



Minutes of the meeting of the COMMUNITY LEARNING FAMILY OF CHAIRS held on MONDAY 20 DECEMBER 1999 at 5.30 pm in Meeting Room 4, Civic Offices

Present : Councillors Barton (Chair - Grant Aid Committee), Irons (Chair - Economy and Lifelong Learning Committee), Lloyd (Chair - Community Learning Committee), Saunders (Chair - Education Committee) and Turnbull (Chair - Children's and Youth Committee)

Officers : J Stansfield (Strategic Director Learning and Development), V Gwynn (Head of Community and Economic Development), P Hymers (Business Development Manager), D Gamble (Advisor and Schools Support Manager), A Feely (Education Planning Manager), D Cooper (Economy and Learning Manager) and S Parker (Committee Administrator)

Apologies: Councillor Miles, R Schmidt (Finance Manager (Learning and Development)), A Flack (Director of Education and Early Years Services) and P Sutton (Head of Children's Services)

ACTION

1.0 MINUTES

AGREED: Minutes held on 25 November 1999, subject to the wording in the third paragraph of 6.0(3) Framework for 4+ Admissions reading:

'Stated by Councillor Saunders, that the system might have to be phased in, although it might be possible to implement it in the main by September 2001'.

2.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

NOTED: That advice was being sought on the legal implications of the age of transfer issue at 7.0(b). **JS**

NOTED: That investigation was continuing into the possible funding and arrangements for administration of Proof of Age cards, as suggested by Councillor Irons at 7.0(d) of the Minutes. **JC**

3.0 SERVICE PLANNING AND BUDGET

CIRCULATED: By J Stansfield, draft Learning Vision: Strategic Plan 2000/01, 2001/02 and 2002/03, which included a statement of inputs (resources) and outputs with links to the budget which had not been provided previously.

REMINDED: By J Stansfield, that the Performance Indicators Working Group, set up at the Community Learning Committee on 2 November 1999, was to meet on 5 January 2000 in J Stansfield's office. **JS**

The Members on the Working Group were Councillors E Henderson, Lloyd, Miles, Seymour and Turnbull.

CONGRATULATED: By Councillor Lloyd, the work of the officers in preparing the Strategic Plan.

REQUESTED: By J Stansfield, any further suggestions from Members on the document would be welcomed. **CHAIRS**

CIRCULATED: By P Hymers, information on the position relating to the schools and other budgets 2000/01 to be considered against the targets set by David Blunkett in his letter dated 25 November 1999, and local targets.

The options for further savings in response to the SSA were detailed.

REQUESTED: By Councillor Turnbull, the possibility of a report on placement budgets in Children's Services.

STATED: By J Stansfield, a progress report on the matter would be made in the New Year, and it was suggested that separate discussions would be held between J Stansfield, P Hymers, P Sutton and Councillors Lloyd and Turnbull before the Community Learning Committee. **JS**

AGREED: Any decision about priorities in the budget to be recommended to the Policy and Resources Committee, because of a lack of information at the meeting the Community Learning Committee may be unable to make a definitive decision.

4.0 SCHOOLS CAPITAL PROGRAMME

CIRCULATED: By A Feely, briefing notes on Devolved Formula

Capital, including the Milton Keynes share.

ALSO CIRCULATED: By A Feely, briefing notes on the SEEDA challenge fund and its application.

REPORTED: By A Feely, that the DfEE was keen to have a meeting with Milton Keynes Council on its needs.

REPORTED: That all existing need places on the West Flank had been given to Milton Keynes. The total capital allocation was £4,558,000.

ALSO NOTED: That news was still awaited as to whether there would be extra money for the Ousedale site, and that the DfEE had been asked to re-profile the Slated Row site by A Flack. **AF**

ALSO NOTED: The pressure on the Ousedale site, were there to be further population growth in Milton Keynes.

ALSO NOTED: The implications for rural schools without sustained development in the villages.

5.0 MUSEUMS JOINT ARRANGEMENTS

NOTED: Members Information Item from the Arts and Museums Manager, which would be reported to the Community Committee at its meeting on 2 February 2000, relating to the joint arrangements with Buckinghamshire County Council for the continued provision of museums services.

6.0 CRESCENT AUDIENCE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

NOTED: Members Information Item from the Arts and Museums Manager on the Crescent Audience Development Agency, which was the research and consultation project set up to examine the potential for the collaborative development of audiences for arts and culture events and activities in the geographical area (referred to as the "Crescent") between:

- (a) Northampton and Luton; and
- (b) Buckingham and Bedford.

7.0 MAPPING LEARNING PROVISION IN MILTON KEYNES AND NORTH BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

NOTED: The report of the Economy and Learning Manager to the Economy and Lifelong Learning Committee on the outcome of the audit of Post-16 learning provision, undertaken by Milton Keynes Council on behalf of the Lifelong Learning Partnership.

AGREED: The need for the inclusion of cultural planning implications. **DC**

CIRCULATED: LGA briefing note on the Learning and Skills Council prospectus.

AGREED: That the Opposition can be consulted regarding places on the Lifelong Learning Partnership. **JS**

ALSO AGREED: To look at wider representation on 16+ challenge.

ALSO AGREED: That Cath Broadhead be invited to the next Chairs meeting. **SP**

8.0 BUDGET SAVINGS FROM THE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT BUDGET FOR 2001/01

CONSIDERED: Report to next Economy and Lifelong Learning Committee, on options for making savings from tourism development budget for 2000/01.

AGREED: That in relation to the conference desk, options 1 and 4 be presented to the Economy and Lifelong Learning Committee for consideration. **DC**

ALSO AGREED: That in relation to information and marketing resource, option 3 in the draft report be the preferred option to go to Economy and Lifelong Learning Committee, with options 1 and 2 being alternatives. **DC**

9.0 STUDENT AWARDS - LEA (POST - COMPULSORY EDUCATION AWARDS) REGULATIONS 1999

CONSIDERED: Report on progress made in delivering Post-16 Student Awards, and on whether or not to continue to take up powers to make Discretionary Student Awards.

NOTED: That the report would go to Community Learning Committee for initial agreement on 21 January 2000, and to Economy and Lifelong Learning Committee on 18 January 2000.

AGREED: That the options on whether or not to take up powers to provide Discretionary Student Awards should be continued.

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10.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

NOTED: Letter sent from former Councillor Roy Miller to David Hall, Chief Executive of Shenley Leisure Centre Trust, in response to a letter from David Hall regarding reduction of Grant Aid (annexed).

NOTED: Proposed meeting between Councillor Irons, V Gwynn, B Pearson and Woburn Sands Town Councillors, regarding the renewal of the lease for Woburn Sands Library.

ALSO NOTED: That the lease costs of providing a library in Woburn Sands were already in the Committee's base budget.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7.15 PM