



Leicester  
City Council

## **MEETING OF THE CABINET**

**DATE: MONDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 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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## **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 1 September 2003, have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet asked to approve them as a correct record.

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

#### **5. INTERNAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2002/03 Appendix A**

Councillor Coley submits a report reviewing the Council's overall performance in 2002/03. The Cabinet is asked to note a number of recommendations for managing the Council's performance, to refer the report to the Finance, Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee and to request a subsequent report incorporating the Committees comments as part of next years Improvement Plan and best value review programme.

#### **6. MILTON KEYNES AND SOUTH MIDLANDS SUB-REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY Appendix B**

Councillor Hunt submits a report informing the Cabinet of the proposals contained within the Milton Keynes and South Midlands draft consultation Sub-Regional Spatial Strategy, setting out the implications of the strategy for the Three Cities Sub-Region and to agree a form of response. The Cabinet is asked to note the proposals for the Milton Keynes and South Midlands sub-region and, in particular, the proposals for Northamptonshire, within the East Midlands Region; and to approve the comments made within the report which will form the City Council's response to the consultation exercise.

**The relevant minutes extract from the Strategic Planning and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held on 10 September will be circulated as soon as they are available.**

#### **7. REVIEW OF LOW DEMAND SHELTERED ACCOMMODATION Appendix C**

Councillor Metcalfe submits a report which considers different courses of

action in view of the demand for the Council's Sheltered Accommodation. The report also responds to a petition regarding the future of William Smith House in Beaumont Leys. The Cabinet is asked to consider the comments of the Housing Scrutiny Committee and indicate whether, either or both Lily Marriott and William Smith House Sheltered Accommodation Schemes should be closed and also to consider other matters if closure is agreed for either or both.

**The relevant minutes extract of the Housing Scrutiny Committee held on 21 August 2003 are attached to the report.**

**8. WINDOW REPLACEMENT - PRIORITISATION** **Appendix D**

Councillor Metcalfe submits a report presenting options for the future prioritisation of the Window Replacement Programme. The Cabinet is asked to approve the recommendations put forward by the Housing Scrutiny Committee suggesting changes in priority for the Window Replacement Programme.

**The relevant minutes extract of the Housing Scrutiny Committee held on 21 August 2003 are attached to the report.**

**9. STOCK OPTIONS APPRAISAL** **Appendix E**

Councillor Metcalfe submits a report which seeks agreement to undertake a stock options appraisal and the process for Tenants to play a key role. The Cabinet is asked to note the requirement to undertake the appraisal, to request the Corporate Director of Housing to engage consultants to undertake the work, to agree the process will be managed by a steering group and to agree its composition.

**The relevant minutes extract of the Housing Scrutiny Committee held on 21 August 2003 are attached to the report.**

**10. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY OF HEALTH** **Appendix F**

Councillor Coles submits a report proposing how the Council should exercise the new responsibility given to Councils to establish a new Committee for the Overview and Scrutiny of Health. The Cabinet is asked to approve a number of recommendations in connection with the establishment of a Committee and to commission a further report considering collaborative arrangements with the Leicestershire and Rutland Scrutiny Committees.

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

**11. SOCIAL SERVICES INSPECTION OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES** **Appendix G**

Councillor Coles submits a report providing a brief introduction to the

presentation by lead Social Services Inspectorate (SSI) Inspector, Ben Irons, of his report on the findings of the SSI Inspection of Children's Social Services in Leicester which took place between 13 May and 27 May 2003. The Cabinet is asked to endorse the action plan which incorporates the recommendations of the Inspection Report.

**The relevant minutes extract from the Social Services Scrutiny Committee held on 17 September 2003 will be circulated as soon as it is available.**

**The Social Services Inspectorate report is attached for Members of the Cabinet only. Copies of this document can be obtained by phoning Committee Services on (0116) 252 6022.**

**12. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH ANNUAL REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE 2002/2003** **Appendix H**

Councillor Coles submits a report providing the Cabinet with the results of the Department of Health Annual Review of the Department's performance for 2002/2003. The Cabinet is asked to note the results of the Department of Health Annual Review of the Department's 2002/2003 performance and to ask the Corporate Director to address the areas for improvement through the business planning process for 2003/2005.

**The relevant minutes extract from the Social Services Scrutiny Committee held on 17 September 2003 will be circulated as soon as it is available.**

**13. DEVELOPING HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE CENTRES THROUGH 'LIFT' AND NEW DEAL FOR COMMUNITIES** **Appendix I**

Councillor Coles submits a report seeking further approvals to progress with the next stages of the Council's involvement in the Leicester LIFT (Local Improvement Finance Trust) Initiative. It also describes progress with the Braunstone Health and Social Care Centre. The Cabinet is asked to approve a number of recommendations to progress the LIFT proposals.

**14. BASE BUDGET PREPARATION 2004/05** **Appendix J**

Councillor Coley submits a report explaining the process by which the Council's 2004/05 base budget is being prepared, and summarises the principles supporting this process. The Cabinet is asked to endorse the framework for base budget preparation and to approve the cash limits for each department.

**15. HIGHWAYS CAPITAL SPEND 2003/04** **Appendix K**

Councillor Hunt submits a report seeking Cabinet's approval for expenditure of £300,000 on Local Environmental Works and £100,000 on Highway

Maintenance from the City Council Capital Budget 2003/04.

**16. STATUTORY STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2002/2003 Appendix L**

Councillor Coley submits a report presenting the Statutory Statement of Accounts 2002/2003 prior to audit, as required by Accounts and Audit regulations. The Cabinet is asked to note the Statement of Accounts for 2002/2003 and submit them to Council for approval.

**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 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 2003 (3)

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.

Approval for Property Disposals

**19. THE EMPTY HOMES STRATEGY COMPULSORY PURCHASE OF VARIOUS HOUSES 2003 (3) Appendix B1**

Councillor Metcalfe submits a report.

**20. APPROVAL FOR PROPERTY DISPOSALS Appendix B2**

Councillor Coley submits a report.