



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 24 MARCH 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 held on 10 March 2003, have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

4. MATTERS REFERRED FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

5. INTERIM CORPORATE PLAN

Appendix A

Councillor Willmott submits a report outlining the process to date of developing the Council's corporate plan. A copy of the interim plan is included in appendix 1 of the report. The Cabinet is asked to note the developments to date and consider the future timetable, comment on the interim corporate plan and discuss the consultation phase.

Copies of the Interim Corporate Plan are attached for members of the Cabinet only. Copies of the Plan can be obtained either from the Council's website at www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk or by phoning Committee Services on (0116) 252 6022.

6. THE LOCAL AUTHORITY YOUTH SERVICE PLAN 2003-04

Appendix B

Councillor Roberts submits a report setting out the context for the production of the Local Authority's Youth Service Plan for 2003-04 and seeking the Cabinet's approval for the Youth Service Plan (Appendix 1 of the report), prior to its submission to Government Office for the East Midlands. The Cabinet is asked to note the strengthening of service relationships and corporate working, to approve the Youth Service Plan for 2003-04 and to consider the financial implications of the government's advice in its two recent publications; *School and LEA Funding in 2003-04: Guidance Letter No.2* and *Resourcing Excellent Youth Services* which will need to be addressed from the Education and Lifelong Learning budget and be the subject of a further report to Cabinet.

The relevant minutes extract from the Education and Lifelong Learning

Scrutiny Committee held on the 19 March 2003 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

The appendices to this report have been attached for members of the Cabinet only. Copies of these appendices can be obtained either from the Council's website at www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk or by phoning Committee Services on (0116) 252 6022.

7. TAKING FORWARD COMMUNITY COHESION IN LEICESTER **Appendix C**

Councillor Osman submits a report seeking endorsement of the independent consultants IDEA "Taking Forward Community Cohesion in Leicester" report and to initiate a Task Group of Members with the Leicester Partnership to tackle issues arising from the report in the short and longer term. The Cabinet is asked to endorse the IDEA report and nominate Members to lead a task force with Leicester Partnership to tackle the challenge of bringing together outer and inner city communities.

8. FAIR ACCESS TO CARE SERVICES : ACCESS, ELIGIBILITY AND PROVISION OF SOCIAL CARE SERVICES **Appendix D**

Councillor Getliffe submits a report briefing the Cabinet on the introduction of the Government's guidance on Fair Access to Care Services. This is a framework for determining eligibility across all adult social care services. The Cabinet is asked to agree the proposal that the Council should place the threshold of eligibility at substantial and critical.

The relevant minutes extract from the Social Services and Personal Health Scrutiny Committee held on 11 March 2003 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

9. OUTLINE OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS' FORUM AND FORUM FOR OLDER PEOPLE 1994-2003 **Appendix E**

Councillor Getliffe submits a report highlighting the achievements and successes of the Senior Citizens Forum and the Forum for Older People in raising the profile of older people's needs in the City since the foundation of the Forum in 1994. The Cabinet is asked to note the achievements of both forums, note the commitment across all parties to support the work of both forums and acknowledge that the majority of Councillors who have served on these groups will be retiring from the Council in the forthcoming election and that renewed commitment will be needed to continue to meet the aspirations of older people and to maintain the record of achievements to date. The Cabinet is also asked to note the work scheduled for future meetings of the Forum for Older People.

10. LOCAL IMPROVEMENT FINANCE TRUST (LIFT) AND JOINT SERVICE CENTRES **Appendix F**

Councillor Getliffe submits a report which tests the affordability of the outline bid to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister for Private Finance Initiative (PFI) credits for Joint Service Centres. The Cabinet is asked to agree that the revised costs of the scheme (after the PFI grant) represent an acceptable risk when judged against the service benefits for the Council and to confirm that the PFI bid should be pursued. The Cabinet is also asked to agree to receive further reports on the participation of the Council in the LIFT programme for improving primary care services and integrating health and social care.

11. TRANSPORT CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2003/04 **Appendix G**

Councillor Bhatti submits a report seeking agreement to proposals for spending next financial year's Transport Capital Programme for both Integrated Transport and Capital Maintenance. The Cabinet is asked to authorise expenditure of £9,436,600 on the Transport Capital Programme, approve the programme of works for 2003/04 as set out in Appendices A and B of the report, authorise the Corporate Director of Environment, Regeneration and Development to implement the programme including the making of contracts provided that expenditure on the programme does not exceed budgets available and to authorise the Corporate Director in consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member for Highways and Transportation to vary the programme, provided that such variations were proposed in order to help achieve the Council's transport policy.

The relevant minutes extract from the Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee held on 26 February 2003 is attached to the report.

12. IMPROVING TRANSPORT IN THE CITY **Appendix H**

Councillor Bhatti submits a report containing proposals for spending the surplus income generated by the on-street parking scheme in order to improve transport in the City. The Cabinet is asked to approve the proposals for spending the surplus income set out in the Appendix of the report including a single year additional amount set aside for local bus services of £230,000, and to authorise the Director in consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member for Highways and Transportation to vary the amounts spent on the various items referred to in the Appendix, subject to funding being available.

13. REVIEWING EMAS (ECO MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT SCHEME) **Appendix I**

Councillor Holden submits a report reviewing EMAS following the fundamental challenge of the system carried out for Corporate Directors in September 2002. The report also provides the Cabinet with an annual progress report on existing targets and actions. The Cabinet is asked to approve, the inclusion of new objectives and targets, the proposed revisions to the wording of existing targets, the reviewed format for the action plan, proposed new actions and the

draft text of the 5th EMAS Statement, all as detailed in Appendices of the report.

The appendices to this report have been attached for members of the Cabinet only. Copies of these appendices can be obtained either from the Council's website at www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk or by phoning Committee Services on (0116) 252 6022.

14. THE CITY COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE LEICESTER REGENERATION COMPANY BUSINESS PLAN **Appendix J**

Councillor Kavia submits a report proposing the Council's response to the Leicester Regeneration Company Business Plan. The Cabinet is asked to agree the response.

15. INVESTIGATIONS POLICY **Appendix K**

Councillor Patel submits a report asking the Cabinet to consider and approve an Investigations Policy for the Council. The Cabinet is also asked to authorise the Town Clerk, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Lead Member, to keep the Investigations Policy under regular review and to deal with further development of the policy and any consequential changes.

16. ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2001/02 **Appendix L**

Councillor Patel submits a report introducing the annual audit letter for 2001/02 which has been sent to all members of the Council. The Cabinet is asked to consider the letter and to commission action plans or proposals to address the issues raised by the auditor in respect of tightening up measurement of performance indicators, preparation of grant claims and project management, procurement, children in care and community care.

The relevant minutes extract from the Finance, Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee held on 20 March 2003 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

17. BEST VALUE REVIEW - LEGAL SERVICES - SCOPING EXERCISE **Appendix M**

Councillor Westley submits a report seeking approval for the draft scope of the Legal Services Best Value Review, in the context of the criteria set out in the latest revision of the Best Value Review Guidelines and outlining the rationale behind the Scope. The Cabinet is asked to approve the proposed Scope and the Project Timetable.

18. BEST VALUE REVIEW OF COMMUNICATIONS AND PROMOTIONS **Appendix N**

Councillor Westley submits a report presenting the final Communications and

Promotions Best Value Review. The Cabinet is presented with a number of options in response to the review and is asked to decide which option should be followed.

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 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.

CITY ROOMS, LEICESTER

FREEHOLD SALE OF PART OF THE FORMER GRANBY HALLS SITE,
WELFORD ROAD, LEICESTER

20. CITY ROOMS, LEICESTER Appendix B1

Councillor Patel submits a report.

21. FREEHOLD SALE OF PART OF THE FORMER Appendix B2 GRANBY HALLS SITE, WELFORD ROAD, LEICESTER

Councillor Patel submits a report.