

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**  
**CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS COMMITTEE**

**5.00PM – 11 SEPTEMBER 2006**

**BRIGHTON TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

Present: Councillor Hawkes (Chair); Councillors Brown (OS), Hazelgrove, Hyde, John, Kemble, and Norman

**PART ONE**

**ACTION**

**12. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS**

**12A. Declarations of Substitutes**

12.1 There were no substitutes

**12B. Declarations of Interest**

12.2 Councillor Kemble declared an interest in item 20. Councillor Kemble is a governor at West Hove Infant School.

**12C. Exclusion of Press and Public**

12.3 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.

12.4 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of item 22 on the agenda.

**13. MINUTES**

13.1 **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 June 2006 be approved and signed by the Chair.

**14. CALLOVER**

- 14.1 **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.

**15. CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

- 15.1 There was no communication

**16. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

- 16.1 There were none.

**\*17. ADOPTION SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT**

- 17.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Children's Services concerning the Annual Report of the Adoption Agency. The report informed members of recent changes to the legislation and the implications of these changes, provided an update on the service over the last year and provided a copy of the Adoption Agency's revised Statement of Purpose.

- 17.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the report and the progress of the Agency in relation to adoption and permanence activity be noted.

(2) That the revised Adoption Agency Statement of Purpose be endorsed.

(3) That the need to monitor the impact of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 on staffing, performance and resource allocation be noted.

**\*18. FOSTERING SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT**

- 18.1 The report informed members of the national developments in fostering practice including the Governments Choice Protects agenda, provided information about the work of the Fostering Panel over the past year, and service developments and fostering activity during the year April 2005 to March 2006. The report included a copy of the Commission for Social Care Inspection's report of the inspection of Brighton & Hove City Council's Fostering Service. The Committee considered a report of the Director of Children's Services seeking the approval of the Fostering Service Statement of Purpose as required by Fostering Services Regulations.

- 18.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the report and the progress of the Fostering Service be noted

(2) That the Fostering Service Statement of Purpose be endorsed.

**\*19. SECONDARY ADMISSIONS REVIEW**

19.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Children's Services detailing the progress made within the review of the Secondary Admissions Policy for determining the allocation of places to secondary schools in September 2008.

19.2 **RESOLVED** – That the contents of the report be noted.

**20. REPLACEMENT OF HORSIA DINING FACILITY AT WEST HOVE INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL**

20.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Children's Services seeking approval to progress the design and construction of a new dining facility at West Hove Infant and Junior School.

20.2 **RESOLVED** - That the design and construction of a new dining facility at West Hove Infant and Junior School be undertaken by the Strategic Partnership and that the proposed West Hove Children's Centre be incorporated into this scheme.

**21. ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO COUNCIL**

21.1 **RESOLVED** – That no items go forward to Council

**PART TWO ITEM**

**22. PART TWO MINUTES**

22.1 The minutes of the Part Two item from the meeting held on 5 June 2006 were approved and signed by the Chair.

**The meeting concluded at 6.30 pm**

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2006