

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: MONDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2010

TIME: 1PM

PLACE: TEA ROOM, TOWN HALL, TOWN HALL SQUARE,

LEICESTER

Members of the Cabinet

Councillor Patel (Chair) Councillor Dempster (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Bhatti, Dawood, Naylor, Osman, Palmer, Russell, Wann and Westley

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

for Director of Corporate Governance

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

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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 6 September 2010 have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

5. MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES

Appendix A

Performance and Value for Money Select Committee – 1 September 2010-09-23

Support Services Transformation Programme

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

RESOLVED:

- 1) that the report and comments made by Members of the Committee be noted.
- 2) that the Committee request that Cabinet urgently bring forward the work being done on alternative HR options such as the ability of employees to buy holidays and shorter working weeks as a way of mitigating against the extra job losses that will be incurred. This would be in conjunction with the other work being carried out.

Councillor Dawood to respond.

6. GILROES CREMATORIUM - CREMATOR REPLACEMENT AND ASSOCIATED IMPROVEMENT WORKS

Appendix B

Councillor Wann submits a report that sets out the options to enable legislative compliance and to improve the crematorium facilities. Cabinet is asked to approve the recommendations set out in Paragraph 2 of the report.

7. REVIEW OF FAIR DEBT COLLECTION POLICY AND Appendix C DISCRETIONARY HOUSING POLICY FUNDING REVIEW

Councillor Osman submits a report that updates and simplifies the provision of the Fair Debt Collection Policy and approves a policy in respect of discretionary housing payments. Cabinet is recommended to approve the updated Fair Debt Collection Policy and is asked to confirm the current policy for discretionary housing payments.

A minute extract from the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board held on 23 September 2010 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

8. MANOR HOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Appendix D

Councillor Bhatti submits a report that outlines options for the future use of the Manor House Community Centre following its temporary closure in November 2009. Cabinet is recommended to approve the recommendations set out in Paragraph 2 of the report.

9. UPDATE IN PROCUREMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S Appendix E SUBSTANCE MISUSE SERVICES

Councillor Naylor submits a report that informs Cabinet of potential increased investment in Young People's Specialist Substance Misuse Services and seeks Cabinet approval to tender the contact at a significantly increased level and duration than was originally outlined in the 2009/10 procurement plan. Cabinet is recommended to agree to the procurement of Specialist Drug and Alcohol Services for Young People at the increased level and duration.

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10. BRAUNSTONE HALL

Appendix F

Councillor Patel submits a report which explains that Braunstone Hall is a grade 2 listed building in need of restoration and a sustainable future. The report proposes a course of action seeking to use other Council owned land to support its refurbishment. Cabinet is asked to approve the recommendations set out in Paragraph 3 of the report.

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11. PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR QUARTER ONE 2010/2011

Appendix G

Councillor Patel submits a report that presents a summary of performance against the priorities set out in *One Leicester* for the first quarter of 2010/11. Cabinet is asked to approve the recommendations set out in Paragraph 2 of the report.

A minute extract from the meeting of the Performance and Value for Money Select Committee held on 22 September 2010 will be circulated as soon as it is available.

12. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS