



Minutes of the MILTON KEYNES CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLAN CONSULTATIVE BOARD  
held on MONDAY 24 MAY 1999 at 5.00 pm

**Present:** Councillor Turnbull (Chair)  
Councillors Monk and Saunders

**Officers:** P Scrimshaw (Policy and Inter-Agency Liaison Manager), J Stansfield (Strategic Director Learning and Development), S Wadsworth (Pupil Services Manager), L Russell (Commissioning Manager), D Metcalf (Children's Commissioning Manager), D Gamble (Head of Advisory and School Support), A Prockter (Landscape and Countryside Manager), P Davies (Youth Services Officer), T Hunter (Policy Officer), T Flowers and T Mabbott (Committee Manager)

Milton Keynes Play Association

B Quinn

Thames Valley Police

J Barnes

Milton Keynes Community NHS Trust

K Stanley

Church of Christ the Cornerstone

M Burns

MK Youth Council

R Mascarenhas

Young Carers' Project

V Scone

MK Youth Assembly

A Khutan

R Greenwood

NCH Action for Children

R Wiseman

MK NHS Trust

C Hinton

MK Racial Equality Council

M Rook

MK College

S Dicketts

MK Christian Foundation

Stephen Norrish

Buckinghamshire Health Authority

Dr C Mlynek

**Apologies:** A Flack (Director of Education and Library Services), J Cove (Leisure and Community Services Manager), L McGillivray (Head of Policy), C Burningham (Teachers' Professional Associations), J Balzanella (Milton Keynes Pre-School Learning Alliance), S Murphy (MK Community NHS Trust)

## **1.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 1999 were agreed as a true record.

## **2.0 CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND PARTICIPATION PROJECT: PROGRESS REPORT**

The Group received a report from Debi Morgan, of the Children's Rights and Participation Service, on progress made by the project. Initially, the project had focused upon its aims and the establishment of a group of young people to help to carry out its work in key areas, such as the Children and Young People's Charter Group. There will be an official launch of the Charters on 20 November 1999.

At a strategic level, it was hoped that the project would encourage the involvement of young people directly in developing service standards. Debi also reported that she had visited a number of other local authorities in order to compare policies and exchange ideas for the involvement of young people. She had also been working with the voluntary sector locally.

Teresa Flower of the (INSERT TITLE) reported that a Youth Assembly had been launched at the end of March and that a group of young people had been meeting regularly to discuss key issues and identify priorities for young people. It had been felt important to establish a set time and place for such a meeting, in order to encourage continuity. One outcome of the meetings had been the establishment of a Black and Asian Young Person's Group.

### **3.0 CONSULTATIVE BOARD: SELF ASSESSMENT ACTIVITY**

The Board divided into small groups in order to discuss key issues in relation to the content of the Children's and Young Persons Community Plan, the role of the Board and its working groups.

The findings of the groups were discussed. It was agreed that these would be circulated to the Board members with the next set of Minutes.

### **4.0 MK COMMUNITY CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES PLAN 2000-2001 - PERFORMANCE INDICATORS - SHARED DATA AND INFORMATION**

The Group discussed the presentation of the Plan in the light of the need to include additional performance data. Concern was expressed that, although the additional data provided further evidence to support the aims of the Plan, it was in danger of making the final document inaccessible and unwieldy.

The Group felt that it was useful to have data that acted as a benchmark for the improvement of services, and that it would be useful for the different sections of the Plan to have greater cross-referencing in order to demonstrate the effect upon other services. This was felt to be particularly important because many of the objectives set out in the Plan rely for their delivery upon the co-operation and active involvement of agencies other than the Council, particularly in schools.

### **5.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on 20 September 1999 at 5.15pm, and that papers would be circulated at least one week before the meeting.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 6.15 PM