

LOCAL COUNCILS CONFERENCE

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide details of the Local Councils Conference to be held in the autumn and to encourage Local Councils to contribute.

2. Summary

- 2.1 At its meeting on 10 December 1998 the Consultative Assembly agreed that that there would be some benefit in organising a Conference for Local Councils within Milton Keynes to identify and learn from current initiatives undertaken by Local Councils and to develop a vision for Local Councils within Milton Keynes.
- 2.2 The date of the Conference has now been confirmed and will be held on **Saturday 11 September 1999** at the Civic Offices, Central Milton Keynes.
- 2.3 The Conference will be addressed by David Clark who has been a Parish Councillor (Liphook, Hampshire) since 1979, a District Councillor and Leader of East Hampshire Council and a Hampshire County Councillor. He has worked as a civil servant in the Department of the Environment and as a university lecturer, but now earns a living as a consultant, mainly on matters connected with Local Councils.
- 2.4 Whilst there will be other speakers the main intention of the day will be to seek an input from Local Councils within the Milton Keynes area. There will be workshops held during the day to provide an opportunity for all delegates to have an input. Also, Local Councils are being encouraged to provide material for display units or make any other contribution to the Conference that they feel will be appropriate.
- 2.5 Representatives of other organisations within Milton Keynes e.g. Health, Business, Voluntary Organisations will be invited to attend with a view to encouraging future partnership working. Members and officers of Milton Keynes Council will also be invited to attend.
- 2.6 An attempt has been made to keep the costs of this Conference to a minimum. However, a small charge will need to be made for each delegate attending. The charging structure has been based on the size of the electorate for each Local Council area. The cost per delegate will be as follows:

<u>Electorate of Local Council Area</u>	<u>Cost per Delegate</u>
0 - 500	£10
501 - 2,000	£15
2,001 and above	£25

Charges to other organisations and individuals will be based on the above structure relating to their ability to pay.

- 2.7 Further details will be circulated with the June issue of the Parish and Neighbourhood Council Newsletter. It is anticipated that application forms will be despatched towards the end of July.

Background Papers: None