



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 21 JULY 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 16 June 2003, have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

4. MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES (NOT APPEARING ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA) Appendix A

i) EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE (RETIREMENTS) – 10 JUNE 2003

REDEPLOYMENT PROCEDURE A1

A minute extract and an officer report in response is attached at Appendix A1.

RESOLVED:

- (3) that Cabinet be asked to look at the redeployment procedure within the authority to see if any changes might be recommended.

Councillor Coley to respond

ii) ARTS, LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 18 JUNE 2003

BRAUNSTONE LEISURE CENTRE – UPDATE REPORT A2

The full minute and an officer report in response is attached at Appendix A2.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that Cabinet be asked to give an assurance that there would be sufficient revenue funds available within corporate budgets to finance the Braunstone Leisure Centre; and
- (2) that it be requested that if Cabinet were unable to give

these assurances that consideration be given to a scaled down version of the project incorporating existing sports facilities within Braunstone, possibly incorporating the Braunstone Hall hard court.

Councillor Mugglestone to respond.

iii) HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 19 JUNE 2003

PETITION RELATING TO PARKING ON MONMOUTH
DRIVE, EYRES MONSELL ESTATE

A3

The full minute with Officer's comments included is attached at Appendix A3.

RESOLVED:

- (3) that the Cabinet be informed that the Scrutiny Committee would like to see funding provided for additional lay-bys in that area.

Councillor Metcalfe / Hunt to respond.

**iv) FINANCE, RESOURCES AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 26 JUNE 2003**

HYPOTHECATION OF CAPITAL RESOURCES

A4

The full minute and an officer report in response is attached at Appendix A4.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that the Committee express their concern to Cabinet that changes should not be made to the education capital programme in order to fund the highways capital programme;
- (2) that the relevant Cabinet member be invited to discuss his views on the Cabinet's request to consider hypothecation of the capital programme.

Councillor Coley to respond.

**5. LEICESTER WEST TRANSPORT SCHEME
PROPOSAL**

Appendix B

Councillor Hunt submits a report that informs members of recent developments regarding the Leicester West Transport Scheme (LWTS) proposal and the status of submitting the proposal to the Department for Transport (DfT) for funding by 31 July 2003. Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee will be considering this report on 14 July 2003 and their comments will be reported.

The Cabinet is asked to delay the submission of the proposal, review the current proposals, investigate options of sites and reconfirm its commitment to develop a comprehensive Park and Ride system.

The relevant minute extract of the Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee will be circulated as soon as it is available.

**6. UPPERTON ROAD VIADUCT MAJOR SCHEME BID Appendix C
PROPOSAL**

Councillor Hunt submits a report that seeks approval to submit a Major Scheme Bid to the Department for Transport, in the sum of approximately £19 million, by 31 July 2003, for funding the replacement of the Upperton Road Viaduct. Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee will be considering the report on 14 July 2003 and their comments will be reported. The Cabinet is asked to approve a number of recommendations which will progress the replacement of the viaduct.

The relevant minute extract from the Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee will be circulated as soon as it is available.

**7. SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN: SUMMARY OF ROLES Appendix D
AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND THE SOCIAL
SERVICES INSPECTORATE'S EVALUATION OF THE
COUNCIL'S SELF-AUDIT AGAINST THE LAMING
INQUIRY RECOMMENDATIONS**

Councillor Coles submits a report that seeks endorsement of the statement of accountabilities within the Council for safeguarding children, set out in the report, and prepared following the publication of the Victoria Climbié Inquiry by Lord Laming. The report also sets out the findings of the Social Services Inspectorate (SSI) evaluation of the City Council's self audit conducted following the Inquiry report. The Cabinet is asked to endorse the summary of Roles and Responsibilities for Safeguarding Children, clarify the lead Cabinet Member for Safeguarding Children, formally propose that Council adopt the roles and responsibilities statement and note the findings of the Social Services Inspectorate's positive evaluation of the City Council's audit against the Inquiry's recommendations.

The relevant minutes extract from the Social Services and Personal Health Scrutiny Committee held on 25 June 2003 is attached to the report.

**8. SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH BUDGET Appendix E
MANAGEMENT 2003/04**

Councillor Coles submits a report that provides an overview of the emerging issues in the Social Care and Health's 2003/04 revenue budget, together with information on how the budget will be managed. The Cabinet is asked to endorse the plans of the Social Care and Health Directorate to manage demand for services and actively balance the budget, commission a further

report on the additional steps required to manage the budget this year and ask the Cabinet Link Member for Social Care and Health and the Social Services and Personal Health Scrutiny Committee to monitor progress and bring matters of concern to the Cabinet.

The relevant minutes extract from the Social Services and Personal Health Scrutiny Committee held on 25 June 2003 is attached to the report.

9. RENT RESTRUCTURING - IMPACT ON LEICESTER Appendix F

Councillor Metcalfe submits a report that deals with the impact of the Government's decision to change the way in which local authorities calculate rents for their tenants to bring them more in line with other social landlords. The Cabinet is asked to note the report and the impact of rent restructuring, and indicate its view on a number of matters in response to the Government's proposals.

The relevant minute extract from the Housing Scrutiny Committee held on 19 June 2003 is attached to the report.

**10. EARLY RETIREMENT FOLLOW-UP REPORT AND Appendix G
EXERCISE OF DISCRETIONARY POWERS UNDER
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME
(LGPS)**

Councillor Coley submits a report that informs the Cabinet of the outcome of the District Auditor's second review of the Council's Early Retirement Policy. Members are asked to agree changes to the Council's Early Retirement Policy and related Discretionary Powers policy and to form a view on the admission of external bodies to the pension fund. The Cabinet is asked to note the progress made by the Council in reducing early retirements and approve a number of other recommendations regarding early retirements policy and the exercise of powers under the Local Government Pension Scheme.

11. REVENUE OUTTURN 2002-03 Appendix H

Councillor Coley submits a report that shows the summary position comparing spending with the budget for all General Fund Services and the Housing Revenue Account (HRA). The report represents the third and final report in the annual cycle of budget monitoring and shows the outturn position for the General Fund against the revised budget of £312 million, and the HRA against a gross budget of £72.3 million. The Cabinet is asked to note a number of recommendations with regard to the position of the Council's budget at the year-end 2002/2003 and to approve other recommendations which address other end of year budgetary issues.

**12. LOUGHBOROUGH ROAD CONSERVATION AREA Appendix I
CHARACTER STATEMENT**

Councillor Hunt submits a report that seeks approval to adopt the

Loughborough Road Conservation Area Character Statement as supplementary planning guidance to the City of Leicester Local Plan.

13. ST GEORGE'S CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER STATEMENT Appendix J

Councillor Hunt submits a report that seeks approval to adopt the St George's Conservation Area Character Statement as supplementary planning guidance to the City Of Leicester Local Plan.

14. FRAMEWORK FOR THE DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY Appendix K

Councillor Coley submits a report seeking agreement to a framework for the disposal of property owned by the City Council which will enable consistent and equitable responses to be given to requests from individuals, groups and organisations, for the disposal of such property.

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 report 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.

Lease Greenacres Site to Chaos Enterprises

**16. LEASE OF GREENACRES SITE TO CHAOS
ENTERPRISES**

Appendix B1

Councillor Coley submits a report.