



Leicester
City Council

**MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

DATE: THURSDAY, 18 JANUARY 2007
TIME: 5:30 pm
**PLACE: COMMITTEE ROOM 3, 'B' BLOCK, NEW WALK CENTRE,
KING STREET, LEICESTER**

Members of the Committee

Councillor Farmer (Chair)
Councillor Kitterick – Labour Spokesperson
Councillor Renold – Liberal Democrat Spokesperson
Councillor Porter – Conservative Spokesperson

Councillors Bhatti, Clair and Saleh

Members of the Committee are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business listed overleaf.

for Town Clerk

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PUBLIC SESSION

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare any interests they may have in the business on the agenda, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to them.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 7 December 2006 have been circulated and the Committee is asked to agree them as a correct record.

4. PETITIONS

The Town Clerk to report on the receipt of any petitions submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures.

5. QUESTIONS, REPRESENTATIONS, STATEMENTS OF CASE

6. DRAFT REVENUE STRATEGY FOR THE REGENERATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT

Appendix A

The Corporate Director of Regeneration and Culture Department and the Chief Finance Officer submits a report seeking the views of the Scrutiny Committee of the draft revenue strategy for the Regeneration and Culture Department which have been requested by the Cabinet Member. The Committee is asked to consider the draft revenue strategy and make its comments to the Cabinet.

7. IMPROVING AND ENHANCING SHOPFRONTS IN LEICESTER

Appendix B

The Service Director, Planning and Policy submits a report to provide information on the powers and controls available to the council to improve the appearance of shopfronts in the city, including conservation areas. The Committee is recommended to note the report on the powers and controls available to the Council and to determine whether to request that Cabinet allocate funds in a future programme for a grant scheme to assist owners of shops to carry out improvements.

8. BRAUNSTONE HALL - PROTOCOL FOR INVOLVEMENT OF BCA IN MARKETING **Appendix C**

The Corporate Director of Resources submits a report outlining the protocol agreed with BCA for their involvement in the marketing of the Hall. The Committee is asked to note the agreed protocol.

9. PLANNING APPLICATION STATISTICS **Appendix D**

The Service Director, Planning and Policy submits a report giving performance information on the speed of determining planning applications. The Committee is asked to note and comment on this report to help the performance monitoring and management process.

10. 2006/07 CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - PERIOD 7 **Appendix E**

The Chief Finance Officer and the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Culture submit a joint report to the Committee to update members on the progress of the capital programme for 2006/07 up to the end of October. The Committee is asked to consider issues affecting its portfolio and make any observations to Cabinet as it sees fit.

11. 2006/07 REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING - PERIOD 7 **Appendix F**

The Chief Finance Officer and the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Culture submit a joint report showing a summary position comparing spending with the budget. The Committee is asked to consider issues affecting its portfolio and make any observations to the Cabinet as it sees fit.

12. ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR MUNICIPAL YEAR 2006/07 **Appendix G**

The Chief Executive submits a report on the on-going Municipal year work programme for the Committee and consideration for items they would wish to consider in the following year. The Committee is recommended to consider the attached draft work programme and to indicate whether it wishes to add, amend or delete any of the items included, plus when, as appropriate they would wish items to be presented.

13. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

