



Leicester  
City Council

## **MEETING OF THE CABINET**

**DATE: MONDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2003**  
**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 27 January 2003, have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

#### **4. MATTERS REFERRED FROM SCRUTINY**

#### **5. SUPPORTING PEOPLE - INTERIM CONTRACT ARRANGEMENTS Appendix A**

Councillor Draycott submits a report requesting Cabinet approval of the Supporting People Interim Contract Arrangements and the related authority for signing such contracts. The Cabinet is asked to approve the Supporting People Interim Contract arrangements, waive contract procedure rules 5,6,8.2, 10 and 11.5 as detailed in Appendix A of the report, approve the relevant authorisation to the Corporate Director of Housing as detailed in Appendix 3.(a) in the report and recommend to Council that an addition be made to the Cabinet Portfolio for Social Care and Health.

#### **6. IMPLEMENTING FAIRER CHARGING (HOME CARE) Appendix B**

Councillor Getliffe submits a report informing the Cabinet of the impact of a proposed increase in the maximum charge for the Home Care Service. The Cabinet is asked to approve option 3 of the proposals contained within the Supporting Information which increases the maximum charge to 75% of the minimum charge for residential care which equates to a maximum weekly charge for Home Care of £175, note that only service users receiving more than 40 hours care per week and having disposable capital in excess of £19,500 would ever reach this threshold, and confirm that this maximum charge is made to all new service users assessed to pay it with effect from April 2003 and for existing service user after a notice period of six months.

**7. COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT      Appendix C  
DRAFT IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Councillor Willmott submits a report presenting the outcome of the Comprehensive Performance Assessment and subsequent requirements. The Cabinet is asked to note the results of the Comprehensive Performance Assessment, the proposed inspection programme and annual refreshment of scores, to approve the improvement plan, the Best Value Review Programme, the Scrutiny of progress of the improvement and to refer the report to the Finance, Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee.

**8. BRAUNSTONE LEISURE CENTRE      Appendix D**

Councillor Holden submits a report seeking agreement to the arrangements for the selection of the preferred contractor for the Braunstone Leisure Centre and to authorise the project to proceed to the construction stage in accordance with the City Council's Project Management Standards. The Cabinet is asked to authorise the Corporate Director of Cultural Services and Neighbourhood Renewal in consultation with the Cabinet Members Working Group, to approve the selection of the main contractor for the construction of the Braunstone Leisure Centre, approve the revised funding package, authorise the Corporate Director of Cultural Services and Neighbourhood Renewal to approve the date/arrangements for the selected contractor to take legal possession of the site, authorise the Head of Legal Services to enter into contracts for the main contractor and to secure funding and to approve progression to the Project Construction phase in accordance with the City Council's Project Management Standards.

**9. CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING 2002/2003 -      Appendix E  
PERIOD 8**

Councillor Patel submits a report updating the Cabinet on the progress of the Capital Programme for 2002/03 up to the end of November 2002. The Cabinet is asked to note the projected outturn for 2002/03 of £65.937 million, note the expenditure at Period 8 of £30.653 million, approve a projected overspend of £78,000 in respect of repairs to the Canal Street bridge, note various additional funding and progress on specific schemes.

**10. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2002/2003 -      Appendix F  
PERIOD 8**

Councillor Patel submits a report showing a summary position which compares expenditure with the budget at the period 8 position. The Cabinet is asked to note the spend to date and the forecast outturn, note the action proposed as set out in the appendix the report to ensure that spending is contained within departmental budgets and to approve the budget virements detailed in the appendices attached to the report.

**11. AGENDA NOTE: CHANGE OF DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING**

At the 2002 Annual Council Meeting (Mayor Making), the date of the Annual General Meeting was fixed for 15 May 2003.

In order to allow sufficient time for the Political Group processes to take place after the City Council elections on 1 May 2003, and the associated appointments to be made at the Annual Council Meeting, it is proposed that the Annual Council Meeting (Mayor Making) be moved back a week to Thursday, 22 May 2003.

Being a new Council, there is also unlikely to be a significant amount of business to conduct at that time. This will, in all probability, obviate the need for a further Council Meeting at the end of May 2003.

The Council's Constitution [Part 4.A.1.(c)] provides that the Cabinet may change the date of the Annual Meeting within the limits of legislation (i.e. in election years, on the eighth day after the retirement of Councillors or on any other day within 21 days immediately following the retirement of Councillors as the Council may fix).

The Cabinet is asked to approve the amendment of the Annual Council meeting in May 2003 to 22 May 2003.

**12. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**