



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: THURSDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 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 MEETINGS

The Minutes of the Special meeting of the Cabinet held on 20 September 2002 and the Ordinary meeting held on 23 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 Appendix A

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE- 17 OCTOBER 2002

THE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF REGENERATION SERVICES

The full minute is attached at Appendix A.

RESOLVED:

that Cabinet be requested to consider the retention of experienced staff in Regeneration Services and whether they felt there were sufficient arrangements to ensure this happened.

Councillor Kavia to respond.

5. SCHOOLS ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN Appendix B

Councillor Roberts submits a report that informs members that all Local Education Authorities are required to prepare a Schools Asset Management Plan (AMP) and submit it to the Department for Education and Skills (DfES) for approval. The purpose of the AMP is to show how the City Council and schools will fulfil stewardship responsibilities for the school estate and how capital investment supports the priorities of Government and the City Council. The Cabinet is asked to approve the key documents appended to the report.

The full Asset Management Plan is 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 Committee Services on (0116) 252 6022.

6. SCHOOL ADMISSION PROCEDURE CHANGES Appendix C

Councillor Roberts submits a report back on the outcome of the annual consultation on school admission arrangements and seeking changes to the approved procedure.

7. LEICESTER WEST TRANSPORT SCHEME PROPOSAL Appendix D

Councillor Bhatti submits a report that presents the concept, draft designs and latest assessment of the Leicester West Transport Scheme proposal. It is proposed that the final detailed, designed and appraised proposal will be presented to Cabinet in March 2003 for approval to re-submit to the Department for Transport (DfT) for funding of a Major Public Transport Scheme. The Cabinet is asked to give approval to go out to consultation on the concept and draft designs of the scheme in November 2002.

Maps are enclosed at the back of the agenda for Members of the Cabinet only. Copies are available by phoning Committee Services on (0116) 252 6022.

8. ARRANGEMENTS FOR DELIVERY OF URBAN BUS CHALLENGE PROJECT Appendix E

Councillor Bhatti submits a report that details the arrangements that will deliver a local Community based bus service in the Braunstone area, which is being grant funded by Central Government under the Urban Bus Challenge programme. The Cabinet is asked to endorse the acceptance of Urban Bus Challenge funding, with Leicester City Council being the Accountable Body. Approval is also sought to the arrangements that have been established to manage the Project, and for authority to the expenditure of the grant funding on this Project. Authorisation to arrange relevant Contracts and Agreements between the City Council and Braunstone Community Association, regarding the delivery of the Urban Bus Challenge Project is also sought.

9. SCHOOL TRAVEL PLANNING, SAFER ROUTES STRATEGY, UPDATE ON PROGRESS Appendix F

Councillor Bhatti submits a report that informs members of progress on the implementation of Safer Routes Projects in the City. The Cabinet is asked to note the success of the Safer Routes schemes in Highfields and Evington and the progress in implementing other safer routes schemes in the City. Agreement is also sought to the order of priority of areas for future schemes and that safer routes schemes will be developed as part of area wide traffic calming schemes where practicable. The Cabinet is also asked to agree that preference will be given to schools within project areas that have already developed a School Travel Plan, or are in the process of developing one.

Agreement is sought to the protocol set out at Appendix B of the report for dealing with the transport impact of new schools and the developments at schools. Agreement is also sought for the Service Director to use his delegated powers to alter the order for the implementation of Safer Routes schemes in the light of changes in the pattern of child casualties.

10. BEST VALUE REVIEW - HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION, PRESENTATION OF FINAL REPORT **Appendix G**

Councillor Westley submits a report that presents the Final Report of the Review and informs members of the Best Value Inspectors' provisional feedback and the score awarded. Cabinet is asked to comment on, and approve, the report and Improvement Plan contained therein. Cabinet is also asked to note the Best Value Inspectors' comments regarding several issues referred to in the report.

The Review papers are attached for Cabinet Members only. Copies are available by phoning Committee Services on (0116) 252 6022.

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

Councillor Bhatti submits a report regarding a petition submitted in relation to the siting of a proposed traffic sign on the A426 Lutterworth Road, adjacent to Monsell Drive. The petition was considered at Cabinet on 29 July, following which an objection to the Cabinet's decision was received from five Councillors. The matter was therefore referred to Council on 26 September 2002. The Council agreed an amendment moved by Councillor Mrs Middleton and seconded by Councillor Mrs Chambers, that 'the advance direction sign on the A426 Lutterworth Road be erected closer to Aylestone village on the hill part way between Plantation Avenue and Monsell Drive' and in so doing referred the matter back to Cabinet for further consideration and decision in the light of the amendment and associated professional advice from officers.

The relevant minutes extract from the Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee on 9 January 2002 and the Cabinet on 29 July 2002 are attached to the report.

12. GILROES CEMETRY EXTENSION - APPROVAL FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE **Appendix I**

Councillor Holden submits a report that seeks approval to spend the capital funding allocated in the 2002/03 capital programme to support the burial ground extension works to Gilroes Cemetery and identified in the report. Cabinet is asked to give approval to spend the capital funding.

13. SOCIAL SERVICES INSPECTORATE- INSPECTION OF MANAGEMENT AND USE OF INFORMATION IN SOCIAL CARE **Appendix J**

Councillor Getliffe submits a report that introduces the Social Services Inspectorate's (SSI) report on their inspection of the management and use of information in the Social Care and Health Directorate, and presents the Action Plan responding to the 30 recommendations the report makes. The Cabinet is asked to receive the SSI report and agree the Action Plan.

The relevant Minutes extract from the Social Services and Personal Health Scrutiny Committee on 16 September 2002 is attached to the report.

The Social Services Inspectorate report is attached for Members of the Cabinet only. Copies are available by phoning Alec Stevens, Social Care and Health Department on (0116) 252 8885

14. DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF CRITERIA **Appendix K**

Councillor Patel submits a report that recommends an update of the current discretionary rate relief policy.

15. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2002/2003 - PERIOD 5 **Appendix L**

Councillor Patel submits a report that shows the summary position comparing spending with the budget for all General Fund Services. The covering report will be presented to each Scrutiny Committee, together with the relevant appendices relating to their portfolios. The Finance Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny committee will receive the appendices that relate to its portfolio together with a summary report considering the overall position. The Cabinet is asked to note the changes made to the original approved budget for 2002/03 and to note the expenditure to date and the budgetary issues that have emerged so far this year. Cabinet is also asked to note the proposals put forward to ensure that spending is contained within departments' budgets and to authorise the establishment of a new reserve in the Cultural Services and Neighbourhood Renewal department.

16. 2002/03 CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - PERIOD 5 **Appendix M**

Councillor Patel submits a report that updates members on the progress of the capital programme for 2002/03 up to the end of August (period 5). Cabinet is asked to approve a revised level of programmed expenditure of £69.861 million and to note the level of expenditure to the end of August 2002 of £15.690 million. Cabinet is also asked to note the position relating to capital receipts and approve a number of additions to the capital programme, as set out in the report.

**17. CENTRAL MAINTENANCE FUND- AUTHORISATION Appendix N
OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE**

Councillor Patel submits a report that seeks authorisation for the release of capital monies to the Central Maintenance Fund for major works, identified in the report. Cabinet is asked to approve the release of £350,000 from the Capital Programme to fund works identified in the report.

18. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

19. 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 7

Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (other than the authority)

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.

Crown Hills Community College – 5-A-Side Football Centre

**20. CROWN HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE - 5-A-SIDE
FOOTBALL CENTRE**

Councillor Roberts submits a report.