

Chief Executive
Howard Miller

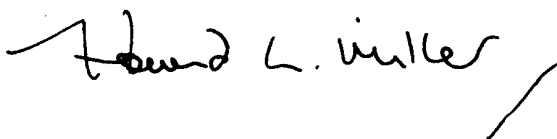
To: The Chair and Members of the
Democratic Structures Sub-Committee

7 April 2000

Dear Councillor

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURES SUB-COMMITTEE of the POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** to be held at the Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes on **THURSDAY 13 APRIL 2000 at 4.00 pm** when the business set out overleaf will be transacted.

Yours faithfully



Chief Executive

AGENDA

Item No:

1. Apologies

2. Minutes

To receive, and the Chair to sign as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting of the Democratic Structures Sub-Committee held on 3 April 2000 (Item 2) (**Page 4**).

3. Locality Working Arrangements

To consider Item 3 (**Page 8**)

4. Members' Allowances - Interim Scheme

To consider Item 4 (**Page**)

5. Protocols

To consider various draft protocols (**to follow**) and to indicate areas where additional protocols may be required.

6. Calendar of Meetings 2000/01

To consider a revised draft calendar of meetings for 2000/01 (Item 6) (**Page 17**), which, where possible, takes account of school holidays and major conferences. Meetings of Scrutiny bodies after August 2000 have also been omitted to enable each Scrutiny body to consider a programme of work at its first meeting and schedule its meetings to support that programme.

7. Members' Roles, Rights and Responsibilities

To consider Item 7 (**to follow**)

8. Procedural Standing Orders

To receive an update following the meeting of Group representatives on 7 April 2000.

9. Disciplinary and Grievance Appeals

Further to Minute DS7/00, to receive details of requirements for Members to be part of Staff Disciplinary and Grievance Appeals (**to follow**).

10. Strategic Partnerships

At the Policy and Resources Committee on 29 March 2000, the question of appointments to partnerships was raised.

A list of partnerships drawn from the Best Value Performance Plan is attached at Item 10 (**Page**). It is suggested that Cabinet Members should represent the authority on the key strategic partnerships which are highlighted in the list.

These partnerships are considered strategic because of their significance in achieving the Council's corporate objectives.

The Sub-Committee is invited to agree or modify the list of partnerships identified as strategic.

11. Project Plan

To consider Item 11 (**to follow**)

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Sub-Committee will be held on 27 April 2000 at 4.00 pm.