

MILLENNIUM SUB COMMITTEE

17 JUNE 1998

Present: Councillors Barnard, Blatchford, Egan, Fawcett,
Flood, Good, Mrs Keene and Mrs Pile

Substitute Members:
Councillor Grayson

Also present: Councillor Jones

Apologies for absence were received from:
Councillor Ryan

1 Election of Chairman

RESOLVED that Councillor Egan be appointed Chairman of the Millennium Sub Committee for the municipal year 1998/99.

2 Appointment of Vice Chairman

RESOLVED that Councillor Blatchford be appointed Vice Chairman of the Millennium Sub Committee for the municipal year 1998/99.

3 Substitute Members

In accordance with Standing Order No. 38, Councillor Grayson attended the meeting as a substitute for Councillor Ryan.

4 Terms of Reference

The Director of Leisure Services introduced the draft terms of reference for the Sub Committee in order that the Sub Committee could consider any additional items that should be included. The original draft terms of reference were as follows:

- (i) to develop options for the Millennium celebrations and submit them to Strategy and Policy Committee for approval and funding
- (ii) to oversee the development of these events

The draft terms of reference would be submitted to the Strategy and Policy Committee on 15 July 1998 for confirmation. The Sub Committee considered that the remit of the Sub Committee should include consultation with the public on the development of Millennium events with the Council acting as enabler and facilitator. It was felt that consideration should be given to the involvement of other sectors of the local community including businesses and community groups. The Sub Committee considered that it would be important to ensure clear co-ordination of Millennium work both within the Council's departments and with the community.

It was considered that the Sub Committee should meet on a regular basis in order to undertake the work required, and given the timescale involved.

It was

RECOMMENDED TO STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE that the following additional term of reference be added to those currently listed for the Millennium Sub Committee:-

“To co-ordinate, facilitate and develop links with various sectors of the local community, including local Churches, organisations and businesses, in order to develop a programme of Millennium events.”

5 Finance

The Director of Leisure Services reported that no funding had as yet been identified to develop any proposals. The Sub Committee felt that Strategy and Policy Committee should be approached to see if pump-priming funding would be available for this and the next financial year. However, the Director reported that the Millennium Commission had identified a large sum of money to which local authorities could apply for funding towards their Millennium festival activities. The deadline for receipt of proposals by the Millennium Commission was the end of July, with a final deadline and further details to be submitted by the end of August. Therefore a fast track procedure would be needed for working towards securing funding from the Millennium Commission for Millennium activities within the Borough. The likely amount of grant aid to be granted by the Millennium Commission would be up to £30,000 for grants given in the first round to larger proposals. Following this initial grant round, a further round would be made for smaller community project grants giving grants of up to £5,000 per project. It was considered important to involve the Parish and Town Councils in both co-ordinating activities and exploring further areas for funding. The Sub Committee also considered the need for exploring sponsorship routes through the business community.

6 Events

The Director of Leisure Services introduced the need for the Sub Committee to identify a programme of events to be undertaken. Consideration was needed to be given to the type of events to be held, who they would involve and when they would take place. The Committee divided into three groups to consider possible events that could be arranged to celebrate the Millennium under the headings of Arts/Education, Religious/Community and Sports. Further to the group work in which brainstorming to consider possible events took place in each of these areas,

the Sub Committee reconvened as a whole and discussed the ideas that had arisen. The Director of Leisure Services reported that the list of ideas would be taken back to the Leisure Department for analysis and that from these ideas a shortened list would be developed of the events considered to be feasible.

7 The Way Forward

The Director of Leisure Services reported that the Sub Committee would reconvene in a month's time. Before that meeting he would undertake to research the ideas put forward in the meeting, assess those which would be feasible and draft figures for the events. This report would then be presented to the Strategy and Policy Committee.

8 The next meeting of the Committee would take place on Monday 20 July 1998 at 7.30pm.

The meeting commenced at 5.30pm and concluded at 7.10pm.

CHAIRMAN