

## Agenda Item 2 & 3

### SOUTH EAST ENGLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Date: 17 September 2003

Subject: **Election of Chair of Regional Planning Committee**  
**Election of Vice Chair of Regional Planning Committee**

Candidate: Cllr Keith R Mitchell

When I stood for the Chairmanship of the Regional Planning Committee last year, I promised to work to ensure the Committee was member-led and that all members felt ownership of the process and of the decisions we took.

I believe I have kept the promise I made, that I have served the Committee well and acted impartially in structuring discussion and helping members to reach decisions after constructive debate. If you are newly elected, don't take my word for it! Ask your colleagues about my chairing skills and my role in engaging all members and helping the committee to reach decisions with a high level of ownership even where there was not 100% agreement! It has been an interesting year with a full agenda and with some difficult decisions. The coming year will be the same!

If re-elected as Chairman, I will continue to ensure that officers advise while members decide and that decisions are taken after informed and structured debate to which all members feel able to contribute.



<b>PAST</b>	<i>Born:</i>	1946	9 July
	<i>Education:</i>	1951 - 1962	Buckingham College, Harrow
	<i>Employment:</i>	1962 - 1967	Articled Clerk to Chartered Accountancy practice
	<i>Qualified:</i>	1967	Chartered Accountant
	<i>Employment:</i>	1967 - 1975	London School of Accountancy
		1975 - 1990	Accountancy Tuition Centre Group
	<i>Public Service:</i>	1968 - date	Part time Chartered Accountancy Practice
		1985 - 2002	Non-Exec Director Oxfordshire Health Authority
		1989	Elected to Oxfordshire County Council
		1990	Sold business interests to enter public life
		1990	Elected to Cherwell District Council
		1994 - 1999	Social Services Spokesman on County Council
		1998 - 1999	Elected Deputy Group Leader on County Council
1999 - 2001	Elected Group Leader on County Council		
1999	Appointed LGA Social Affairs & Health Executive		

		2001 Elected Leader, Oxfordshire County Council 2002 Retired undefeated from Cherwell District Council 2002 Appointed to South East England Regional Assembly 2002 Elected Chairman, Regional Planning Committee 2003 Appointed to LGA Planning Executive 2003 Elected Chairman of South East County Leaders
<b>PRESENT</b>	<i>Local:</i>  <i>County:</i> <i>Regional:</i>  <i>National:</i>	Parish Councillor - Adderbury PC Hon Treasurer - Oxfordshire Rural Community Council Governor - Oxford and Cherwell FE College Leader - Oxfordshire County Council Member - South East England Regional Assembly Chairman - Regional Planning Committee Chairman - South East County Leaders Member - County Council Network Executive Member - LGA Planning Executive