



Leicester
City Council

**MINUTE
EXTRACT**

Minutes of the Meeting of the
FINANCE, RESOURCES AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Held: THURSDAY, 22 JANUARY 2004 at 5.30pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Mrs. Middleton - Chair
Councillor Karim – Liberal Democrat Spokesperson

Councillor Draycott
Councillor Getliffe (for Cllr Bhatti)
Councillor Willmott
Councillor Garrity
Councillor Renold

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillor Coley (Cabinet Link Member, Resources Access and Diversity)
Councillor Scuplak (Deputy Leader)

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(In accordance with Rule 6 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules, in the absence of the Chair, Councillor Mrs Middleton chaired the meeting with the agreement of Councillor Karim)

59. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any interests that they may have in the business to be discussed and/or indicate that section 106 of the Local Government Act applied to them.

There were no declarations of interest.

70. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2003/04 - PERIOD 7

The Chief Finance Officer submitted a report showing a summary position comparing spending with the budget for all general fund services.

Councillor Willmott raised issues around the budgets of the Cultural Services and Neighbourhood Renewal and Environment, Regeneration and Development departments, and asked if vacant posts could be frozen in order to achieve some savings in the 03/04 financial year, which had been included in the departmental revenue strategies for 2004/05 to meet the targets. It was proposed by Councillor Willmott, seconded by Councillor Draycott and agreed that the Cabinet be asked to look at achieving any in year savings for the

Cultural Services and Neighbourhood Renewal department.

RESOLVED:

That the Cabinet be asked to look at achieving any in year savings in the Cultural Services and Neighbourhood Renewal department.