



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: TUESDAY, 22 APRIL 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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INFORMATION FOR 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 held on 7 April 2003, have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet asked to approve them as a correct record.

4. MATTERS REFERRED FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

5. LEICESTER WEST TRANSPORT SCHEME PROPOSAL

Appendix A

Councillor Bhatti submits a report seeking approval to submit jointly with the County Council, a bid for Major Scheme funding to the Department for Transport to fund the Leicester West Transport Scheme. The Cabinet is asked to agree to ask the Highways & Transportation Scrutiny Committee to comment on the report prior to its further consideration by Cabinet and that a further report be brought before Cabinet no later than July 2003, confirming the final details of the bid, including resource implications and detailing the share of risk and benefits between the City and County Councils (on the basis that no call-in may then be made due to the imminence of the bid deadline).

The relevant minutes extract from the Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee held on 17 March is attached to the report.

The Appendices for this report are attached for Members of the Cabinet only. Copies of these appendices can be obtained phoning Committee Services on (0116) 252 6022.

6. TRANSFORMING SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Appendix B

Councillor Roberts submits a report advising the Cabinet of progress to date in taking forward the transforming secondary schools agenda and, in particular, the proposals for three possible new schools. The report explains the context of the evolving national and local agenda for raising standards and other strategic objectives and considers the two consultancy reports. The Cabinet is asked whether it wishes to progress any of the proposals.

The relevant Minutes extract of the Education and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee held on 7 April will be circulated as soon as it is available.

The Consultants reports referred to in the report are attached for Cabinet Members only. Copies of these documents can be obtained either from the Council's website www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk or by phoning Committee Services on (0116) 252 6022.

7. PRIMARY SCHOOLS REPORT **Appendix C**

Councillor Roberts submits a report advising the Cabinet on a number of key strategic issues facing the primary school sector in the City. There have been a number of amalgamation requests from school governing bodies to become all-through primary schools. The Cabinet is asked to approve a range of recommendations which responds to these amalgamation requests and proposals for taking them forward.

8. LIFELONG LEARNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC COMMUNITY LEARNING PLAN **Appendix D**

Councillor Roberts submits a report seeking approval for the Strategic Community Learning Plan for recommendation to Council. The Cabinet is also asked to request a further report on a budget strategy for the Division.

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

9. MULTI DISCIPLINARY CENTRE - POCKLINGTONS WALK **Appendix E**

Councillor Draycott submits a report about the creation of a new, innovative centre for homeless people and guidance is sought from the Cabinet on whether and how the scheme should proceed. The Cabinet is recommended, to add the scheme to the Housing Capital Programme, to agree that when the new facility is complete the existing nightshelter is closed and sold the capital receipt being used to offset the purchase / refurbishment costs of the new facility, authorise the Corporate Director of Housing to appoint a project manager to implement the scheme, authorise capital expenditure for the scheme, dispose of the existing nightshelter upon completion of the scheme and to authorise the Town Clerk to sign any contracts in connection with the scheme.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUND - YEARS 4 & 5 OVERALL TIMETABLE AND PART ONE PROCESS **Appendix F**

Councillor Draycott submits a report commenting on the review of the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund processes in years 2 and 3 carried out by a Leicester Partnership Review Group and on proposals for processes in years 4 and 5. The Cabinet is recommended to endorse the Principles agreed by Leicester Partnership, the timetable and the role of the Thematic Partnerships, the Co-ordinating Group and the Leicester Partnership and confirm the Council's role.

The Leicester Partnership report is attached for Members of the Cabinet only. Copies of this report can be obtained either from the Council's website www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk or by phoning Committee Services on (0116) 252 6022.

11. REPLACEMENT CITY OF LEICESTER LOCAL PLAN Appendix G

Councillor Kavia submits a report on the main changes being proposed to the Local Plan as a result of the public consultation on the first Deposit Plan (October 2001) and other important studies which have been completed over the last year, most significantly the Leicester Regeneration Company's Masterplan. The Cabinet is asked to note the representations received on the first Deposit Draft Replacement City of Leicester Local Plan, note the proposed action on late objections, recommend to Council to approve the main changes proposed to the second Deposit Draft Local Plan and the Local Plan timetable.

The relevant minutes extract of the Development Control Sub-Committee held on March 18 2003 and the Strategic Planning and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held on 26 March 2003 are attached to the report.

12. CORPORATE EQUALITY STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN Appendix H

Councillor Osman submits a report informing the Cabinet about the new Corporate Equality Strategy and action plan which aims to provide a strategic focus for the authority to support the mainstreaming of equalities across all levels of service delivery, customer care and policy development. The Cabinet is asked to approve the Equality Strategy and Action Plan, the Equal Opportunities Statement and Commitments as set out in the report, approve the points discussed in section 4 of the report and proposals set out in section 6 of the report and to agree to an annual equality action plan over the three year period of the strategy to inform the prioritisation of resources against agreed targets.

Copies of the full Corporate Equality Strategy and Action Plan have been attached for members of the Cabinet only. Copies of this document can be obtained by phoning Committee Services on (0116) 252 6022.

13. TRADING ORGANISATIONS - 2003/2004 BUDGETS Appendix I

Councillor Patel submits a report in accordance with Finance Procedure Rules

presenting the budgets for trading organisations. The Cabinet is recommended to approve the 2003/2004 budgets for trading organisations and to note the action proposed on policies in respect of the use of any retained surpluses.

14. WAIVER OF CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES **Appendix J**

Councillor Patel submits a report informing Cabinet of Waivers to Contract Procedure Rules approved by the Town Clerk as required by paragraph 2.2(b) of those Rules. The Cabinet is asked to note the waivers.

15. LEASES OF JUBILEE FAMILY CENTRE AND ST. PETERS FAMILY CENTRE FOR SURE START PURPOSES **Appendix K**

Councillor Patel submits a report seeking the Cabinet's approval to the lettings of the Jubilee Family Centre and St. Peters Family Centre for Sure Start purposes in accordance with the previously agreed reconfiguration of family support services. The Cabinet is asked to approve the grant of agreements for the necessary leases to NCH in respect of Jubilee Family Centre and the NSPCC in respect of the St. Peters Family Centre and authorise the Town Clerk to enter into the lease agreements upon agreement of detailed terms.

16. ACCOUNTABLE BODY ROLE FOR LEICESTER NORTH WEST HEALTHY LIVING NETWORK **Appendix L**

Councillor Patel submits a report seeking Cabinet's approval for Leicester City Council to assume the accountable body status for this New Opportunity Fund supported initiative subject to the approval of the Head of Legal Services and Chief Financial Officer to the detail of the contract.

17. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

18. 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.

LAND AT REDHILL - CHAOS ENTERPRISES

19. LAND AT REDHILL - CHAOS ENTERPRISES

Appendix B1

Councillor Patel submits a report.