

## APPENDIX FOUR

### The Consultation on the Future of Comart

1. Individual letters were sent to Jarvis, Dioceses, Chair of Early Years Development Childcare Partnership, the three MPs, Learning and Skills Council, Chair of Governors of every maintained school, Chairs of Governors of local independent schools and neighbouring authorities. Responses are included in the files in Member's rooms.
2. Questionnaires were sent to all parents of children currently at Secondary School who actively chose NOT to send their child to COMART, in the BN2 - 5 area, asking why they made that decision, if they were satisfied with that decision and what factors would have changed their decision. A summary of these responses is attached as Appendix 3b.
3. Officers held drop-in sessions at the five main "feeder" Primary Schools to COMART, these were held from 2.30 - 4.30 for parental convenience and were an opportunity for parents to give their views and express any concerns etc. Letters advertising these were sent via pupil post to the parents of pupils at these five schools. They were also advertised on the leaflet which was widely distributed, see below. The five schools were - Whitehawk Primary, St Mark's Primary, Moulsecomb Primary, Queens Park Primary, St Luke's Junior.
4. Officers also held evening drop-in sessions across the City. Again, these were for parents and interested parties to express their views and express any concerns. These were advertised by the leaflet and also, all parents of secondary school pupils were invited via pupil post. The five venues were - Dorothy Stringer, Cardinal Newman, Patcham Community Centre, Hove Park School and Longhill School. A log of comments made at both the primary and secondary drop-in sessions is summarised in Appendix Two under 'Frequently Asked Questions'.
5. Information leaflets were distributed across the City - in GP surgeries, libraries, access points. These advertised the phone line and email address and also invited people to write direct with their comments to a freepost address. The comments received by these three media are available.
6. Officers have also met with the trade unions and secondary school Heads.
7. Officers have held meetings (with HR) at the school for teachers and governors.
8. A meeting was held at the school for parents with pupils currently at the school to provide information and invite any questions.
9. A public meeting was held in Whitehawk, at the school, again this was to give information and take any comments / questions. It is widely recognised that this was less well advertised than the parent's meeting. The Director and Assistant Director of Education attended a locally convened meeting in the Whitehawk Community where local people raised many of the questions and issues which could have been raised at this scheduled meeting.