



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 26 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 5 April 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. ALTERNATIVE MANAGEMENT FOR CULTURAL SERVICES Appendix A

Councillor Mugglestone submits a report seeking the Cabinet's agreement to endorse the work to date undertaken by the Cabinet Sub Group on alternative management arrangements for Cultural Services and seeks Cabinet agreement to further work being done to develop the options and implications for the Council in greater detail. The Cabinet is asked to consider a number of recommendations which addresses the work already undertaken by the Sub-Group and how further work in this area should be developed.

6. CHARGES MADE FOR AFTERCARE SERVICES UNDER SECTION 117 OF THE MENTAL HEALTH ACT 1983 Appendix B

Councillor Blackmore submits a report setting out the advice and guidance of the Local Government Ombudsman for England provided in a Special Report published in July 2003 on the funding of aftercare under section 117 of the Mental Health Act 1983 (the guidance), and seeks a decision on the implementation of the Guidance. The Cabinet is asked to consider a number of recommendations as to how the Council should respond to the advice and guidance of the Local Government Ombudsman.

7. YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2004-05 UPDATE Appendix C

Councillor Blackmore submits a report which responds to the requirement of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 for all Local Authorities to produce an annual Youth Justice Plan. The Purpose of the plan is to set out how youth justice services are to be provided in each area and how they are to be funded. The

Cabinet is asked to note the plan and to recommend to Council to approve its submission (retrospectively) to the Youth Justice Board.

The full Youth Justice Plan Update 2004-05 is attached for Members of the Cabinet only. Copies can be obtained from the Council's website at www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk or by phoning Committee Services on (0116) 252 6022.

8. USE OF COMPULSORY PURCHASE POWERS - SHIRES WEST **Appendix D**

Councillor Coley submits a report seeking approval to declare and make a Compulsory Purchase Order to compulsorily acquire the land required for the proposed Shires West extension to the Shires Shopping Centre. The Cabinet is asked to consider a number of recommendations to enable progress to be made with the Compulsory Purchase Order.

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. TRADING ORGANISATIONS - 2004/2005 BUDGETS **Appendix E**

Councillor Coley submits a report, in accordance with Finance Procedure Rules, presenting budgets for the Council's trading organisations. The Cabinet is asked to approve the 2004/2005 budgets for the trading organisations and to note the action proposed on policies in respect of the use of any retained surpluses.

10. THE EMPTY HOMES STRATEGY COMPULSORY PURCHASE OF VARIOUS HOUSES 2004 (NO.10) **Appendix F**

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.

11. WAIVER OF CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES

Appendix G

Councillor Coley submits a report advising the Cabinet of Waivers to Contract Procedure Rules approved by the Town Clerk, as required by paragraph 4.2(b) of these Rules. The Cabinet is asked to note the waivers.

12. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

13. 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 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.

ACQUISITION OF DEPOT FACILITIES, LEYCROFT ROAD, LEICESTER

14. ACQUISITION OF DEPOT FACILITIES, LEYCROFT ROAD, LEICESTER

Appendix B1

Councillor Coley submits a report.