



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 8 DECEMBER 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

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HOWEVER, PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE MEETING.**

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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 to be discussed 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 17 November 2008, have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record, subject to the following amendment:

Minute 131, title should read:

"Constitution – Part 4F – Finance Procedure Rules, Part 4G – Contract Procedure Rules, Part 4H – Land and Property Transaction Rules."

5. MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES

Appendix A

**Audit Committee –
5 November 2008**

Counter –Fraud Update report

The following was agreed at the above meeting. The full minute extract is attached at Appendix A.

1. that the Committee receive the report; and
2. that Cabinet be requested to consider asking the Corporate Director to write to all Housing Benefit claimants each year to remind them of the need to notify the Council of any changes in circumstances and to sign that they received the reminder.

Councillor Willmott to respond.

6. REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY COHESION AND SAFETY TASK GROUP - COMMUNITY COHESION STRATEGY

Appendix B

Councillor Hall, Community Cohesion and Safety Task Group Leader, submits

a report that charts the way forward for community cohesion in Leicester for the next five years. Cabinet is recommended to approve the recommendations set out in Paragraph 3 of the covering report.

A minute extract from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board meeting held on 18 September 2008 is attached.

7. PROPOSALS FOR REVIEWING THE CHILDREN'S FUND PROVISION THROUGH THE AREA BASED GRANT **Appendix C**

Councillor Dempster submits a report that outlines the options for using the spend from the Area Based Grant (ABG) currently committed to the Children's fund (CF) in order to meet ABG targets and comply with the Authority's procurement rules. Cabinet is recommended to approve the recommendations as set out in Paragraph 3 of the report.

A minute extract from the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on 4 December 2008 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

8. PRIMARY CAPITAL PROGRAMME **Appendix D**

Councillor Dempster submits a report that advises Members of the Government's Primary Capital Programme, to summarise and seek approval for the Council's Business Case, which will allow access to the funding and to set out proposals for the first two years of the programme. Cabinet is recommended to endorse the Primary Strategy for Change, summarized in the report; and authorise the school projects recommended for the first two years to go forward for inclusion in the Council's Capital Programme.

A copy of the appendices to the report is attached for Cabinet Members only. The appendices can be viewed at the Customer Service Centre, B Block, King Street, or on the Council's website at the following link:

<http://www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.asp?CId=78&MId=2437&Ver=4>

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9. THE NATIONAL CHALLENGE AND ACADEMIES **Appendix E**

Councillor Dempster submits a report that advises Members of the context, current position and necessary action in respect of the five National Challenge schools in the context of the Transforming Leicester's Learning Plan, including the potential for an Academy solution. Cabinet is recommended to approve the recommendations as set out in Paragraph 3.2 of the report.

A copy of the appendices to the report is attached for Cabinet Members only.

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10. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 08/09 & 09/10: IN-HOUSE ELDERLY PERSONS' HOMES (EPHS) Appendix F

Councillor Cooke submits a report that describes the proposed use of the provisional capital allocation to EPH's in each of the 2008/09 and 2009/10 budgets, earmarked at £250 000 / year. Cabinet is recommended to note the required standards of regulated provision and the importance of maintaining these for the benefit of residents, agree the capital allocations for 2008/09, and agree a capital allocation for 2009/10 for digital switchover, as set out in Paragraph 3 of the report.

11. ASSESSING COMMUNITY COHESION - YOUNG PEOPLE Appendix G

Councillor Osman submits a report that presents the main findings of a project to assess community cohesion amongst a selected sample of young people in the city. Cabinet is recommended to approve the recommendations as set out in Paragraph 3.1 of the report.

12. REVISED NEW ARRIVALS STRATEGY FOR LEICESTER 2008 Appendix H

Councillor Osman submits a report that seeks the support of Cabinet for the revised objectives in the city's New Arrivals Strategy and the proposed addendum to the strategy. Cabinet is recommended to endorse the revised objectives for the Leicester New Arrival Strategy and endorse the proposed revised shortened version of the New Arrivals Strategy and the new definition for new arrivals.

13. SUB REGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Appendix I

Councillor Kitterick submits a report that updates Cabinet and seeks the necessary Cabinet approvals to take forward work in relation to the Leadership Board for the sub-region, emda sub-regional funding programme, Multi Area Agreement (MAA) and Leicester and Leicestershire Economic Development Company (EDC). Cabinet is recommended to approve the recommendations as set out in Paragraph 3.1 of the report.

A minute extract from the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on 4 December 2008 will be circulated as soon as it is

available.

14. CUSTOMER ACCESS STRATEGY - ONE COUNCIL ONE CONTACT APRIL 2008 TO OCTOBER 2008 UPDATE **Appendix J**

Councillor Draycott submits a report that gives the first six monthly update of progress against the Customer Access Strategy. Cabinet is recommended to approve the recommendations as set out in Paragraph 2 of the report.

A minute extract from the meeting of the Performance and Value for Money Select Committee on 20 November 2008 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

15. PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR QUARTER TWO **Appendix K**

Councillor Draycott submits a report that presents a summary of performance against the priorities set out in *One Leicester* for the second quarter of 2008/9. Cabinet is recommended to note performance for the second quarter and note the future work that will be undertaken to improve performance reporting.

A copy of the appendices to the report is attached for Cabinet Members only. The appendices can be viewed at the Customer Service Centre, B Block, King Street, or on the Council's website at the following link:

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16. ECO-MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT SCHEME (EMAS) REVISED ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY, REVIEW OF PROGRESS TOWARDS TARGETS 2007/08, PROPOSED ACTION FOR 2008/09 **Appendix L**

Councillor Wann submits a report that recommends amendments to the corporate Environmental Policy to align with One Leicester, and provides Cabinet with information on the Council's annual environmental progress through the Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS). Cabinet is recommended to approve the recommendations as set out in Paragraph 3 of the report.

Copies of Appendix 2 and 3 are not attached. They are available for Members to view in the Group Rooms, or can be viewed on the Council's website at the following link:

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All other appendices are attached for Members of the Cabinet only and can be viewed as above.

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**17. INFORMATION RIGHTS - A CORPORATE
APPROACH TO MEETING REQUIREMENTS**

Appendix M

Councillor Willmott submits a report that informs Cabinet of the Council's handling of the increasing number of access to information requests and seeks approval to proposed changes to related policy documents to meet statutory deadlines. Cabinet is recommended to approve the recommendations as set out in Paragraph 2 of the report.

A full copy of the report is attached for Cabinet Members only. The report can be viewed on the Council's website at the following link:

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18. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

