

ANNEX B TO ITEM 4
PARISH AND NEIGHBOURHOOD
CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY
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PARISH PARTNERSHIP FUND - RECOMMENDATIONS FOLLOWING
COMMENTS RECEIVED ON CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

SECTION	INITIAL CONSULTATION	MKC RECOMMENDATIONS AS A RESULT OF RESPONSES RECEIVED
1	Eligible Bodies - should eligibility be extended to include other bodies e.g. residents associations?	That only Parish and Town Councils signed up to the Parish Partnership Convention or Neighbourhood Councils signed up to the Neighbourhood Council Protocol will be eligible to apply for grants from the Parish Partnership Fund.
2	Eligible Schemes - should schemes be funded over more than 1 year	Local Council's should be permitted to apply for schemes for up to three years funding.
2A	Should Fund continue to allow schemes under S137 Powers	Fund should continue to allow schemes under S137 Powers
3	Criteria - should existing criteria should be amended to include social and economic disadvantage?	No change to present criteria
4	Capital/ Revenue Projects - should criteria relating to capital projects be removed, and bids invited for both revenue and capital items?	Bids should be invited for both revenue and capital items.
5	Size of Grant - should reference to £2500 limit be deleted?	There should be no upper limit
6	Scheme Funding - should there be different funding formula for different sizes of proposal, change to the minimum contribution?	That the following funding formula apply: Very small Council's with Tax base of less than £200 - up to 75% All other Councils - up to 50% However, the level of funding for schemes with a total value of over £10,000 will be flexible and be considered as part of the overall bidding process.
7	Awarding Decisions - should there be an independent panel or independent element in the awarding body?	No change to present system
8	Size of Fund - should the size of the fund be increased to partly offset the increased responsibilities of local councils?	Cannot be determined now - but Milton Keynes Council hope/expect to increase the Fund significantly for the year 2001/2002 onwards.
9	Other Matters - e.g. release of funds, audit trails, time of application submission, technical considerations, supporting documentation?	Timing of Applications (taking account of the proposal in 10 below) - It is proposed that the timetable for the determination of applications for 2000/01 will be broadly similar to previous years.

		<p>For the revised scheme commencing in 2001/02 it is proposed to bring forward the timetable so that Local Councils will be informed of the grants made for that financial year in the previous January, thus enabling them to consider including in their precept requirement for the following year.</p> <p>Proposed Timetable:</p>		
			2000/01	2001/02
		Application Forms Available	March 2000	August 2000
		Deadline for Applications	30 June 2000	3 November 2000
		Notification of Decision	8 September 2000	12 January 2001
		<p>NB this will mean that, in 2000/01 only, Local Councils will be asked to submit applications on two occasions, for that year and the subsequent year.</p>		
10	Implementation Date - should new scheme be implemented for next year's fund or should there be a longer consultation period?	<p>The revised scheme to be implemented from 2001/02 (see above regarding application dates).</p>		
11	Other Views/Comments	<p>All other criteria/procedures to remain the same. However, in order to make maximum use of the limited resources available, Local Councils will be asked to check before submitting an application, whether any permissions required are likely to be forthcoming and that the work would be able to commence in the year the grant has been awarded for.</p>		