



Leicester  
City Council

**MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD**

**DATE: THURSDAY, 3 MARCH 2011**

**TIME: 5:30PM**

**PLACE: THE OAK ROOM, GROUND FLOOR, TOWN HALL**

**Members of the Committee**

Councillor Grant (Chair)

Councillor Bhavsar (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Aqbany, Bajaj, Clair, Joshi, Newcombe, Scuplak, Suleman and one vacancy.

**Standing Invitees (Non-Voting)**

Youth Council Representatives – to be advised

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

for Director, Corporate Governance

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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 meeting held on 3 February 2011 along with the minutes of the Special Meetings held on 3 February 2011 and 15 February 2011 have been previously circulated and the Board is asked to confirm them as a correct record.

#### **4. PETITIONS**

Councillor Bayford to present a petition with 57 signatures in the following terms:

*“We the undersigned are residents of the Avenue Road cul-de-sac, Leicester.*

*Some of us live in the sheltered housing accommodation at the end of the road, and some in other homes on the road.*

*We, the undersigned, request that the Avenue Road cul-de-sac be routinely gritted during icy or snowy weather.*

*There are 41 older people living in two sheltered housing blocks at the end of the road – between the ages of 55 and 97 years. The sheltered housing blocks encourage independent living and all facilities are provided to ensure this happens. Although this winter had been particularly inclement, every year the snow and ice along the cul-de-sac has meant that residents are stranded for days on end, and sometimes weeks, even after all the surrounding roads have become accessible. Because there is no through traffic, all other roads become clear before our road is. The steep camber on both the road and the pavement and the narrowness of the pavement make it difficult to walk along at the best of times, and the pavement is certainly impossible when there is snow or ice.*

*One resident has already slipped over this winter and another slipped over last year. The resident hurts his head and hand which required checking at the*

*A&E Department. The scheme manager of the two sheltered housing schemes, a more able-bodied person than most residents, slipped on the cul-de-sac and suffered bruising when going about the business for which she is employed. Carers, family visitors and taxi drivers have all raised concerns about using the road and, on at least two occasions, people due to come to the sheltered housing scheme refused because they felt it was too unsafe to access. A family visitor refused to use the road in order to bring in essential shopping for a resident at Vernon House, and a taxi driver left his customer at the top of the cul-de-sac, deciding that it was too dangerous to drive down”.*

The Board will formally receive this petition

**5. QUESTIONS/ REPRESENTATIONS/ STATEMENTS OF CASE**

The Director, Corporate Governance, to report on the receipt of any questions, representations or statements of case submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures.

**6. TRACKING OF PETITIONS - MONITORING REPORT [Appendix A](#)**

The Director, Corporate Governance submits a report that further updates Members on the monitoring of outstanding petitions. The Board is asked to note the current outstanding petitions.

**7. REVIEW OF HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICY [Appendix B](#)**

The Director of Housing Strategy and Options submits a report that recommends changes to the Housing Allocations Policy, in light of new statutory guidance issued by The Department of Communities and Local Government (CLG), to improve transparency and to simplify the Council's Policy. The Board is asked to review the document and advise Cabinet of its views on the recommendations.

**8. CUSTOMER ACCESS TO LEICESTER HOME CHOICE [Appendix C](#)**

The Director of Housing Strategy and Options submits a report that advises Members on customer access to the Leicester HomeChoice scheme and levels of participation since its launch on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2010. The Board is asked to note current access methods and levels of participation to the scheme, the strategy that is in place for dealing with non-bidders and the process in place for dealing with customers who may be experiencing difficulty in accessing the scheme.

**9. CITY CENTRE CAR PARKING STRATEGY SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD) [Appendix D](#)**

The Strategic Director, Development, Culture and Regeneration, submits a report that seeks consideration of the City Centre Car Parking Strategy Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). Public Consultation on a draft document took place between Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2010 and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2011 and the SPD has been amended accordingly. The Board is asked to review the document and advise Cabinet of its views on the recommendations.

**Appendix 3 to the report is attached for Members of the Board only. Further copies are available on the Council's Web Site at: <http://www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk> or by phoning Committee Services on 0116 229 8818.**

**10. POLICY FOR CONSERVATION OF ROAD SALT STOCK LEVELS Appendix E**

The Strategic Director, Development, Culture and Regeneration submits a report that asks members to consider a policy concerning Conservation of Road Salt Stock Levels. The Board is asked to review the document and advise Cabinet of its views on the recommendations.

**11. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

**12. 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 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 the information).

Paragraph 5

Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

**13. ICT STRATEGY - MODERNISING THE BUSINESS**

The Director, Information and Support, submits a report.

