



Leicester  
City Council

## **MEETING OF THE CABINET**

**DATE: MONDAY, 5 APRIL 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 15 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**

Education and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee – 9 March 2004

#### **LIFELONG LEARNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION REVIEW**

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

The Committee resolved to bring a number of issues to the attention of the Cabinet as detailed in the attached minute and report.

**Councillor Johnson to respond.**

#### **5. INVESTMENT IN PARKS, GREEN SPACES AND STREETS**

**Appendix B**

Councillor Mugglestone submits a report seeking agreement to the implementation of the investment identified in the budget strategy for parks, open spaces and streets. The Cabinet is asked to approve a number of investments as detailed in the Supporting Information of the report.

#### **6. LETTINGS WITHIN COMMUNITIES**

**Appendix C**

Councillor Metcalfe submits a report seeking to amend the authority's Housing Allocation Policy, in particular, with regard to assisting applicants with a particular need to live in one specific area of the city. The Cabinet is asked to note the results of the consultation and the views of the Housing Scrutiny Committee. The Cabinet is also asked to approve the proposed amendments to the Housing Allocation Policy as set out in section 4 and 8.3 of the report.

**The relevant minute extract from the Housing Scrutiny Committee held on 15 January 2004 is attached to the report.**

**7. UNAUTHORISED GYPSY AND TRAVELLER ENCAMPMENTS** **Appendix D**

Councillor Hunt submits a report requesting that Cabinet undertakes a review of Council policies and procedures in relation to the management of unauthorised gypsy and traveller encampments.

**8. THE EMPTY HOMES STRATEGY: COMPULSORY PURCHASE OF VARIOUS HOUSES 2004 (NO. 9)** **Appendix E**

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**

The Chair has agreed to admission of item of Urgent Business to the agenda entitled:-

'Proposal for Relocation of Gateway College'

The report will be recommended for inclusion on the private agenda. It will be circulated as soon as it is available.

The reason for urgency is to avoid any delay to the relocation programme and the consequences of such.

**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).

**DISPOSAL OF LILY MARRIOTT HOUSE AND WILLIAM SMITH HOUSE**

Paragraph 5

Information relating to any particular applicant for, or recipient or former recipient of, any financial assistance provided by the authority.

Paragraph 12

Any instructions to counsel and any opinion of counsel (whether or not in connection with any proceeds) and any advice received, information obtained or action to be taken in connection with:

- (a) any legal proceedings by or against the authority; or
- (b) the determination of any matter affecting the authority; whether, in either case, proceedings have been commenced or in contemplation.

**GOLDHILL ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND – WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDING**

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| <b>11. DISPOSAL OF LILY MARRIOTT HOUSE AND WILLIAM SMITH HOUSE</b> | <b>Appendix B1</b> |
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Councillor Metcalfe submits a report.

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| <b>12. GOLDHILL ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND - WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDING</b> | <b>Appendix B2</b> |
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Councillor Johnson submits a report.