

Chief Executive
Howard Miller

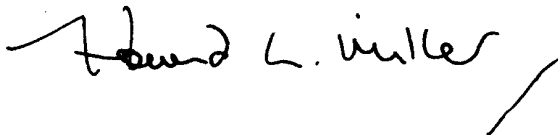
To: The Chair and Members of the
Neighbourhood Services Committee

3 November 1999

Dear Councillor

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE** to be held at the Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes on **TUESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 1999 at 7.30 pm** when the business set out overleaf will be transacted.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Howard L. Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style and is followed by a diagonal slash mark.

Chief Executive

Councillor Swepston (Chair)

Councillor Turnbull (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Bartlett, Barton, I Henderson, Long, Squires, Tallack, Tilley, I Wilson and Woodcock

AGENDA

Item No:

1. Apologies

2. Minutes

To approve and the Chair to sign as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Services Committee held on 7 September 1999.

3. Declarations of Interest

Members and officers to declare any interest they may have in the business to be transacted in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972.

4. Adjournment to Hear Members of the Public

The Chair to request an indication from Members of the public that they would wish the Committee to adjourn to hear their views during the consideration of a particular item.

5. Deputations and Petitions

No deputations have been received for consideration at this meeting.

Any petitions will be reported at this meeting.

6. Questions from Members of the Public

To receive questions from members of the public in accordance with Standing Order P28.

7. Ward Matters

No items have been submitted for consideration at this meeting.

8. Future Direction of Neighbourhood Services

To consider Item 8 (Page 6)

9. Carers' Strategy

To consider Item 9 (Page 13)

10. Update on Strategic Plan

To consider Item 10 (Page 62)

11. General Fund 1999/2000 Projection

To consider Item 11 (Page 73)

12. Travellers Update

To consider Item 12 (**Page 78**)

13. Review of Mental Health Day Service - Clubhouse Development

To consider Item 13 (**Page 97**)

14. Hearing Impaired Review

To consider Item 14 (**Page 103**)

15. Regulation and Inspection Unit Follow Up Policy

To consider Item 15 (**Page 130**)

16. Regulation and Inspection Unit Advisory Panel

To receive the Minutes of the Regulation and Inspection Unit Advisory Panel meeting held on 5 October 1999 (Item 16) (**Page 136**).

17. Questions on Committee's News Sheet

To ask questions on any item included on the previously circulated Committee's News Sheet.

The items included on the Committee's News Sheet were as follows:

- (a) Strategic Statement for Adult Social Care
- (b) Service Deficit Reporting
- (c) Whaddon Way Day Service
- (d) Home Care Best Value Review
- (e) Manor House Re-provision
- (f) Blue European Parking Bads for Disabled People

18. Members' Items

- (a) Councillor I Wilson has asked the Committee to consider the following matter:

“It is a matter of concern to this Committee that the total budget for the year for disabled adaptations was fully committed by half way through the year. This leaves no possibility for hundreds of people waiting for adaptations to have the work that they need carried out this financial year. In the more serious cases this could prevent people from remaining at home safely and involve them having to access expensive home care or even residential care.

Officers are requested to bring a report to the next meeting of this Committee giving the following information:

- (i) the date by which the budget for the year was fully committed;

- (ii) the total number of adaptations on the list awaiting funding, for both the Council's own stock and for private and RSL stock;
- (iii) a breakdown of the length of time that people have been waiting for the adaptations that still need funding;
- (iv) the total cost of carrying out the above work;
- (v) proposals for funding the work and details of where this is reflected in the Council's budget for the next three years; and
- (vi) targets to clear the backlog."

(b) Councillor I Wilson has asked the Committee to consider the following matter:

"At the special meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee on 19 October, the Labour Administration set budgets for 2000/01, 2001/02 and 2002/03 that will involve significant policy changes and cuts in a wide range of services for which the Neighbourhood Services Committee is responsible. This was done without first seeking the views of the Neighbourhood Services Committee on the implication of these proposals and unacceptable service reductions.

The Neighbourhood Services Committee is therefore asked to agree that:

The following proposals of the Policy and Resources Committee be brought to a special meeting of the Neighbourhood Services Committee to be held before Christmas, with papers from officers giving full details of the rationale for the cuts and their implications, and in particular the effect on service users.

- D13 Savings in 2001/02 and 2002/03 on the learning disability service at Tower Drive
- G13 Delete part time finance post
- G14 Hold benefit clerical post vacant for one year
- G15 Delete 2 Benefit fraud posts
- G16 Bring forward the Year 2 benefit post savings agreed with ISE
- G17 Freeze Regulation and Inspection part time post for one year
- G18 Adult care structure efficiency savings
- G19 Stop grant payment to pre-school playgroup
- G20 Tender the mental health drop-in and befriending services provided by NSF and MIND
- G21 Close the laundry at Neath Hill
- G22 Externalisation of part of the home care service
- G23 Reduced management costs for home care
- G26 Reduce the number of hours of home care service provided per week
- G28 Increase in income from new charging scheme for domiciliary care

G30 Revise eligibility criteria”

19. Called-in Decisions

No decisions have been called in for consideration at this meeting.