

To: Members of the Milton Keynes Parish/  
Neighbourhood Consultative Assembly

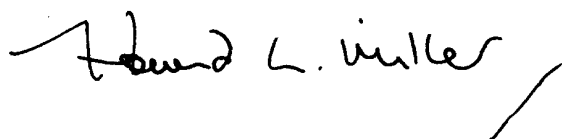
**PLEASE NOTE  
TIME OF  
MEETING**

2 March 2000

Dear Councillor

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **MILTON KEYNES PARISH/NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY** to be held at the Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes on **THURSDAY 9 MARCH 2000 at 7.15 pm** when the business set out overleaf will be transacted.

Yours faithfully



Chief Executive

## AGENDA

Item No:

**1. Apologies**

**2. Minutes**

To receive the Minutes of the Consultative Assembly meeting held on 9 December 1999 (Item 2) (**Page 4**).

**3. Library Service Review**

To receive a presentation by Bill Pearson, Chief Librarian.

**4. New Political Management Structures**

The Consultative Assembly may be aware of the Government's proposals for changes in the management structures of local authorities. The proposals featured in a recent issue of Messenger and were covered in the agenda for the Consultative Assembly (December 1999, Page 68).

The Council is now considering various ideas on how to discharge its functions under the changed structure. Part of this model is the option of locality working. The Council has recently commenced a consultation exercise with Local Councils on this issue. A copy of the consultation letter (Item 4a) (**Page 9**) and supporting details (Item 4b) (**Page 11**) that were sent to Parish Councils on 21 February 2000 are attached to this report.

The comments of the Consultative Assembly are invited.

**5. Best Value Performance Plan – 2000/01**

To receive a progress report on the production of the Council's Best Value Performance Plan 2000/01.

**6. Community Partnership Plan – 2000/01**

To receive a progress report on the production of the Community Partnership Plan 2000/01.

**7. Updates**

**(a) Parish Partnership Fund**

To report the revised criteria has now been agreed. Application forms for grants from the 2000/01 Fund will be sent out in near future.

**(b) Review of Parish Arrangements**

To report the submission is now with Secretary of State. An oral report will be made at the meeting if there have been any developments since.

**(c) Local Council's Conference – 9 September 2000**

The planning for this year's Conference is about to commence. Isabella Fraser and Patrick Langston (Campbell Park), Uschi Kraus Harper (Filgrave and Ttringham) and Margaret Jones (Woughton) have volunteered, along with officers of this Council, to form a Working Group to consider the arrangements for this year's event. The Working Group would be pleased to receive any comments or suggestions Local Councils might have.

**(d) Council Tax Billing Arrangements**

The Consultative Assembly will be aware that consultation was undertaken with Local Councils with regard to a proposal to change the layout of the Council Tax Bill to show the amounts of Council Tax payable to Parish, Town and Neighbourhood Councils.

Unfortunately, the new Council Tax system implementation project team decided to postpone going live with the new system until after annual billing as the timescales were too short to risk going live. An implication of this was that it was not possible to change the layout of the bill in time for annual billing as the old Council Tax system does not hold the data in the format needed to present the bills. Consideration will be given in due course to introducing revisions to the layout for future years.

**8. Items Raised by Local Councils**

To consider any items raised by Local Councils.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

To note that the date for the next meeting of the Consultative Assembly will be Thursday 22 June 2000 at 7.15pm here at the Civic Offices.