

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
CHILDREN, FAMILIES & SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

5.00PM – 13 MARCH 2006

ROOMS 2/3
BRIGHTON TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Hawkes (Chair), McCaffery (Deputy Chair), Brown (OS), Allen, Giebeler, Hazelgrove, Hyde, Norman, Paskins and Young

PART ONE

ACTION

73. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

73A Declarations of Substitutes

73.1	<u>Substitute Councillor</u> Councillor Allen Councillor Paskins	<u>For Councillor</u> Councillor John Councillor Mallender
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73B Declarations of Interest

73.2 There were none.

73C Exclusion of Press and Public

73.3 The Committee considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of any items contained in the agenda, having regard to the nature of the business to be transacted and the nature of the proceedings and the likelihood as to whether, if members of the press and public were present, there would be disclosure to them of confidential or exempt information as defined in Section 100A(3) or 100 1 of the Local Government Act 1972.

73.4 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public not be excluded from

the meeting.

74. MINUTES

74.1 **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2006 be approved and signed by the Chair.

75. CALLOVER

75.1 **RESOLVED** – That, with the exception of the items reserved (and marked with an asterisk), the recommendations and resolutions contained therein be approved and adopted without debate excepting Notices of Motion, Deputations, Petitions and Letters which are reserved automatically.

76. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

76.1 No questions were received.

***77. FALMER ACADEMY: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

77.1 The Committee considered the report of the Director of Children Families & Schools relating to the Falmer Academy.

77.2 The Committee noted that there were two typing errors in the report. Paragraph 3.1 refers to a meeting held on 17 October 2006, this should have read 17 October 2005. Paragraph 3.3 states that the Expression of Interest document was attached. This was incorrect, the document would not be provided with the report.

77.3 **RESOLVED** - (1) That it be noted that the Expression of Interest in support of a proposed Academy at Falmer had been submitted.

(2) That the setting up of a Steering Group to contribute to and monitor the Feasibility study resulting from an acceptance by the DfES of the Expression of Interest be endorsed.

***78. SCHOOL TERM DATES 2006/07**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Children Families & Schools relating to School Term dates for the year 2007/08 and 2008/09.

- 78.1 The Committee were informed that since the report was written West Sussex County Council had announced that they would have the same term dates as this authority for the year 2007/08.
- 78.2 **RESOLVED** – That the proposed term dates for 2007/08, and 2008/09 be noted.

***79. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2006/07**

- 79.1 The Committee considered the report of the Director of Children Families & Schools relating to the Capital Programme 2006/07. The report set out the allocation of funding under New Deal for Schools Modernisation, Structural Maintenance, New Pupil Places and Schools Access Initiative cost centres for 2006/07.
- 79.2 The Committee noted the approved scheme for Varndean Special Educational Needs building (appendix 1 to the report), and said how pleased they were with the building. The Committee felt that a letter should be sent to Nigel McCutcheon who designed the building saying how pleased they were with it.
- 79.3 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the allocation of funding on the basis set out in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.22 of the report be recommended to Policy & Resources Committee.

(2) That subject to Policy & Resources approval, the allocation of funding on the basis shown in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.22 of the report be approved.

***80. SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2007/08**

- 80.1 The Committee considered the report of the Director of Children Families & Schools relating to the School Admission Arrangements for 2007/08.
- 80.2 The report set out the proposed admission arrangements for community schools for 2007/08, and the proposed admission numbers for all maintained schools in the City. It also set out the revised schemes for co-ordinated admissions, including key dates, and the arrangements for consultation with Voluntary Aided schools.

80.3 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the proposed admission arrangements and school admission limits set out in the consultation documents should be adopted for the admissions year 2007/08.

(2) That the co-ordinated schemes be approved.

(3) That the City boundary should be retained as the relevant area for consultation for school admissions.

(4) That the satisfactory admission criteria proposals made by voluntary aided schools within the city should be noted.

The meeting concluded at 6.00 pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2006