



Minutes of the meeting of the COMMUNITY LEARNING FAMILY CHAIRS held on THURSDAY 3 JUNE 1999 at 5.30pm in Room 2, Saxon Court

**Present:** Councillor Lloyd (Chair - Community Learning Committee)  
Councillors Irons (Chair - Economy and Lifelong Learning Committee), Legg (Chair - Community Committee), Miles (Vice-Chair - Grant Aid and Community Learning Committees), Saunders (Chair - Education Committee), Woodcock (Vice-Chair - Education Committee), Swepston and K Wilson (Leader of the Council)

**Officers:** J Stansfield (Strategic Director Learning and Development), V Gwynn (Head of Community and Economic Development), P Scott-Garrett (Arts and Museums Manager), R Schmidt (Finance Manager), D Gamble (Advisory and School Support Manager), S Maddox (Children's Services Management (Placements and Young People's Service)) and S Parker (Committee Administrator)

**Apologies:** Councillors Barton (Chair - Grant Aid Committee) and Turnbull (Chair - Children's and Youth Committee), A Flack (Director of Education and Early Years Services) and P Sutton (Head of Children's Services)

## **ACTION**

### **1.0 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1 APRIL 1999**

**AGREED:** Minutes of the meeting held on 1 April 1999.

**NOTED:** Report to Community Learning Committee on Countec's proposals to seek charitable status. **JS**

**ALSO NOTED:** The bids led by the Radcliffe School and Sir Frank Markham Community School in relation to Education Action Zones had not been successful.

### **2.0 CULTURAL PLANNING ISSUES**

**REPORTED:** By PSG the very successful seminar which had been held on the concept of cultural planning, which provided a framework for the Council to be involved in developing policies in this area.

REPORTED: By PSG a letter of apology received from the Heritage Minister Chris Smith which supported the work of the seminar and indicated the significance the Government placed on the cultural planning issue.

NOTED: That the paper on cultural planning and Central Milton Keynes development would be reported both to the Community Committee and the Community Learning Committee.

**PSG**

### **3.0 BLETCHLEY LEISURE CENTRE AND SYCAMORE CLUB - ALTERNATIVE MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

REPORTED: By VG a further report on progress made towards establishing alternative management arrangements at Bletchley Leisure Centre and the Sycamore Club, which provided details on the option to pursue a partnership with the private sector by testing the market through a tender process. The Council had been informed by the Lottery Board that its bid for Lottery funding had not been successful.

AGREED: Steer to officers (for report to Community Committee on 8 June 1999) is to negotiate within budget. If negotiations are unsuccessful to submit a further report outlining further options which may include Compulsory Competitive Tendering.

### **4.0 ECONOMY AND LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE - LIFELONG LEARNING DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

NOTED: The report (to be considered at the Economy and Lifelong Learning Committee on 22 June 1999 and the Community Learning Committee on 6 July 1999) which presented a 3 year development plan for the Council's Lifelong Learning for Adults with a submission to the DFEE.

REPORTED: By VG that the Council was required to produce a development plan for its lifelong learning activities in order to receive Standards Fund income to support this area of work.

AGREED: Issues in the report could come to a future Leader's meeting.

### **5.0 EDUCATION COMMITTEE - DAY NURSERIES**

REPORTED: By F Aldridge report to Education Committee which provided

an update on the arrangements for hot meals at the Council's day care nurseries and detailed proposals for increase in fees for places at the nurseries and to a differential charge policy in relation to 0 - 2 year olds.

NOTED: That hot meals at the Council's day care nurseries would be reinstated from 7 June 1999 and concerns of parents which had been received by the Council had been addressed.

ALSO NOTED: The meetings which were being held with parents in all nurseries to provide them with information on the current financial position of Council day care provision and to inform them of the necessity to review the fee structure.

AGREED: That recommendations in the report should be supported including approval of a differential charging policy in relation to 0 - 2 year olds in order to meet the further shortfall between income and expenditure due in the 1999/2000 financial year.

REQUESTED: That, in addition to Councillor Saunders, all Members of the Labour Group should be invited to attend the 6 meetings which had been set up with parents on issues relating to Council day care nursery provision.

**FA**

NOTED: The Government initiatives to help working families to afford child care to enable a return of parents back to work. All available information was being compiled.

## **6.0 EDUCATION COMMITTEE - SCHOOL BUDGET PRESSURES 1999/2000**

PRESENTED: By D Gamble report on school budget pressures 1999/2000 which presented details of the ongoing review and changes to schools budgets since unitary status.

NOTED: Steering group comprising officers and headteachers which had been set up to consider budgetary issues ahead of further delegation to schools for April 2000 ahead of making recommendations to the Education Committee in December.

ALSO NOTED: The more comprehensive analysis of school budget pressures to be reported at a later date.

**DG**

## **7.0 NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CULTURE AND CREATIVITY IN EDUCATION - "ALL OUR FUTURES - CREATIVITY AND CULTURAL**

## EDUCATION”

REPORTED: The Government’s report on National Advisory Committee on culture and creativity in Education (NACCCE) which had been published recommending a fundamental change in the way creative abilities and cultural understanding developed through education, particularly within the formal school curriculum.

AGREED: That the report should be presented to the next Community Learning Committee on 6 July.

**PSG**

NOTED: That as the report was an advisory document there was no formal consultation process on its recommendations.

## 8.0 OTHER BUSINESS

### 1. Presentation by Michael Geddes (MKEP)

REPORTED: By VG that at the ELLC Committee on 30 March 1999 it was resolved that Michael Geddes, Executive Director of the Milton Keynes Economic Partnership be invited to address the full Council on the work of the MKEP.

AGREED: That the invitation to Mr Geddes address the full Council be reconsidered in the autumn 1999.

**SP**

### 2. Seminars - Quality Protects

REPORTED: By K Wilson the seminars being held in London (2), Birmingham (1) and Leicester (1) on Quality Protects to which Councillors were invited. Another seminar was to be held in July and Members would be advised of the date in due course.

### 3. Visit by Alan Willett

REPORTED: By V Gwynn of the visit by Allan Willett to meet with the Members of the Council on Thursday 24 June. A letter would be forwarded to Members with the details of the event shortly.

**VG**

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7.40 PM