



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 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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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 13 October 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

ARTS, LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 1 OCTOBER 2003

Cultural Quarter Update

At its meeting on 1 October, the Arts, Leisure and Environment Scrutiny Committee made the following resolution.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that the report be noted; and
- (2) that the Cabinet considers ensuring that any future project management teams have senior planning management representation as a matter of course.

Councillor Hunt to recommend that the comments of the Scrutiny Committee be noted and a full report be submitted to the next meeting of the Cabinet responding to the issue raised.

The full minute extract is attached for information.

5. CORPORATE PLAN 2003/06

Appendix B

Councillor Blackmore submits a report presenting a proposed Corporate Plan for 2003/06. The Cabinet is asked to agree the Corporate Plan for recommendation to Council and to commission the Chief Executive to cascade it throughout the Council through a structured communications strategy.

The full Corporate Plan document is attached for Members of the Cabinet

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

6. MAJOR HIGHWAY SCHEMES **Appendix C**

Councillor Hunt submits a report seeking a Cabinet recommendation to Council about the order in which three major highway schemes should be constructed and designed and seeking delegated authority for the relevant Corporate Director to enter into contracts for these schemes.

The relevant minutes extract of the Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee on 8 October are attached to the report.

7. EXTENSION OF RESIDENTS PARKING SCHEMES **Appendix D**

Councillor Hunt submits a report seeking Cabinet's agreement that, in the light of the results of the recent consultation exercises carried out in three separate areas of the city, the current timetable for the introduction of residents' parking schemes should be amended and that no further work on residents parking schemes undertaken until decriminalised parking powers are in force.

The relevant minutes extract of the Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee on 8 October are attached to the report.

8. PUBLIC SERVICE AGREEMENT - PAYMENT OF PERFORMANCE REWARD GRANT **Appendix E**

Councillor Coley submits a report seeking a recommendation to Council with regard to the sharing of the performance reward grant.

9. RESPONSE TO THE SECOND DEPOSIT REPLACEMENT CITY OF LEICESTER LOCAL PLAN **Appendix F**

Councillor Hunt submits a report asking the Cabinet to recommend to Council that the responses to the Second Deposit Replacement City of Leicester Local Plan be approved along with the proposed pre-enquiry changes.

The relevant minutes extract of the Strategic Planning and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on 16 October will be circulated when they are available.

10. OPTIONS FOR REINVESTING INTO LEICESTER'S MARKETS SERVICE **Appendix G**

Councillor Mugglestone submits a report outlining options available to ensure the Markets Service benefits from investment to sustain its profitability. The Cabinet is asked to agree a way forward.

11. SITE DEVELOPMENT GUIDANCE - 8 BOWLING GREEN STREET AND 45-49 BELVOIR STREET **Appendix H**

Councillor Hunt submits a report seeking approval to Site Development Guidance for 8 Bowling Green Street/45-49 Belvoir Street.

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

12. SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT AGENCY **Appendix I**

Councillor Johnson submits a report seeking a recommendation to Council that the Policy Framework be amended by agreeing that the Authority become the sole member of the School Development Support Agency. Subject to Council's agreement, the Cabinet is asked to agree that the exercise of the Council's membership rights in the Company be delegated to the Corporate Director of Education and Lifelong Learning, in consultation with the Cabinet Link Member for Education.

13. EMPTY HOMES STRATEGY - COMPULSORY PURCHASE OF VARIOUS HOUSES **Appendix J**

Councillor Metcalfe submits a report recommending that Compulsory Purchase Orders are sought of a number of properties under the City Council's Empty Homes Strategy in order secure their improvement, proper management and occupation as residential dwellings.

Members are asked to note that as part of this report, financial information relating to the properties is attached. These papers are marked, 'NOT FOR PUBLICATION'. The information in these papers is exempt as defined in paragraphs 7 and 8 of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended. The information therefore must not be disclosed or discussed at the meeting. Should Members wish to refer to any of these details it is recommended that the meeting move into private session.

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 report in private on the grounds that it contains '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 it involves 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.

16. SALE OF THE HAYMARKET CAR PARK LEASE

Appendix B1

Councillor Coley submits a report.