



Leicester
City Council

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

DATE: THURSDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 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 Garrity – 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. 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.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 18 January 2007 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. UPDATE - TACKLING THE EMPLOYMENT GAP AMONG ETHNIC MINORITY GROUPS **Appendix A**

The Service Director, Regeneration, Highways and Transportation submits a report updating the Committee on the progress that has been made since the paper 'Tackling the Employment Gap Among Ethnic Minority Groups' was presented to the Leicester Economic Action Partnership (LEAP) in May 2006. The Committee is asked to note the report.

The Chief Executive of the Leicester Shire Economic Partnership will be in attendance at the meeting as his organisation have been leading on this initiative.

7. GENDER PROFILE OF LEICESTER'S LABOUR MARKET **Appendix B**

The Service Director, Regeneration, Highways and Transportation submits a report introducing three printed research reports attached, and to offer Members the opportunity to discuss the issues raised in these studies.

The main reports are attached for Members of the Committee only. Copies can be viewed on the City Council's web site at:

<http://www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.asp?CId=393&MId=1736&Ver=4&J=3>
or at the Customer Services, B Block, New Walk Centre, King Street.

8. CITYWIDE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE Appendix C
NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2006

The Service Director for Regeneration, Highways and Transportation submits a report updating the Committee regarding the Leicester Citywide Construction Project and to highlight future project activities. The Committee is asked to note the report and comment on progress.

9. JOB SERVICE PARTNERSHIP Appendix D

The Service Director, Regeneration, Highways and Transportation submits a report to provide an update on the report that went to the Economic Development and Planning Scrutiny Committee (19th October 2006) on the Job Service Partnership and to high progress made with the Council's corporate and departmental HR services. The Committee is asked to note the report and the progress made. The Committee is further asked to continue to support the Job Service Partnership in its efforts to secure HR agreement to full implementation of the Job Interview Guarantee Scheme.

10. BARKER REVIEW OF LAND USE PLANNING Appendix E

The Corporate Director of Regeneration and Culture submits a report summarising and setting out the City Council's draft comments on Kate Barker's final report and recommendations for Land Use Planning. The comments contained in the report and any additional comments from the Committee will be sent to the Department for Communities and Local Government as requested in the Barker Review and welcomed by the Government Office for the East Midlands.

11. LEICESTER SOUTH AREA PROFILE, SUMMARY AND Appendix F
BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Service Director, Regeneration, Highways and Transportation submits a report which addresses a request from the Aylestone, Eyres Monsell and Freeman Area Committee where residents raised disappointment at the lack of funding available for Eyres Monsell and Aylestone. The Committee is asked to note the report.

12. EU STRUCTURAL AND COHESION FUND Appendix G
PROGRAMME 2007-2013

The Service Director, Regeneration, Highways and Transportation submits a report which notes that the UK Government announced a further €9.6 billion of funding under the EU Structural and Cohesion Fund Programme 2007 – 2013. Consultation was now underway for European Structural Fund and European Regional Development Fund Programmes to determine how the money should be spent in the region. The Committee is asked to comment on the proposed

approach to be taken by the Council.

13. ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME

Appendix H

The Chief Executive submits a report considering the position of the Committee's annual work programme

14. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

