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19th February 2007

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 25/1/2007: ITEMS FOR REPORT BACK TO CABINET

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

1. Purpose of Report

To inform members of the items of business from the meeting of full Council on 25th January 2007, which potentially will impact on the work of the Executive (Cabinet) or will be or relevance to Cabinet in terms of future reports.

2. Summary

A number of items of business were agreed relating to the issues listed below. More detail is contained in the supporting information.

- a) Leicester City PCT – Financial Plan
- b) Performing Arts Centre
- c) Local Area Agreement – Annual Refresh (Unresolved Objection)
- d) Area Committee Expenditure
- e) Virement
- f) Anti-Social Behaviour Policy.

3. Recommendations

- 1. That these Council resolutions and the initiation of the action arising be noted including steps to establish the remaining Area Committees.
- 2. That further necessary reports be brought to the Cabinet as soon as practicable.

4. Headline Financial and Legal Implications

4.1 Financial Implications.

There are likely to be financial implications in relation to many of the matters referred to in paragraph 2 above. These will be set out in detail when the reports are presented to Cabinet.

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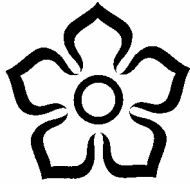
4.2 **Legal implications**

There are no legal implications arising directly from this report. These will be set in detail when the reports are presented to cabinet.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. REPORT

At the meeting of full Council held on 25th January, 2007, several items of business either potentially impacted upon the work of the Executive (Cabinet) or will be of relevance to Cabinet in terms of future reports. These are itemised below.

(a) Leicester City PCT – Financial Plan

The following motions, incorporating an amendment moved by Cllr. Draycott and seconded by Cllr. Bhatti was agreed.

“That, in respect of the Leicester City PCT Financial Plan, the City Council delegate to the Cabinet, in consultation with the Leaders of the political groups not represented on the Cabinet, authority to enter into a mutually beneficial financial arrangement with the PCT, which will assist it to deliver its recovery plan and minimise its overspending in 2006/7, subject to the Service Director (Legal Services) being satisfied that the details of the arrangement is within the Council’s powers”.

(b) Performing Arts Centre

The following motion, incorporating an amendment moved by Cllr. Willmott, seconded by Cllr. Kitterick was agreed:

“That in respect of the anticipated maximum cost of the Performing Arts Centre, the Council approve the recommendations of Cabinet in this regard made at their meeting on 15th January, 2007 and that an urgent external review of the project management arrangements for the PAC be undertaken with a view to understanding whether these are the best available to the Council. If it is found that any aspects of the management can be improved including, for example, further external support and expertise, the relevant delegated authority is granted to officers to implement changes immediately and with the Cabinet informed accordingly as soon as possible.

Secondly as part of this review any lessons arising should be applied to the other major projects that the Council is leading, including Building Schools for the Future and Streets and Spaces with Cabinet ensuring the application of such lessons”.

The Town Clerk is commissioning the Audit Commission’s project management audit specialists to undertake this work.

(c) Local Area Agreement – Annual Refresh (unresolved objection)

The following motion, incorporating an amendment moved by Cllr. Kitterick and seconded by Cllr. Willmott was agreed.

“That the Cabinet’s decision, at its meeting on 11th December, 2006, in respect of the Local Area Agreement: Annual Refresh, be confirmed and an urgent review be conducted with regard to community engagement and local area agreements across the City, and in particular the most deprived areas of Leicester that have been designed as “super output areas”. The results of the review to be reported back to Cabinet and Resources and Corporate Issues Scrutiny Committee as soon as possible”.

(d) Area Committee expenditure

The following motion incorporating an amendment moved by Cllr. Draycott seconded by Cllr. Kitterick was agreed:

“That, having regard to the spend to date from each of the Area Committee allocated funds, and the issues about equality of budget spend, Council resolves that:

- (i) the lack of equity in budget spend between the different parts of the City be referred back to Cabinet for detailed consideration.
- (ii) both members and officers be urged to ensure that the remaining Area Committees within the City which are not yet established are set up as soon as possible”.

Council registers its concern that many areas of the City are not yet covered by Area Committees and are therefore disadvantaged from accessing funding and that there is a considerable underspend in the Area Committee budget £193,871 (including one off sports budget).

In accordance with Council policy, Council instructs officers to draw up proposals for the following projects in areas that do not have Area Committees and submit them to Cabinet for approval as a way of redressing the inequity.

Beaumont Leys, Abbey.

1. Improved Grounds Maintenance project to be identified in consultation with residents and parking issues addressed.
2. Improved fencing around existing play areas and other play areas repaired, equipment replaced and updated.
3. Provision of a minibus to engage young people in the area.

Rushey Mead, Belgrave and Latimer

1. £20k funding for St. Gabriels.

Belgrave

1. CCTV – Newington Wlk / Portsmouth Rd, Shaftesbury Avenue.
2. CCTV – Loughborough Road.
3. CCTV – Catherine St/Sutton Ave.

Latimer

1. £10k drug prevention work – St. Albans Community Centre.

Coleman

1. Double metal alley gates. Stonebridge St. £2,100
2. Gates at the back entrance to Humberstone Park, Wicklow Drive end £10k.

New Parks and Fosse

1. Security gates a Yew Tree and Dupont Gardens.
2. Improvements re; the mushrooms (Youth meeting point) Kirby Frith, Glazebrook Green
3. Battersbeen Road green space.
4. Security gates in Braunstone Frith.
5. CCTV Dupont Cl / Gardens
6. CCTV jct Scudamore Rd/NP's Boulevard
7. CCTV Skelton Centre by OAP home.
8. Rewiring New Parks Young Peoples Club.

(e) Virement

The following motion, moved by Cllr. Coley and seconded by Cllr. Grant was agreed.

“That in respect of the thresholds for the delegation of responsibility to Cabinet for the purpose of virement of budgets between controllable lines the approval of additional expenditure without compensating reductions and the approval of reductions in expenditure the proposals set out in Appendix A of the Council report be approved”.

Note: in respect of the Council report re; virement a revised schedule in respect of Adult and Community Services was produced prior to Council (and attached to the Council script).

(f) Anti Social Behaviour Policy

The following motion of referral back was accepted by Cllr. Sandringham, seconded by Cllr. Allen and agreed.

“That the decision of Cabinet at their meeting on 15th January, 2007 concerning the Anti-Social Behaviour Policy be referred back to Housing and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee in order to develop a consistent policy that provides a better service to victims of anti-social behaviour for adoption by the Cabinet.

2. FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

1. Financial implications

There are likely to be financial implications in relation to many of the matters referred to in paragraph 2 above. These will be set out in detail when the reports are presented to Cabinet.

2. Legal implications

There are no legal implications arising directly from this report. These will be set in detail when the reports are presented to Cabinet.

3. Other implications

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	Yes/No	Paragraph references within supporting information
Equal Opportunities	Yes	1 a-f
Policy	Yes	1 a-f
Sustainable and Environmental	Yes	1 b, d
Crime and Disorder	Yes	1d, f
Human Rights Act	Yes	1 d,f
Older People /People on Low Income	Yes	1 a, d, f

3. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Reports to full Council, January 27th 2007

4. CONSULTATIONS

None

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