



Minutes of the meeting of the EUROPEAN/INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY SUB-COMMITTEE held on THURSDAY 8 JULY 1999 at 8.15 pm

**Present:** Councillors Gibbs, Irons, Legg and Newcombe (substitute for Councillor Mabbutt)

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

**Apologies:** Councillors Hopkins and Mabbutt

**Also Present:** S Handley - LGIB  
J Flemming - Westminster Foundation

**EI1/00 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

RESOLVED -

That Councillor Irons be appointed Chair of the European/International Strategy Sub-Committee for the Council year 1999/2000.

**EI2/00 MINUTES**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 22 February 1999 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record and the notes of the European Issues Seminar held on 22 February 1999 be received.

**EI3/00 PROGRESS REPORT ON DEVELOPING A EUROPEAN/INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY**

The Sub-Committee noted a report which detailed progress in developing the European/International Strategy which had taken place since the last meeting.

The Sub-Committee noted that the Milton Keynes International Partnership Association had offered to host a meeting in September to provide an opportunity for consultation as part of a wider public discussion about the role of international activity within the different sectors of the community (the statutory, voluntary, private, and religious/ethical). The Sub-Committee also noted that the draft strategy could be sent to other partners who were unable to attend the proposed meeting in September.

Members wishing to make comment on further issues that needed to be included on the outline Strategy Paper should provide these to the Economy and Learning Manager.

The following comments were made by Members:

1. Milton Keynes should be seen as an international city.
2. The Seminar would provide an opportunity to obtain the views of the public on issues such as Best Value and democratic renewal.
3. The Seminar would provide an opportunity for consultation with the community and across the voluntary and business sectors.

The Committee also noted that the Chief Executive hoped to report to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee on Milton Keynes Contacts with Almere.

**RESOLVED -**

1. That the progress made so far in developing a European/ International Strategy as detailed in Annex A, B and C annexed to the Minutes be noted.
2. That the range of current activities described in the annexes and inputs from speakers at the Seminar preceding the Panel meeting be noted.
3. That the proposal by Milton Keynes International Partnership Association to host the meeting September to provide an opportunity for consultation as part of a wide public discussion about the role of international activity within the different sectors of the community be approved.

**EI4/00**

#### **COMMITTEE'S NEWS SHEET**

The Sub-Committee noted information provided on the following:

- (a) European Elections - 8 June 1999
- (b) European Funding Bids Update
- (c) Thames Valley European Forum Update
- (d) Local Government Information Bureau Update
- (e) EU and Single Currency Items
- (f) Community Partners Items

**THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8.50 PM**