



Leicester  
City Council

## **MEETING OF THE CABINET**

**DATE: MONDAY 23 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:**

**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. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 2 September 2002, have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

### **4. ITEMS REFERRED FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

### **5. BUDGET STRATEGY 2003/04 TO 2005/06**

**Appendix A**

Councillor Patel submits a report that advises members of the current budget outlook. The Cabinet is asked to note the considerable uncertainty facing the budget for 2003/04 and subsequent years and to reaffirm its commitment to 3 year planning, whilst noting that the process recommended this year was an undesirable departure from normal practice. The Cabinet is also asked to endorse the proposed approach to the budget strategy and to note the potential need to review the budget strategy later in the year, dependant on the outcome of the government's funding review. Any comments of the Finance, Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee on 19 September 2002 will be reported to the meeting.

### **6. REVENUE GRANT DISTRIBUTION REVIEW - LEICESTER'S RESPONSE**

**Appendix B**

Councillor Patel submits a report that recommends a response to the Government's Revenue Grant Distribution Review (RGDR). The Cabinet is asked to consider the recommendations set out in the report. Any comments of the Finance, Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee on 19 September 2002 will be reported to the meeting.

### **7. LEICESTER REGENERATION COMPANY: PROGRESS REPORT**

**Appendix C**

Councillor Willmott submits a report that updates members on the progress made by consultants in the preparation of the Masterplan for the Leicester Regeneration Company (LRC) area. The report gives members a formal

opportunity to comment on Stage 2 of the process, and the preparation of a draft Strategic Framework for the LRC area (which has been subject to widespread public consultation over the summer). The Stage 2 Strategic Framework, if accepted, will have a number of policy implications for the City Council and these are identified in the report. The Cabinet is asked to consider the recommendations set out in the report and to note that, as a partner to the LRC, further reports will be forthcoming dealing with the implementation and delivery of the Strategic Framework.

**8. THE MODERNISATION OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY RESOURCES Appendix D**

Councillor Getliffe submits a report that informs members of the next phase of proposals for the modernisation of Children and Family Resources. The Cabinet is asked to agree the reconfiguration of family support services proposed in the report, together with the development of a detailed action plan. The Cabinet is also asked to give approval to the change of roles for all centres contained within the reconfiguration, and referred to in the report, and to agree the arrangements for the implementation of the reconfiguration. Any comments of the Social Services and Personal Health Scrutiny Committee on 16 September 2002 will be reported to the meeting.

**9. IMPLEMENTING FAIRER CHARGING GUIDANCE Appendix E**

Councillor Getliffe submits a report that informs members of a recent review of current charging arrangements with a view to the implementation of statutory guidance on charging for Home Care and other Non-Residential Social Services. The Cabinet is asked to approve the actual changes to the current charging arrangements. The detailed proposals are set out in Appendix 1 of the report and details of the consultation process are set out in Appendix 2. Comparisons of the proposals with other local authorities are set out in Appendix 3 of the report. Any comments of the Social Services and Personal Health Scrutiny Committee on 16 September 2002 will be reported to the meeting.

**10. ITEM WITHDRAWN Appendix F**

**11. BASE BUDGET PREPARATION 2003/04 Appendix G**

Councillor Patel submits a report that explains the process by which the Council's 2003/04 base budget is being prepared, and summarises the principles supporting the process. The Cabinet is asked to endorse the framework for base budget preparation as set out in the report and to give approval to the cash limits for each department, as set out in Appendix A of the report.

**12. STATUTORY STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2001/2002 Appendix H**

Councillor Patel submits a report that informs members that the Accounts and Audit regulations require the Council to formally approve the Accounts prior to

audit, and subsequently to approve any changes following the audit. This represents a change to previous legislation that permitted Cabinet to approve the Accounts. The Cabinet is asked to submit the Statement of Accounts for 2001/2002 to the Council for approval. Any comments of the Finance, Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee on 19 September 2002 will be reported to the meeting.

**The draft Statement of Accounts is attached for Members of Cabinet. Copies of this document can be obtained from Devanshi Mavani on 0116 2557421.**

**13. DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT**

**Appendix I**

Councillor Osman submits a report that advises members of works recommended to be funded from the Disability Disability Discrimination Act Initiatives Budget for 2002/2003. The report also seeks to advise members of the recommended level of Access to Work portion of the budget and seeks approvals to enable the programme to proceed. The Cabinet is asked to give approval to the works specified in Appendix 3 of the report, including the allocation of £20,000 to Access to Work and a sum of £59,755 for urgent works required in the light of complaints received. The Cabinet is also asked to consider the other recommendations set out in the report.

**14. AMENDMENTS TO FINANCE PROCEDURE RULES**

**Appendix J**

Councillor Patel submits a report that seeks agreement to changes to Finance Procedure Rule 7 to reflect the existence of the Internal Audit Charter. The Cabinet is recommended to ask the Council to approve Finance Procedure Rule 7 as amended and as set out in the attached supporting papers.

**15. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**