



Leicester  
City Council

## **MEETING OF THE CABINET**

**DATE: MONDAY, 4 AUGUST 2003**

**TIME: 5:00 pm**

**PLACE: COMMITTEE ROOMS 2 & 3, 'B' BLOCK, NEW WALK CENTRE, KING STREET, LEICESTER**

### **Members of the Committee**

Councillor Roger Blackmore (Chair)  
Councillor Scuplak (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Coles, Coley, Hunt, Johnson, Metcalfe, Mugglestone and Suleman

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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If there are any particular reports that you would like translating into Braille or providing on audio tape, the Committee Administrator can provide this for you (production times will depend upon equipment/facility availability).

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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 Ordinary meeting of the Cabinet held on 21 July 2003, and the minutes of the Special qualifying meeting of the Cabinet held on 21 July 2003, have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

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

**Appendix A**

#### **i) STRATEGIC PLANNING AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 16 JULY 2003**

##### **VOLUNTARY SECTOR BUDGET REDUCTIONS**

**A1**

An Officer's response report is at A1 of the cover papers. The full minute extract and report to Scrutiny are contained in the Supporting Information papers.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that this matter be referred to Cabinet for consideration;
- (2) that the Corporate Director of Environment, Regeneration and Development in consultation with the Cabinet Link Member for Environment, Regeneration and Development be recommended to consider ways of alternative funding for the organisations proposed for funding reductions and to request that funding continues until a final decision is made by the Cabinet.

**Councillor Hunt to respond.**

#### **ii) STRATEGIC PLANNING AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 16 JULY 2003**

##### **GREATER HUMBERSTONE SRB PROGRAMME: MUNDELLA SITE DISPOSAL**

**A2**

An Officer's response report is at A2 of the cover papers. The full minute extract and report to Scrutiny are contained in the Supporting Information papers.

**RESOLVED:**

that the following be recommended to Cabinet;

that the relevant Departments of the City Council assist Greater Humberstone Community Development Ltd. in its aim of acquiring part of the Mundella site for use by the community, in particular it is recommended:-

- (1) that a clear timetable is established for the disposal of the site to a developer which is made available to the Committee, the Greater Humberstone Community Development Ltd and the Cabinet;
- (2) that all necessary legal and property arrangements associated with the sale of the site receive prompt attention;
- (3) that professional support is provided to the Greater Humberstone Community Development Ltd in negotiating a Section 106 agreement with the eventual developer;
- (4) that the commitment of the Life Long Learning Division is obtained as to its Cluster / Local learning Plans and operational intentions in regard to the proposed community learning facility;
- (5) that signage be displayed at the site advertising the sale which is agreeable to all stakeholders including the Greater Humberstone Community Development Ltd.;
- (6) that it would be desirable for the playing fields to be made available for community use during the summer holidays; and
- (7) that the Committee receive a further report on progress.

**Councillor Hunt to respond.**

**5. ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE SUPPORTING PEOPLE COMMISSIONING BODY AND LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL** **Appendix B**

Councillor Coles submits a report that seeks confirmation of the arrangements for the formation of a Commissioning Body for Leicester to oversee the strategic aspects of the Supporting People programme. The Cabinet is



recommended to determine whether or not to: -

- i) Retain the current delegations to individual Cabinet Members.
- ii) Vary its current portfolio arrangements.
- iii) Change its Scheme of Delegation to Officers.
- iv) Establish Cabinet Committees, or rely on less formal arrangements such as task and finish groups.

**11. CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - OUTTURN      Appendix H  
2002/03**

Councillor Coley submits a report that shows the provisional outturn of the capital programme for 2002/03. The Cabinet is asked to note the outturn of £63.149 million, to approve an addition to the capital programme of £20,000 for funding consultants, approve the deletion of the present reserve programme and to note the level of slippage, progress on schemes, levels of capital receipts and additional funding and the current position on the Payback Fund.

**12. JOINT ARRANGEMENT FOR LIBRARY SERVICES      Appendix I  
FOR EDUCATION**

Councillor Johnson submits a report that presents options for Members to consider regarding the future of the Joint Arrangement with Leicestershire County Council Library Services for Education. The Cabinet is recommended to select one of the options referred to in the report that provides the best way forward for city schools to best support their efforts to raise standards.

**The relevant minutes extract from the Education and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee held on 24 June 2003 are attached to the report.**

**13. DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT INITIATIVES 2003      Appendix J  
- 2004**

Councillor Coley submits a report that advises Members of works recommended to be funded from the Disability Discrimination Act Initiatives budget for 2003 – 2004, including the Access to Work portion of the budget. The Cabinet is recommended to approve the recommendations set out in the report in order that the programme can proceed.

**14. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

**15. 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.

Shires West Update

#### Paragraph 7

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

#### Paragraph 8

The amount of any expenditure proposed to be incurred by the authority under any particular contract for the acquisition of property or the supply of goods or services.

The Empty Homes Strategy – Compulsory Purchase of Various Houses (5)

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| <b>16. SHIRES WEST UPDATE</b>   | <b>Appendix B1</b> |
| Councillor Hunt submits a report.   |                    |
| <b>17. THE EMPTY HOMES STRATEGY - COMPULSORY PURCHASE OF VARIOUS HOUSES (5)</b> | <b>Appendix B2</b> |
| Councillor Metcalfe submits a report.   |                    |

