

# BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

## CHILDREN, FAMILY AND SCHOOLS SUB-COMMITTEE

5.00pm – 8 SEPTEMBER 2003

### BRIGHTON TOWN HALL

#### MINUTES

Present: Councillor Hawkes (Chair); Councillors Mrs Brown (OS), Burgess, Edmond-Smith, Giebeler, Hyde, John, Kielty, Mallender and Young.

#### PART ONE

#### ACTION

#### 16. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

##### 16A. Declarations of Substitutes

16.1 Substitute Councillor                      For Councillor  
Kielty    McCaffery

##### 16B. Declarations of Interest

16.2 There were none.

##### 16C. Exclusion of Press and Public

16.3 The Sub-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.

16.4 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public be not excluded from the meeting during consideration of any items on the agenda.

#### 17. MINUTES

17.1 **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2003 be approved and signed by the Chair.

#### 18. CALLOVER

18.1 **RESOLVED** - That all items on the agenda be reserved for

consideration.

## **19. DEPARTMENTAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

19.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Children, Families and Schools presenting the Directorate Development Plan covering April 2003 - October 2004 for comment and approval (for copy see minute book).

**19.2 RESOLVED** - That members approve the Directorate Development Plan.

## **20. SURE START GUIDANCE 2004-2006**

20.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Children, Families and Schools provided Members with information on the key elements of the national Sure Start guidance for 2004-2006, particularly the local authority role and responsibilities and sought agreement for a process of consultation and (for copy see minute book).

**20.2 RESOLVED** - (1) That the contents of the Sure Start guidance 2004-2006, particularly the local authority role and responsibilities be noted.

(2) That the process to implement the guidance for the next financial year be agreed.

(3) That the report be circulated to all councillors for information, so that they are aware of the Council's responsibilities in relation to Sure Start.

## **21. CHILDREN'S CENTRES**

21.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Children, Families and Schools informing Members of the Government Programme for Children's Centres and setting out some of the implications for Brighton & Hove. The report also sought delegated authority to draw up proposals for the location of Children's Centres to cover 2,252 children and to provide an additional 150 childcare places for children under 5 (for copy see minute book).

**21.2 RESOLVED** - (1) That the information about the national programme for Children's Centres, the financial allocation to Brighton & Hove and the targets for local Children's Centres to cover 2,252 children and to provide an additional 150 childcare places for children under 5 be noted.

(2) That the proposed criteria for location of the Children's Centres be agreed.

(3) That the Director, Children Families & Schools be given delegated

authority to draw up proposals, based on the agreed criteria, and in consultation with the Chair and opposition spokesperson, to meet the DFES deadline of 15 October.

(4) That the services that are integral to Children's Centres be amongst the first to move into the Children's Trust.

## 22. OUT OF SCHOOL FUNDING

22.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Children, Families and Schools (for copy see minute book).

The special circumstances for non-compliance with Section 100B(4) of the 1972 Local Government Act (items not to be considered unless the agenda is open to inspection at least five clear days in advance of the meeting) are that the legal implications had not been included in Annex 1 of the report.

22.2 **RESOLVED** - That the following five key target areas for the development of childcare places funded by Sure Start Out of School Funding for Brighton & Hove be approved:

- Children and young people living in disadvantaged wards.
- Older children's services for 11-14 yr olds (11-16 yr olds for children and young people with special needs or disabilities)
- Children and young people with special needs and/or disabilities, with the emphasis on developing places for them in mainstream childcare services throughout the City
- Looked After Children
- Black & Minority Ethnic Communities (BMEC)
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## 23. BRIGHTON & HOVE MUSIC SERVICE

23.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Children, Families and Schools seeking approval of the proposed integration of Brighton Youth Orchestra into the City Council's Music Service (for copy see minute book).

23.2 **RESOLVED** - (1) That the Music Service Annual Report be noted.  
(2) That the proposals contained in the report for the orchestral integration with Brighton Youth Orchestra to be completed by January 2004 be noted.

(3) That the Director Children, Families & Schools be authorised to enter into the agreement with the Brighton Youth Orchestra and take all other steps necessary or incidental to the implementation of the proposals.

**24. SSI SPRING DELIVERY & IMPROVEMENT STATEMENT (DIS)**

24.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Children, Families and Schools informing the Sub-Committee of the outcomes from the Spring Delivery and Improvement Statement (for copy see minute book).

24.2 **RESOLVED** - That the contents of the Delivery & Improvement Statement be noted.

**25. FUTURE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION FOR EAST BRIGHTON RESIDENTS**

25.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Children, Families and Schools setting out the options for the provision of secondary education for Brighton and Hove students and for those living in East Brighton in particular, and seeking approval for a consultation on the future of the East Brighton College of Media Arts (for copy see minute book).

25.2 Members expressed a wish that, if the consultation exercise and subsequent procedures were to result in closure, the site would continue to be used for purposes connected with education. Accordingly they agreed to amend the recommendations in the report by adding a third paragraph as set out at paragraph 25.4 (3) below.

25.3 Councillor Brown requested for work to be done to explore the possibility of providing some form of vocational education and training on the site, subject to any prior decision on the closure of COMART.

25.4 **RESOLVED** - (1) That the Director, Children, Families and Schools be authorised to consult on a proposal to close East Brighton College of Media Arts and provide for the secondary education of East Brighton students in the remaining nine secondary schools in the City.

(2) That the results of the consultation be reported to the Children, Families and Schools Sub-Committee for the Sub-Committee to consider whether or not to publish formal closure proposals.

(3) That officers, in consultation with the Learning & Skills Council and City College, continue to explore the possibility of providing some form of vocational education and training on the site, in case the ultimate decision is to close the school.

**26. ADMISSION FORUM**

26.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Communications and Democratic Services regarding the election of two Members to the Admissions Forum, following the change in

membership of the Children, Families and Schools Sub-Committee (for copy see minute book).

26.2 **RESOLVED** - (1) That Councillor Giebeler be appointed to join the Admission Forum.

(2) That the Chair will inform the Director Children, Families & Schools on one further nomination to the Admission Forum. ???

## 27. APPOINTMENT OF LEA GOVERNORS

27.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Children, Families and Schools setting out the decisions of the consultative meeting for the appointment of LEA governors which met on 9 June 2003 (for copy see minute book).

27.2 **RESOLVED** - That the decisions made by the Director of Children, Families & Schools in consultation with the Chair, Vice Chair and Opposition Spokesperson of this Sub-Committee, be noted.

## 28. CHILDREN'S TRUST GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

28.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Children, Families and Schools concerning the establishment of a Board for the Children's Trust (for copy see minute book).

28.2 Since the report had been circulated and following legal advice it was noted that the original recommendation in the report was to set up the Children's Trust Board as a joint sub-committee between the Council's Education & Social Services Committee, and the Primary Care Trust Board. However, the Sub-Committee was advised that as the Children, Families & Schools Sub-Committee would continue to exercise its statutory responsibilities in all areas covered by the Children's Trust, it was now felt more appropriate to establish a Board as an advisory body, with no delegated powers.

28.2 **RESOLVED** - (1) That subject to 2.2 below, the establishment of a Board, as set out in section 4 of the report, with the membership and terms of references as outlined in Annex 1, as amended, be approved in principle.

(2) That the Board be constituted as a consultative/ co-ordinating body rather than as a sub-committee and that the Director, Children Families & Schools be authorised to amend the Terms of Reference accordingly.

(3) That the membership from the City Council comprise of the Chair of the Brighton & Hove City Council Children, Families & Schools Sub-Committee and three other members of the Brighton & Hove City Council Children, Families & Schools Sub-Committee.

- (4) That Councillors Hawkes, McCaffery, Brown and Mallender be appointed to join the Children's Trust Board.
- (5) That the proposals be recommended for approval by the Policy & Resources Committee.

**29. PETITIONS & NOTICES OF MOTION**

29.1 The Sub-Committee received the following petition, signed by 276 people presented at Council on 17 July 2003 by Councillor Ann Norman (for copy see minute book):

' As parents and carers of children at Westdene School, we wish to express our support for the proposals to extend the school prepared by Brighton & Hove City Council. We are concerned over the number of temporary classrooms in the school and call upon the Council to complete the scheme for the extension and provide funding for its construction as a matter of urgency.'

29.2 **RESOLVED** - That the petition be noted.

**30. ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO COUNCIL**

30.1 **RESOLVED** - That the political groups be asked to notify the Chief Executive as soon as possible but no later than Friday 12 September 2003 of any items to be referred to Council.

The meeting concluded at 7.04pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2003