

Chief Executive
Howard Miller

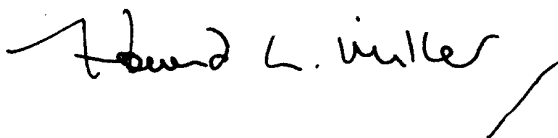
To: Members of the
Grant Aid Committee

9 June 1999

Dear Councillor

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **GRANT AID COMMITTEE** to be held at the Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes on **TUESDAY 15 JUNE 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.

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Councillors Barton, Clark, Gillingham, I Henderson, Miles, Pym and Squires

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AGENDA

Item No:

1. Election of Chair

To elect a Chair for the Council Year 1999/2000.

2. Appointment of Vice-Chair

To appoint a Vice-Chair for the Council Year 1999/2000.

3. Apologies

4. Minutes

To approve, and the Chair to sign as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting of the Grant Aid Sub-Committee held on 6 October 1998.

5. 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.

6. Adjournments to Hear Members of the Public

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

7. Deputations and Petitions

No deputations have been submitted for consideration at this meeting. Any petition received will be reported at the meeting.

8. Questions from Members of the Public

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

9. Ward Matters

No items have been submitted for consideration at this meeting.

10. Review of Sub-Committees/Establishment of Partnership/Consultative Assemblies

The Committee is requested to consider whether it would wish to establish any Partnerships/Consultative Assemblies.

11. Co-option of Members

The Council's Standing Orders require Committees to consider whether they would wish to co-opt persons to the Committee, in a non-voting capacity.

12. Questions on Committee's News Sheet

To ask questions on the Committee's News Sheet (if circulated).

13. Members' Items

To consider the following Members' Items and questions received from Councillor I Henderson:

(a) Budget for Voluntary Organisations - Financial Year 1999/2000

"The last Grant Aid Sub-Committee was due to consider the Budget for Voluntary Organisations for the financial year 1999/2000.

It was summarily cancelled, thus giving offence to a number of organisations. They feel that they were denied their democratic right to express their views and make representations in an open forum. They also wanted to hear a full debate of how decisions on their budgets had been made.

Given the unsatisfactory situation the Committee requests:

- (i) an explanation on who decided, and why, to cancel the meeting;
- (ii) a full report to Members and voluntary organisations on the decisions that were made by the officers on the monies that remained in the "pot";
- (iii) legal opinion on whether the officers have the delegated powers to make those decisions."

An Officer's background note is attached at Item 13 (**Page 5**)

(b) "Questions - Terms of Reference of Committee

At the Annual Meeting of the Council on 18 May, the Leader of the Council proposed that the Grant Aid Sub-Committee should become a full Committee. He based the case for this on a proposal that was to be brought forward by the administration to extend the Committee's role to encompass all applications to the Council for grants. Will the Chair please tell the Committee:

- (i) At which meeting these proposals will be brought forward?
- (ii) How he envisages they will affect the work of the Committee?

(c) Members Item - Expansion of Committee's Role

The Committee is asked to consider the questions about expanding its role put by Councillor Irene Henderson earlier in the meeting and the Chair's answers."

In accordance with Standing Order P27.3 Councillor Henderson has been informed that this item is out of order as there is no provision in Standing Orders which allows Members of a Committee to ask questions of the Chair at a meeting of the Committee.

Any Member of the Committee may move without comment that the item should be debated. On being moved and seconded a vote will be taken immediately.

14. Called in Decisions

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