



Leicester  
City Council

## **MEETING OF THE CABINET**

**DATE: MONDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2008**  
**TIME: 1PM**  
**PLACE: TEA ROOM, TOWN HALL, TOWN HALL SQUARE,  
LEICESTER**

### **Members of the Cabinet**

Councillor Willmott (Chair)  
Councillor Osman (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Aqbany, Bhatti, Connelly, Cooke, Dempster, Draycott,  
Kitterick, and Wann

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

for Town Clerk

### **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

**YOU ARE VERY WELCOME TO ATTEND TO OBSERVE THE PROCEEDINGS.  
HOWEVER, PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN  
THE MEETING.**

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## **INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

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**Press Enquiries - please phone the Communications Unit on 252 6081**

## **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. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 October 2008 and the special meeting held on 29 October 2008 have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

**5. MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES**

**6. YOUTH CAPITAL PLUS FUND**

**Appendix A**

Councillor Dempster submits a report that brings forward proposals for the allocation of the £453,000 Youth Capital Plus Fund. Cabinet is asked to approve the recommendations as set out in Paragraph 3 of the report.

**A minute extract from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, held on 6 November 2008, will be circulated as soon as it is available.**

**7. SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2009-10 TO 2011-12 OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION EXERCISE AND DECISION PROCESS**

**Appendix B**

Councillor Dempster submits a report that details consultation responses including views expressed at the Children and Young People's Joint Consultative Committee and makes recommendations with respect to term dates for the next three years. Cabinet is asked to approve the recommendations as set out in Paragraph 3 of the report.

**8. ANNUAL REPORT ON PRIVATE FOSTERING**

**Appendix C**

Councillor Dempster submits a report that updates Cabinet on the work of the Children and Young People's Department with children who are privately fostered. Cabinet is recommended to acknowledge the contents of the report and its conclusions, and support further publicity within the coming year to continue to raise public awareness and awareness in schools of the need to notify all new, or proposed private fostering arrangements.

**A minute extract from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, held on 6 November 2008, will be circulated as soon as it is available.**

**9. LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD ANNUAL REPORT [Appendix D](#)**

Councillor Dempster submits a report that introduces the Annual Report 2007-2008 and Business Plan 2008-2011 and to advise on the progress since April 2008. Cabinet is recommended to note the contents of the annual report and business plan.

**A minute extract from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, held on 6 November 2008, will be circulated as soon as it is available.**

**10. LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS PROGRAMME 2008-09 [Appendix E](#)**

Councillor Wann submits a report that seeks Cabinet approval to implement the 2008/09 Local Environmental Works Programme. Cabinet is asked to approve the programme of £400,000.

**11. BRIDGE REFURBISHMENT AND WATERCOURSE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME 2008-09 [Appendix F](#)**

Councillor Kitterick submits a report that seeks Cabinet approval to spend the 2008/09 Bridge Refurbishment and Watercourse Improvement budgets. Cabinet is asked to approve the expenditure of the 2008/09 Bridge Refurbishment and Watercourse Improvement budgets

**12. REVIEW OF CORPORATE CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2008-09 TO 2011-12 [Appendix G](#)**

Councillor Willmott submits a report that presents a revised “corporate” capital programme for 2008/09 to 2011/12 in light of the present downturn in property sales. Cabinet is asked to recommend to Council the recommendations as set out in Paragraph 2.2 of the report.

**A minute extract from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, held on 6 November 2008, will be circulated as soon as it is available.**

**13. WATER HYGIENE REMEDIAL WORKS AUTHORISATION OF CAPITAL WORKS [Appendix H](#)**

Councillor Willmott submits a report that seeks authorisation for the release of capital monies for essential Water Hygiene Health and Safety works as identified in the report. Cabinet is asked to approve the release of the allocated funds of £345,000 within the Capital Programme for the implementation of the Water Hygiene works identified in Appendix 1 of the report.

**14. CORPORATE CAPITAL PROGRAMME - PROPERTY SCHEMES** **Appendix I**

Councillor Willmott submits a report that seeks authorisation for the release of capital monies for Property Schemes as identified in the report. Cabinet is asked to approve the list of Property schemes and approve the release of £700,000, from the capital programme which has been allocated for Property Schemes by Council at its meeting on 27 March 2008, for the schemes outlined in Appendix 1 to enable implementation.

**15. BASE BUDGET PREPARATION 2009/10** **Appendix J**

Councillor Willmott submits a report that explains the process by which the Council's 2009/10 base budget is being prepared, and summarises the principles supporting the process. Cabinet is asked to endorse the framework for base budget preparation, approve the cash limits for each department, and authorise the Chief Finance Officer to change the provision for pay in the light of better information which may emerge.

**16. CONSTITUTION - PART 4F - FINANCE PROCEDURE RULES, PART 4G COMPETITIVE COMPULSORY TENDERING PROCEDURE RULES AND PART 4H - LAND AND PROPERTY TRANSACTION RULES** **Appendix K**

Councillor Willmott submits a report that shows proposed changes to the Constitution. Cabinet is recommended to approve the recommendations as set out in the report.

A copy of the appendices to the report is attached for Members of Cabinet only. These can be viewed on the City Council's website at: <http://www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk/ielistdocuments.asp?CId=78&MId=2436&Ver=4>

Or by visiting the Customer Services Centre, B Block, New Walk Centre, or by contacting Committee Services on 0116 229 8816.

**17. PERFORMANCE REPORTING AND MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2008-09 AND PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR QUARTER 1** **Appendix L**

Councillor Willmott submits a report that set out the changed approach to performance management and reporting to deliver One Leicester in the context of the new national performance regime and the recently agreed Local Area Agreement 2008-2011. Cabinet is asked to note performance for the first quarter, note the future work that will be undertaken to improve performance reporting, and to consider the proposals to change the way performance management information is available, to make it responsive to the needs of a wide variety of stakeholders.

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**18. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

**19. PRIVATE SESSION**

**AGENDA**

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO NOTE**

Under the law, the Cabinet is entitled to consider certain items in private. Members of the public will be asked to leave the meeting when such items are discussed.

The Cabinet is recommended to consider the following reports in private on the grounds that they contain 'exempt' information as defined by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, as amended and consequently that the Cabinet makes the following resolution:-

"that the press and public be excluded during consideration of the following reports in accordance with the provisions of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, because they involve 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 holding that information).

**20. SALE OF LAND AT BRANDON STREET**

**Appendix B1**

Councillor Willmott submits a report.

