

## ITEM 2

Minutes of the meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES PARTNERSHIP held on WEDNESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2000 at 6.00PM

<b>Present :</b>	Robert de Grey (Chair)	-	Milton Keynes Theatre and Gallery Company
	Councillor Roger Bristow	-	Milton Keynes Council
	Mike Davidson	-	Supply Management Company
	Isabella Fraser	-	Campbell Park Parish Council
	Mike Geddes	-	Milton Keynes Economic Partnership
	Jane Hamilton	-	English Partnerships
	Councillor Lloyd	-	Milton Keynes Council
	Nick Page	-	Thames Valley Police
<b>In attendance:</b>	John Best	-	Milton Keynes Council
	Pauline Scott-Garrett	-	Milton Keynes Council
	Jane Marshall	-	Milton Keynes Council

## ACTION

### 1.0 MEMBERSHIP

The Executive confirmed its Membership as follows:

Robert de Grey (Chair)	Chair, CMK Partnership/ Chair, Midsummer Group
Roger Bristow	Milton Keynes Council
Mike Davidson	Chair, Town Management Group
Isabella Fraser	Chair Campbell Park Group
Mike Geddes	Chair, Transport Group
Jane Hamilton	English Partnerships
Jan Lloyd	Chair, Cultural Planning Group
Nick Page	Thames Valley Police

### 2.0 ROLES

The Executive discussed the role it should play in relationship to the CMK Partnership and sub-groups. The Executive expressed the view that it should pursue a two way relationship with the sub-groups. The Executive would act as arbiter on contentious issues, to guide where necessary and receive recommendations from the sub-groups.

The Executive also felt that it had an important role in ensuring continuity and stability within the Partnership, regardless of changes

internal to any one partner, for example changes to the political balance of Milton Keynes Council.

The Executive discussed the role of the Chair as the external voice for the Partnership

AGREED –

1. That a list of contact addresses for members of the CMK Partnership and sub-groups be circulated to members of the Executive;
2. That each sub-group submit a programme of work for the next two years to the next meeting of the Executive, with a view to co-ordinating the efforts of all the sub-groups;
3. That any difficulties concerning the membership of sub-groups should be referred to the Executive;
4. That the Chair of the Partnership act as the external voice for the Partnership; and
5. That agendas and minutes of all sub-groups should be circulated to Executive members (and supporting officers).

### **3.0 GROUP ACTIVITIES**

The Executive briefly reviewed the recent activities of each sub-group as follows:

(a) Campbell Park

With regard to development Jane Hamilton reported that consultation on preliminary proposals for the area had been completed and that progress depended on the agreement of English Partnerships to the plans.

AGREED –

That a meeting of the Campbell Park sub-group be arranged, to review responses to consultation.

(b) Cultural Planning

At the first meeting of the sub-group held recently, useful recommendations were produced. These included taking account of a proper cross section of Milton Keynes demography and consulting widely on any decisions taken.

It was reported that sessions on creative industry and young

people had been planned.

AGREED –

That the work of the Cultural Planning sub-group be fed into the work of other sub-groups.

(c) Midsummer Boulevard

Jane Hamilton reported that this area of development was an important project for English Partnerships, and that the wider context of Central Milton Keynes had to be considered with this area.

The Executive felt that it would be useful if areas for potential development could be shown on a map, along with existing plans for development and time scales, for a future meeting.

It was noted that the draft local plan included new policies for Central Milton Keynes, which did not preclude any of the proposals being discussed by the Partnership.

(d) Town Centre Management and Promotion

It was reported that officers were currently examining possible roles which a new Town Centre Manager could fulfil. This might include both strategic and ‘janitorial’ functions. It was noted that the job description for this type of position varied greatly. Officers were looking at schemes in Reading and Coventry to help put together a job description for a Milton Keynes Town Manager.

It was reported that the Partnership had received offers of finance for the salary of the Town Centre Manager and that it was hoped to offer a three year contract to the right candidate.

(e) Transport

It was reported that the group had an overarching five year strategy, consisting of initiatives such as quality bus routes and encouraging green commuting.

The group would shortly be appointing a transport co-ordinator responsible for some such initiatives, and funded by English Partnerships.

The Group was actively considering the feasibility of

introducing a permanent park and ride scheme.

The Group was considering the parking and charges regime including the possibility of using SMART cards and season tickets. It was however emphasised that the introduction of further charged parking spaces should not be seriously considered until there was more frequent, reliable public transport in the city centre.

#### **4.0 GROUP MEMBERSHIP**

The Executive discussed the basis of membership of the CMK sub-groups. The Executive discussed the procedure for new members to join sub-groups. It was felt that applications should be made to the chair of the relevant sub-group and where there was contention about applications the Executive should take the decision.

AGREED –

1. That each group should be responsible for its own membership;
2. That, if there was disagreement concerning representation of a partner organisation on a sub-group, this should be referred to the executive; and
3. That the Transport Group be invited to bring back proposals to the next meeting of the Executive concerning its brief and membership, with a view to working on wider transport strategies for Central Milton Keynes, and involving wider interests than the current membership of the group.

#### **5.0 STRENGTHENING THE PARTNERSHIP**

It was noted that originally it was intended that the Partnership should consist equally of public, private and community sector organisations. The Executive expressed concern that Milton Keynes' Community Foundation had resigned from the Partnership.

AGREED –

1. That the Chair discuss with the Milton Keynes' Community Foundation the Executive's concerns relating to the resignation of the Foundation from the Partnership.
2. That a report on resourcing the Partnership, including administrative support, should be made to the next meeting of the Executive.

## **6.0 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

The Executive discussed the need to raise the public profile of the CMK Partnership through the Executive. It was noted that a conference would be held on 31 March 2000 to review the 20:20 Vision public consultation. It was felt that this would be a good opportunity to publicise the existence of the Partnership.

## **7.0 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Executive agreed that the next meeting would be held at 6.00pm on 8 March 2000.

**ALL**

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8.06 PM