



Leicester  
City Council

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

**DATE: THURSDAY, 22 MARCH 2007**  
**TIME: 5:30 pm**  
**PLACE: COMMITTEE ROOM 2, '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. 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 8 February 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. PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT 3: HOUSING Appendix A**

The Acting Corporate Director of Regeneration and Culture and the Corporate Director of Adults and Housing submit a report which informs Members of the Government's planning and housing policy changes in Planning Policy Statement 3 Housing, and advises Members of what these changes mean for Leicester's current planning policies. The Committee is asked to note the report, in particular how some of the guidance will supersede some of the housing policies adopted in the City of Leicester Local Plan.

**7. CITY DEVELOPMENT COMPANIES Appendix B**

The Service Director, Regeneration, Highways and Transportation, submits a report which gives Members an initial opportunity to discuss the Government's agenda for City Development Companies (CDCs). The Committee is asked to note the report and receive a full report at its next meeting.

**8. CITY-WIDE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE Appendix C  
NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2006**

The Service Director for Regeneration, Highways and Transportation submits a report which provides a short update on the report that went to the Economic

Development and Planning Scrutiny Committee on 19 October 2006 regarding the Leicester Citywide Construction Project and to highlight future project activities and addresses queries raised by Members. The Committee is asked to note the report and comment on progress.

**9. CULTURAL QUARTER PHASE 2 - PHOENIX ARTS REPLACEMENT SCHEME** **Appendix D**

The Acting Corporate Director, Regeneration and Culture, submits a report which seeks Members' approval to support work on a replacement for the Phoenix Theatre (known as the Digital Media Centre or DMC). The Committee is recommended to note the report and make comments as it sees fit.

**Members are asked to note that as part of this report, the draft business plan for the DMC will be circulated separately. These papers are marked 'NOT FOR PUBLICATION'. The information in these papers is exempt as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended and it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. The information therefore must not be disclosed or discussed at the meeting. Should Members wish to refer to any of these details it is recommended that the meeting move into private session.**

**10. 2006/07 CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING PERIOD 9** **Appendix E**

The Chief Finance Officer submits a report which updates Members on the progress of the capital programme for 2006/07 up to the end of December (Period 9). The committee is asked to consider issues affecting its portfolio and make any observations to Cabinet as it sees fit.

**11. CORPORATE CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2007/08** **Appendix F**

At the request of the Chair and Spokespersons of the Committee, the Chief Finance Officer submits a copy of a report which details the draft Corporate Capital Programme 2007/08.

**12. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

**13. PRIVATE SESSION**

**AGENDA**

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO NOTE**

**Under the law, the Committee is entitled to consider certain items in private where in the circumstances the public interest in maintaining the matter exempt from publication outweighs**

**the public interest in disclosing the information. Members of the public will be asked to leave the meeting when such items are discussed.**

The Committee 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, as amended, and consequently that the Committee 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, and taking all the circumstances into account, it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the information as exempt outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.”

Paragraph 3

Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority).

**14. LEICESTER THEATRE TRUST'S BUSINESS PLAN      APPENDIX B1  
FOR THE OPERATION OF THE PERFORMING ARTS  
CENTRE**

The Acting Corporate Director, Regeneration and Culture, submits a report.

