

Brighton & Hove City Council

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Meeting: Children, Families and Schools Sub Committee
Date: Monday 1st December 2003
Report of: Director of Children, Families and Schools
Subject: Consultation on the School Improvement Strategy
Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 The report is to consult members on the draft School Improvement Strategy.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Committee is requested to provide any comments on the proposed School Improvement Strategy (see appendix).

2.2 That the Director, CFS, be authorised to finalise the strategy and publish it following consultation.

3. Information/Background

3.1 The Education Development Plan in essence sets out our priorities and actions for school improvement 2002-2007 and includes an annual action plan. The School Improvement Strategy is intended to complement the EDP and provide an update on the process and support for school improvement across CFS.

4. Consultation

4.1 Consultation on the draft School Improvement Strategy has taken place through the Headteachers' Steering Group, directly with headteachers and governors, with staff across CFS and wider stakeholders. The recommendations received to date have been incorporated in the strategy and any further suggestions will be reviewed and included. Comments from CFS Sub Committee are requested at this drafting stage.

5. Conclusion

5.1 Once comments have been received, it is intended to revise the Strategy in the light of these comments and publish the School Improvement Strategy. The aim

is to have the Strategy finalised by mid December for publication in January 2004.

COMMITTEE REPORT APPENDIX

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Financial implications

There are no additional financial implications for this report. All costs of the EDP are met from within Children, Families and Schools budget.

Finance Officer consulted: Paul Brinkhurst Date 14th November 2003

Legal implications

The Education Development Plan, which this draft Strategy complements, has to be compiled in accordance with statutory requirements and approved by the Secretary of State. However, these formalities do not apply in relation to the draft Strategy. With regard to human rights implications, the council's education policies must be formulated bearing in mind that (a) no person is to be denied the right to education and (b), as far as is compatible with the provision of efficient instruction & training & the avoidance of unreasonable expenditure, the right of parents to ensure that their children's education shall be in conformity with their own religious & philosophical beliefs is to be respected.

Lawyer consulted: John Heys Date: 19th November 2003

Corporate/Citywide implications The priorities in the EDP are reflected in the Corporate priorities for the City.	Risk assessment None.
Sustainability implications None	Equalities implications None
Implications for the prevention of crime and disorder None	

Background papers [Part 1 reports only]

1. *Education Development Plan 2002-07*
2. *Education Development Action Plan 2003-04*

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