



Leicester
City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the
CABINET

Held: MONDAY, 17 MAY 2010 at 1:00 pm

P R E S E N T:

Councillor Patel - Chair
Councillor Dempster - Vice-Chair

Councillor Bhatti
Councillor Naylor
Councillor Russell
Councillor Westley

Councillor Dawood
Councillor Palmer
Councillor Wann

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Grant

Leader, Conservative Group

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Osman.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any interests they may have in the business on the agenda and/or declare if Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applied to them.

Councillor Grant declared a personal interest in Item 10, New Disciplinary Procedure," as his partner was an employee of the City Council.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting, held on 19 April 2010, be confirmed as a correct record.

4. MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES

There were no matters referred.

5. LEICESTER NORTH-WEST PARK AND RIDE AND A50 BUS CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

Councillor Patel submitted a report that provided a progress update on Park and Ride and sought approval to jointly (with the County Council) prepare the Leicester North-West Park and Ride Project Full Business Case to Department for Transport Major Scheme Bid requirements.

The comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on 13 May 2010 were noted, and Cabinet supported the request for a further report to be considered by the Board in the summer.

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet:

- 1) Approves the City Council working with the County Council in preparing the Leicester North-West Park and Ride Full Business Case to be submitted to the Department for Transport (paragraph 4.11 of the report);
- 2) Receives a further report seeking approval of the business operating model, heads of terms of the Management Partnering Agreement and Full Business Case prior to submission to the Department for Transport (paragraphs 4.11 & 4.12);
- 3) Receives a further report including details of how greater usage of the park and ride would be encouraged and how anticipated increased usage and congestion reduction targets would be measured (paragraph 4.4).

6. CONDUIT STREET HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT LINE

Councillor Patel submitted a report that sought Council approval to revoke the current Highway Improvement Line in Conduit Street and implement a new Highway Improvement Line following a six week consultation with every owner, lessee and occupier of land affected.

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet recommends that Council:

- 1) Agrees to the Revocation of the current Conduit Street Highway Improvement Line agreed prior to 1997 as shown in red in Appendix A of the report;
- 2) Agrees to the Implementation of a new Highway Improvement Line in Conduit Street as shown in green in Appendix A; and
- 3) Agrees to the retention of the existing Highway Improvement

Line in Conduit Street / London Road as shown in blue in Appendix A.

7. CORPORATE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR CONTRACTS

Councillor Dawood submitted a report that set out the current arrangements that existed regarding a number of corporate contracts with voluntary and community sector organisations that currently sat within the remit of the Partnership Executive Team.

Councillor Grant stated that, as this, and the following two items, were not on the Statutory Forward Plan, Overview and Scrutiny Management Board had not had the opportunity to scrutinise the reports. He stated that Members had raised concerns about Forward Plan issues for some time. The Deputy Chief Executive agreed to look, with the Director of Corporate Governance, at what could be done to inform Scrutiny of upcoming items.

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet approves that:

- 1) Strategic ownership of these contracts sits within the remit of the Thriving and Safe Communities Priority Board and that all monitoring information and reporting is submitted to the Board quarterly, and reported upwards to Cabinet and is aligned to other quarterly performance reporting;
- 2) The agreement with FMO, currently extended until 30th June 2010, is renegotiated following the principles outlined in this report including identification of clear outcomes around supporting infrastructure between Muslim organisations in the city;
- 3) A strategic review is undertaken of all of these services as each of the contracts reach the end of their current funding term. The strategic review will determine the type and level of service required by the Council and the appropriate delivery options, and put in place agreements / contracts in each case which are consistent with the principles outlined in this report. It is proposed that the LCIL and TREC strategic review will commence with immediate effect, and that new contracts with more robust specifications setting out clear outcomes are drawn up in consultation with the organisations. Agreements and contract specifications for the remaining contracts will be reviewed and performance measures agreed at the earliest opportunity allowed in relation to existing contract terms as recommended in the report.
- 4) Should strategic reviews, evidence of underperformance or adverse impacts on outcomes result in a recommendation to withdraw funding, then this will be on the basis of a full

report to Cabinet.

8. EMPLOYEE WELLBEING STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN

Councillor Dawood submitted a report that sought feedback on and support to the draft employee wellbeing strategy and action plan for the Council.

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet approves the strategy and its action plan (subject to further development to be agreed with the Cabinet Lead for Finance, Community Cohesion & HR).

9. NEW DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

Councillor Dawood submitted a report that presented Cabinet with a revised disciplinary procedure.

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet agrees the revised disciplinary procedure.

10. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

EMARKETPLACE – PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR SUPPORTING CHOICE AND CONTROL FOR VULNERABLE DISABLED ADULTS

Councillor Palmer submitted a report that sought approval to include eMarket Place as an addition to the Procurement Plan for 2010/11 and to inform Cabinet of a funded regional project to procure an eMarket Place solution for Leicester.

The Leader agreed to accept the report as an urgent item of business under Cabinet Procedure Rule 7d as Officers had been advised by the Regional Improvement and Efficiency Programme that the finance that had been set aside for the Council to procure the eMarket solution (jointly with Leicestershire County Council and Rutland) was at risk unless the Council acted quickly.

Councillor Palmer stated that this project would be a powerful tool for people to buy in their own care provision. The Council had been fortunate to access funding which allowed the work to progress earlier than planned.

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet:

- 1) Notes the strategic dependency of this work to the achievement of improved outcomes for vulnerable and disabled people, and on avoiding the increase in costs to the Council in the future, and
- 2) Approves the addition to the Corporate Procurement Plan as set out in the appendix of the report.

11. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 1.15pm.