



Leicester  
City Council

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

**DATE: THURSDAY, 7 APRIL 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 17 March 2011 have been previously circulated and the Board is asked to confirm them as a correct record.

#### **4. PETITIONS**

The Director, Corporate Governance, to report on the receipt of any petitions submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures.

#### **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. DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW CULTURAL STRATEGY - PRESENTATION**

Following the recent consultation exercise, the Interim Director of Cultural Services will provide a presentation on the 'Development of a New Cultural Strategy'.

**8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS - REVISED LOCAL VALIDATION REQUIREMENTS** **Appendix B**

The Strategic Director, Development, Culture and Regeneration submits a report that asks the Board to consider adopting a revised list of details to be submitted with planning applications to make them acceptable in line with Government advice. The Board is asked to review the document and advise Cabinet of its views on the recommendations.

**9. SCRUTINY OF THE PRELIMINARY FLOOD ASSESSMENT** **Appendix C**

The Head of Highways Maintenance submits a report that asks the Board to scrutinise the Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment included in Appendix 2 and make their comments. The Board is recommended to confirm that the Environment Agency's assessment of the indicative Flood Risk Areas in the City is correct and that no significant changes need to be made to the Flood Risk Areas.

**Appendix 2 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. GREEN SPACE SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT** **Appendix D**

The Strategic Director, Development, Culture and Regeneration submits a report that informs the Board of the outcome of the public consultation for the draft Green Space Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), presents the final version and seeks comments on the formal adoption. The Board is asked to review the document and advise Cabinet of its views on the recommendation.

**11. REPORT OF THE CULTURE AND LEISURE SCRUTINY TASK GROUP - "REVIEW OF LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL'S GREEN SPACE STRATEGY" - FINAL REPORT** **Appendix E**

Councillor Clair submits a report which presents the findings of the Culture and Leisure Scrutiny Task Group's review into Leicester City Council's Green Space Strategy. The Board is asked to endorse the recommendations and conclusions outlined in section 4 of the report, and is asked to request a divisional update against these recommendations no later than September 2011.

**12. ILLEGAL MONEY LENDING AND DELEGATION OF POWERS TO BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL** **Appendix F**

The Strategic Director, Development, Culture and Regeneration submits a report in relation to the delegation of enforcement and prosecution powers to Birmingham City Council to enable the Illegal Money Lending Section within Birmingham Trading Standards (IMLS) to undertake investigations into illegal money lending in the Leicester City area and take appropriate enforcement actions. The Board is asked to review the document and advise Cabinet of its views on the recommendations.

**This report is for information only. If a member does wish to raise any matters on its contents, please inform the Chair or Francis Connolly (Tel - 0116 2298812) prior to the meeting.**

**13. NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN LEICESTER 2011- 2015**      **Appendix G**

The Director, Housing Strategy and Options, submits a report that seeks decisions on how the Council wishes to respond to the Government's new approach to enabling new affordable housing as set out in its "2011-15 Affordable Homes Programme Framework". The Board is asked to review the document and advise Cabinet of its views on the recommendations.

**14. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

**15. 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 Paragraph 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).

**16. NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN LEICESTER 2011-2015 (COUNCIL NEW BUILD, EXTENSIONS AND CONVERSIONS)**

The Director, Housing Strategy and Options, submits a report.

