

**EDUCATION TRANSITION EXECUTIVE SUB COMMITTEE
14 JANUARY 1998**

Present: Councillors Barnard, Mrs Doyle, Mrs Hirst, Ward and Wheaton

1. **Election of Chairman**

RESOLVED that Councillor Ward be elected Chairman of the Sub Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.

COUNCILLOR WARD IN THE CHAIR

2. **New Deal for Schools 1998/99 Bid for Funding**

The Sub Committee received a report from the Director of Education summarising the bid for funding under the New Deal for Schools 1998-2001 initiative. It was noted that the deadline for submission of the bid to the Department was 16 January 1998. The Director of Education informed the Sub Committee that the Government was making available the sum of approximately £250m in 1998/99 for the repair and improvement of school buildings. A consultation document had been circulated to all schools in December. The funding bid totalled £2.7m. A number of the schools mentioned in the bid were voluntary aided and it was noted that diocesan authorities would not be required to make a contribution. The refurbishment of science and specialist facilities in secondary schools was a priority for item and it was noted that Berkshire County Council had dealt with the health and safety issues arising from old fashioned school laboratories.

RESOLVED that the bid as summarised in the report to the Sub Committee be approved for submission to the DfEE.

3. **Policy for the Provision of Milk in Schools**

The Sub Committee received a report from the Director of Education proposing to take advantage of intervention milk available to certain groups of children in the Borough's schools. It was noted that the disaggregated budget from Berkshire County Council included the sum of £851 for a sum number of pupils aged between 11 and 18 who met the criteria. It was also noted that a bid needed to be submitted by 16 January.

RESOLVED that milk be provided to

- (a) pupils in full time education under the age of five years old, provided that the expenditure is met totally by subsidy and grants,

- (b) pupils attending special education establishments whose parents are eligible to receive benefit,
- (c) pupils with a certified medical requirement whose parents receive income support.

The meeting commenced at 7.10pm and concluded at 7.40pm.

CHAIRMAN