



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 15 MARCH 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 Johnson (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Coles, Coley, Hunt, Metcalfe, Mugglestone, Scuplak 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 1 March 2004, 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

Strategic Planning and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee – 19 February 2004

Highfields Minimum Wage Project

An Officer report and a full minute extract is attached at Appendix A.

RESOLVED:

that the issues around the minimum wage be brought to the attention of the Cabinet.

Councillor Hunt to respond.

5. TRANSPORT CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2004/05

Appendix B

Councillor Hunt submits a report seeking agreement to proposals for spending next financial year's transport capital programme, for both Integrated Transport and Capital Maintenance. The Cabinet is asked to note that full Council has authorised expenditure of £9.099 million on the Transport Capital Programme in 2004/05, to approve the programme of works for 2004/05, authorise the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Culture to implement the programme including the signing of contracts provided that the expenditure does not exceed the available budget and confirm that the Corporate Director, in consultation with the Cabinet Link Member Environment, Regeneration and Development be authorised to vary the programme provided that such variations are proposed in order to help achieve the Council's transport policy.

The relevant minutes extract of the Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee held on 3 March 2004 will be circulated as soon as they are

available.

**6. ON-STREET PARKING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE Appendix C
2004/05**

Councillor Hunt submits a report containing revised proposals for spending the surplus income generated by the on-street parking scheme in order to improve transport in the City. The Cabinet is asked, to determine that it is not desirable or necessary to provide further off-street parking, approve the proposals for spending the surplus income set out in the Appendix and confirm that the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Culture be authorised to vary the amounts spent on the various items referred to in the Appendix, subject to funding being available.

The relevant minutes extract of the Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee held on 3 March 2004 will be circulated as soon as they are available.

7. ONE-OFF INVESTMENT IN CULTURAL SERVICES Appendix D

Councillor Mugglestone submits a report requesting agreement for the disposal of specified assets and the reinvestment of the proceeds to meet reinvestment in cultural services facilities. The Cabinet is asked to approve a number of recommendations relating to the sale of various assets and the reinvestment of the proceeds of those sales.

**8. PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEVELOPING AN Appendix E
INTEGRATED LEARNING DISABILITY SERVICE IN
LEICESTER**

Councillor Suleman submits a report setting out an initial project plan for the lead commissioning and integration of social services and NHS budgets and services for people with learning disabilities within Leicester City. The Cabinet is asked to agree the direction of travel as outlined in the project plans on learning disability services in the City and to agree that the City Council takes on the lead commissioning responsibilities from 1 April 2005 onwards.

The relevant minutes extract from the Social Services and Personal Health Scrutiny Committee held on 10 March 2004 will be circulated as soon as the are available.

**9. FAIR ACCESS TO CARE SERVICES - ACCESS Appendix F
ELIGIBILITY AND PROVISION OF SOCIAL CARE
SERVICES**

Councillor Suleman submits a report addressing the requirement to determine eligibility for services under the Government's guidance on Fair Access to Care Services (FACS). The Cabinet is asked to agree that the threshold of eligibility should be placed at 'substantial' and 'critical'.

The relevant minutes extract from the Social Services and Personal Health Scrutiny Committee held on 10 March 2004 will be circulated as soon as the are available.

10. COMMUNITY COHESION STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT Appendix G

Councillor Blackmore submits a report presenting a short summary of phase 1 of the strategy, Research and Consultation on Community Cohesion; the Outline Strategy: Major Themes and an outline of the next steps for the development of a detailed Community Cohesion Action Plan. The Cabinet is asked to endorse the Community Cohesion Strategy, approve the process for the development of the Community Cohesion Action Plan through the establishment of a group as outlined in the report and authorise the Chief Executive in consultation with Councillor Suleman to develop mechanisms for the implementation of the community cohesion fund and the allocation of resources.

**11. NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUND PROGRAMME Appendix H
PROPOSALS 2004-06**

Councillor Hunt submits a report informing the Cabinet of the proposals for forming a Neighbourhood Renewal Fund programme that were agreed by the Leicester Partnership at its meeting on March 1 2004. The Cabinet is asked to consider a number of recommendations regarding the approval of the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund programme for the period 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2006.

**12. ECO-MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT SCHEME (EMAS) - Appendix I
PROGRESS FOR 02/03, PROPOSED ACTION
PROGRAMME FOR 04/05 AND REVISED
ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

Councillor Hunt submits a report providing the Cabinet with information on the Council's progress towards the corporate environmental improvement targets. The Cabinet is asked to note progress towards the EMAS targets during 02/03, approve the implementation of the proposed 04/05 action programme, approve the draft text for the 6th EMAS Public Statement and approve the revisions to the corporate Environmental Policy under EMAS.

Appendices 1-3 of the report are available for Members in the Members Library and copies are also available on the Council's website at www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk or by phoning Committee Services on (0116) 252 6022.

**13. SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE - NEW Appendix J
WALK CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER
STATEMENT**

Councillor Hunt submits a report seeking the Cabinet's approval of the New Walk Conservation Area Character Statement as supplementary planning

guidance to the City of Leicester Local Plan.

The full Supplementary Planning Guidance Document is attached for Members of the Cabinet only. Copies are also available on the Council's website at www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk or by phoning Committee Services on (0116) 252 6022.

14. LEICESTERSHIRE, LEICESTER AND RUTLAND STRUCTURE PLAN - FURTHER MODIFICATION **Appendix K**

Councillor Hunt submits a report considering the next steps in the adoption of the Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland Structure Plan. The Cabinet is asked to approve the publication of a Proposed Further Modification to the Structure Plan, deleting Strategy Policy 17: Green Belt, subject to Leicestershire and Rutland County Council's also agreeing; authorise the preparation, publication and consultation on the Proposed Further Modification and to request the Government Office for the East Midlands to advise Ministers to withdraw the Direction.

15. TREASURY STRATEGY 2004/2005 **Appendix L**

Councillor Coley submits a report recommending a Treasury Strategy for 2004/2005. The Treasury Strategy governs the way the Council manages its debt (of around £270 million) and investments (of around £60 million). The Cabinet is asked to approve the Strategy in respect of borrowing; investment; use of fund managers and consultants; leasing; debt rescheduling; and repayment as described in the report. The Cabinet is also asked to recommend the Investment Strategy at Appendix 1 of the report to Council.

16. 2003/04 CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - PERIOD 10 **Appendix M**

Councillor Coley submits a report updating the Cabinet on the progress of the Capital Programme for 2003/04 up to the end of January (period 10). The Cabinet is asked to approve a revised level of programmed expenditure of £64.539 million, note the level of expenditure to the end of January 2004 of £44.899, note the position relating to Capital receipts and to approve the use of £16,500 of the provision for the Customer Access Work programme for refurbishing the New Walk Customer Services Centre.

17. AGENDA NOTE: URGENT ACTION REGARDING THE CURRICULUM COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

Under the provisions of Cabinet Procedure Rule 14, a Director may after consultation with the relevant Members take any urgent action deemed necessary prior to the next meeting of Cabinet. Any such action must be reported to the Cabinet. The following urgent action is therefore reported with regard to the Curriculum Complaints Committee:-

'The Director of Education requested the setting up of a Curriculum Complaints Committee, which is the final stage of the Curriculum Complaints Procedure. The Panel must be a Committee of the Cabinet. The complaints process has been lengthy and in order for the matter to be concluded as quickly as possible, the Committee has been set up by the Town Clerk under the Cabinet Procedure Rule described above. The Panel consists of 4 Cabinet Members (Councillors Coley, Hunt, Scuplak and Suleman) and will meet on 18 March.'

The Cabinet is asked to note the above decision to set up the Committee.

18. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

19. 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.

FORMER JOHN ELLIS SCHOOL

APPROVAL FOR PROPERTY DISPOSALS

20. FORMER JOHN ELLIS SCHOOL

Appendix B1

Councillor Coley submits a report.

21. APPROVAL FOR PROPERTY DISPOSALS

Appendix B2

Councillor Coley submits a report.