

**EUROPEAN/INTERNATIONAL  
STRATEGY SUB-COMMITTEE**

**30 MARCH 2000**



Minutes of the meeting of the EUROPEAN/INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY SUB-COMMITTEE held on THURSDAY 6 JANUARY 2000 at 6.00 pm

**Present:** Councillor Irons (Chair)  
Councillors Hopkins, Legg, Monk (substituting for Councillor Mabbutt) and Newcombe (substituting for Councillor M Clarke)

**Officers:** H Miller (Chief Executive), D Cooper (Economy and Learning Manager), A Corbett (Competitive Bidding Officer), M Moore (Senior Planning Officer), H Rees (European Project Officer) and S Parker (Committee Administrator)

**Apologies:** Councillors M Clarke and Mabbutt

**EI5/00 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND NOTES OF EUROPEAN ISSUES SEMINAR - 8 JULY 1999**

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the European/International Strategy Sub-Committee and the notes of the European Issues Seminar, both held on 8 July 1999, be received.

**EI6/00 ORAL REPORT FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The Chief Executive presented an oral report on the details of his visit to Almere in October of last year. The Chief Executive reported on the potential benefits to both the Councils of Almere and Milton Keynes where sufficient mutuality of interest was identified between the two Councils.

He informed Members of information which officers of the two Councils had already been able to share and of the scope to provide further information and advice.

He also reported on a request for Milton Keynes to host a conference in late autumn of this year of the Interreg Group IIC of Councils, and on the proposals for a European New Towns Association.

The Chief Executive responded to questions from Members on his presentation.

Members commented that the suggestions put forward in the Chief Executive's presentation represented the way forward in forming contacts whilst recognising the financial constraints involved.

Members agreed with the Chief Executive that in pursuing initiatives it was important to decide on priorities, as well as the purpose and value of proposed contacts and projects in order to achieve tangible benefits. It was important to engage in activities which do not exceed the agreed budget.

RESOLVED -

That the Chief Executive be thanked for his report.

RECOMMENDED -

1. That the Council's Economy and Learning Officer co-ordinate a programme of officer exchanges and provide regular reports on its operation to the Sub-Committee.
2. That support, in principle, be given to Milton Keynes Council hosting a conference in late autumn of this year of the Interreg Group IIC of Councils.
3. That Milton Keynes Council work with the Interreg IIC New Town Councils towards the creation of a European New Towns Association.

**EI7/00**

## **PROGRESS REPORT ON DEVELOPING A EUROPEAN/INTERNATIONAL POLICY AND STRATEGY**

The Sub-Committee noted the progress made in developing the Council's European/International Policy and Strategy, which included consulting with the local community.

RESOLVED -

1. That the progress made so far in developing the Council's European/International Policy and Strategy, be noted.
2. That the outcomes of the public consultation, as detailed in the report, be noted.

RECOMMENDED -

1. That the European/International Policy and Strategy, as detailed in the **Annex** to the Minutes, be endorsed and be approved by the Economy and Lifelong Learning Committee at its meeting on 18 January 1999.
2. That a copy of the European/International Policy and Strategy be forwarded to the Milton Keynes Economic Partnership and

Councillor Miles be requested to introduce the Policy and Strategy at a future Partnership meeting.

3. That a copy of the European/International Policy and Strategy be forwarded to the organisations involved in the public consultation (including churches).
4. That the Sub-Committee meet twice a year to monitor the implementation of the European/International Policy and Strategy.
5. That the publication of a summary of the Strategy, once agreed, be approved.

**EI8/00 COMMITTEE'S NEWS SHEET**

The Sub-Committee received the News Sheet and complimented officers on the comprehensive information provided.

RESOLVED -

That Members of the Sub-Committee be kept informed of developments in the area of the European/International Strategy by regular news sheets.

**EI9/00 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED -

That the next meeting be held on Thursday 30 March 2000 at 5.45 pm.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7.45 PM