



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2004

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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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).

General Enquiries - if you have any queries about any of the above or the business to be discussed, please contact Frances Wake/Matthew Reeves, Committee Services on (0116) 252 6028/22 or call in at the Customer Service Centre.

Press Enquiries - please phone the Communications Unit on 252 6081

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 19 January 2004, have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

4. MATTERS REFERRED FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

5. SPINNEY HILL PARK PROPOSED SITE FOR POLICE STATION Appendix A

Councillor Coley submits a report detailing the results of a consultation exercise as to whether there was public support for a police station on Spinney Hill Park. The report was considered at Cabinet on 15 December 2003 and referred to full Council. The relevant minutes extract of Council will be circulated as soon as they are available. The Cabinet is asked to consider the discussion at full Council and take a decision on whether to sell the land on the park for the Police Station.

Members are asked to note that as part of this report, information on proposed terms relating to the disposal is attached, as an appendix. This appendix is marked 'NOT FOR PUBLICATION' . The information in these papers is exempt as defined in paragraph 9 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 the private session.

6. PROPERTY SERVICES REVIEW IN ACCORDANCE WITH BEST VALUE PRINCIPLE Appendix B

Councillor Coley submits a report detailing the Property Services Review in accordance with Best Value Principles, summarises the focus of the review, emerging issues and improvement activities. The Cabinet is asked to endorse the Improvement Plan as attached to the report and to note the £126,000 per year savings this review will generate.

The relevant minute extract from the Finance, Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee held on 22 January 2004 will be circulated as soon as they are available.

7. BEST VALUE REVIEW OF E-GOVERNMENT - FINAL REPORT AND IMPROVMENT PLAN Appendix C

Councillor Coley submits a report concluding the e-government review and making recommendations for improvement. The Cabinet is asked to endorse the improvement plan attached as Appendix A to the report.

The relevant minute extract from the Finance, Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee held on 22 January 2004 will be circulated as soon as they are available.

8. THE EMPTY HOMES STRATEGY COMPULSORY PURCHASE OF 88 CEDAR ROAD & 1 LANCASHIRE STREET/ 255 MELTON ROAD LEICESTER (7) Appendix D

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 to 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 the private session.

9. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

10. 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 supply of goods or services.

PROPOSAL FOR THE RESIDENTIAL RE-DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTED SITES IN THE STRASBOURG DRIVE / BISHOPDALE ROAD AREA

11. PROPOSAL FOR THE RESIDENTIAL REDEVELOPMENT OF SELECTED SITES IN THE STRASBOURG DRIVE / BISHOPDALE ROAD AREA

Appendix B1

Councillor Metcalfe submits a report.

The relevant minutes extract from the Housing Scrutiny Committee held on 15 January 2004 will be circulated as soon as they are available.