

**Brighton & Hove City Council**

**Meeting: Children's and Young People's Trust Board**

**Date: 17 March 2008**

**Report of: Director of the Children's Services**

**Subject: 14-19 Strategic Plan 2008-13**

**Ward(s) affected: ALL**

**1. Purpose of the report**

**1.1** The strategy provides direction for the wide-ranging developments needed to deliver the transformation of education provision for young people aged 14-19 years. The strategy has been developed by a partnership of education establishments in the City working with officers from CYPT and other directorates and also with managers from Learning and Skills Council.

**2. Recommendations**

**2.1** To agree the 14-19 Strategic Plan 2008-13

**3. Information/background**

**3.1** This strategy replaces the 14-19 Strategy 2004-07 developed with East Sussex. That document established the co-ordination of provision post 16 and progression routes from age 14 through to university.

**3.2** The new strategy encompasses the breadth of change needed to transform the education offer and to ensure that young people will remain in learning to age 18 by 2013.

**3.3** There has been concern over a number of years as to whether the structure of education, training and qualifications for young people post 14 is the right one. In the February 2005 White Paper, *14-19 Education and Skills*, the government set out the changes they felt were necessary. Recognising that the success of any individual young person can only be

achieved by their own hard work and the skill and commitment of their teachers, tutors and trainers, a wide range of reforms was proposed.

**3.4** The priorities are:

**3.4.1** A greater focus on functional skills in English, mathematics and ICT that are needed for everyday life, demonstrated through real life application.

**3.4.2** Stronger vocational routes, where young people develop through practical experience, with qualifications that give them the broad education they need to progress further in learning as well as into employment.

**3.4.3** More stretching options on both general and applied routes and activities which extend young people. These are backed by greater choice for young people to advance quickly through the system, or if they need to take longer, in order to achieve higher standards.

**3.4.4** New action for pupils who do not come to school and to ensure that those in danger of dropping out can be motivated to stay in learning.

**3.5** In the Government's 14-19 Implementation Plan, published in December 2005, there is much more detail about the changes to guarantee an entitlement for all 14-19 year olds to have access to 14 Diploma lines (new type of course with more practical work), alongside the existing curriculum. These are major reforms and will take until 2013 to achieve.

**3.6** In Brighton & Hove we have created very close working links with the LSC. Our partnership Board is established and we have been developing the curriculum offer and improving employer engagement and systems for information advice and guidance. We are currently revising our 14-19 Strategic plan for 2007-2013 and we are identifying systematically what needs to be done to achieve the entitlement for all Young People by 2013.

## COMMITTEE REPORT APPENDIX



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### **Financial implications**

The report refers to the developments needed to deliver the 14-19 Strategic Plan 2008-13.

The strategic plan will be funded from within the CYPT budget for next financial year budget but will need to be reviewed annually as part of the budget process to ensure that there are no additional costs to the council beyond 2008/09.

*Finance Officer consulted: Paul Brinkhurst Date 27 February 2008.*

### **Legal implications**

**There are no specific legal implications arising from this report**

Lawyer consulted: Serena Kynaston

Date: 6 March 2008

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| <p><b>Corporate/Citywide implications</b><br/>Implementation of the Strategy will improve education provision leading to better outcomes for young people, who will become confident, productive and participative citizens of the City. A greater range of skills and readiness for employment will reduce the number of young people who are NEET</p> | <p><b>Risk assessment</b><br/>This strategy has high risk. At every stage it is reliant on partnership working with independent institutions whose governance arrangements could cause them to withdraw</p> |
| <p><b>Sustainability implications</b><br/>The capital building plans will comply with sustainable standards</p>   | <p><b>Equalities implications</b><br/>The strategy specifically seeks to address the achievement gap between those who are disadvantaged and those in more privileged backgrounds</p>                       |
| <p><b>Implications for the prevention of crime and disorder</b><br/>Improved education provision will lead to reduction in the number of young people entering the criminal justice system.</p>   |   |

### **Background papers**

1. 14-19 Strategic Plan 2008-13

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