



Leicester
City Council

DRAFT MINUTE EXTRACT

Minutes of the Meeting of the
OVERVIEW SELECT COMMITTEE

Held: THURSDAY, 28 JANUARY 2016 at 5:30 pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Singh (Chair)
Councillor Dempster (Vice Chair)

Councillor Dr Barton
Councillor Chaplin
Councillor Cleaver
Councillor Dawood

Councillor Grant
Councillor Dr Moore
Councillor Newcombe
Councillor Patel

Councillor Porter
Councillor Shelton
Councillor Thomas
Councillor Willmott

Also present:

Sir Peter Soulsby City Mayor
Councillor Rory Palmer Deputy City Mayor

In Attendance

Councillor Joshi
Councillor Unsworth

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72. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Senior.

73. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Thomas declared that in respect of Item 9. General Fund Budget

2016/17, his wife had a personal budget from the Leicester City Council.

Councillor Patel declared that in respect of Item 9, General Fund Budget 2016/17 her mother was in receipt of an Adult Social Care package.

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, these interests were not considered so significant that they were likely to prejudice the respective Councillors' judgement of the public interest. They were not, therefore, required to withdraw from the meeting.

81. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016/17 TO 2018/19

Members were asked to consider and comment on the Capital Programme 2016/17 to 2018/19 prior to its submission to Council on 24 February 2016.

The City Mayor introduced the report and explained that the programme related to investment in land and buildings for a variety of purposes that formed an essential part of what the council did and where there was a need to provide continual investment. The programme included highways, pavements and schools and also included investment in flooding where Leicester had historically experienced major problems with flooding. The capital programme included a very substantial investment in homes and housing across the city.

The Chair added that this was a three year programme and he invited comments from Members.

Councillor Porter referred to the Repayable Home Repair Grant and questioned whether this was for adaptations to people's homes and if so whether it could be increased as the report stated that the fund would assist 60 people. The City Mayor confirmed that the fund was for adaptations, but it was a new element and would top up what was a revolving fund. The Director of Finance offered to write to Councillor Porter with the current position.

Councillor Porter queried an amount of £65k to install around 30 defibrillators in Leicester parks, as he had been advised that they were cheaper from the British Heart Foundation. He also queried whether parks were the best places to install the equipment. The Deputy City Mayor responded that it would have been helpful if the information in the report explained that the money was not just about the purchase and installation of the defibrillators as this was just one half of the project. People would also be trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and how to use the equipment. There were already some defibrillators in parks and other public places and this would complete coverage across the city. The Deputy City Mayor added that this was part of the Labour Party manifesto set out at the previous election.

Councillor Chaplin remarked that she welcomed the enhancements to the Liquid Logic software and questioned whether this would result in a better system. The Director of Finance responded that Liquid Logic was a powerful tool with considerable potential. They had been advised that an upgrade was essential and there were reservations about this, but a vigorous process would be undertaken before any commitment was made. It was requested and

agreed that Members would be offered a demonstration of Liquid Logic including a 'hands on' interactive session, with also the possibility of sessions on the Members' portal.

Councillor Grant commented that funding for school places was the largest area of the programme and he questioned whether there was flexibility to bring the capital spend forward if required. The City Mayor responded that this was included in the Capital Programme as policy provision and statistics demonstrated that there would be a need for some of those additional school places imminently and he was due to receive a report on this shortly. Some of the capital spend could be brought forward if necessary.

AGREED:

that the comments of the Overview Select Committee in relation to the Capital Programme 2016/ 17 to 2018/19 be submitted to Full Council for the meeting on 24 February 2016.

Action to be taken	By Whom
For information on the current position of the Repayable Home Repair Grant to be sent to Councillor Porter	The Director of Finance
For a demonstration of Liquid Logic to be arranged for Members of the Overview Select Committee, and also possibly sessions made available on the Members' portal.	Strategic Director, Adult Social Care