLINGTON
STREET**

Councillor Patel submits a report.