

Brighton & Hove City Council

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Meeting: Children, Families and Schools Sub-Committee

Date: Monday 1 December 2003

Report of: Director of Children, Families and Schools

Subject: eb4U Education Strategy

Wards affected: East Brighton, Moulsecomb & Bevendean, Hollingbury & Stanmer

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 The report is to inform members of progress by eb4U in developing an Education Strategy to complement the work of schools, the LEA, Connexions and the Learning & Skills Council (LSC).

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Committee are requested to note the progress achieved.

3. Information / Background

3.1 eb4U is a government funded New Deal for Communities programme, covering a designated area within East Brighton. The programme started in 2000, and has a budget of £47.2 million over 10 years. The operation of the programme is guided by a community partnership made up of local residents and partner agencies.

3.2 Education is a key theme for improvement within the eb4U delivery plan. There have been a number of projects already funded under the Education theme, many of them in conjunction with the Education Action Zone (EAZ).

3.3 An Education Stakeholders' conference was held in February 2003, to consider how to pull together the efforts of schools, residents, the LEA and the EAZ (shortly to develop into the Excellence in Cities (EiC) cluster group).

3.4 eb4U have also now appointed an Education Coordinator to take forward the outcomes of the stakeholder conference, and to develop a clear strategy to guide the additionality offered by the eb4U partnership.

4. The eb4U Education Strategy

4.1 The attached document sets out a position statement explaining the context for education in East Brighton, and sets out a number of priorities identified by all partners.

4.2 Wherever possible benchmark and performance data has been given under the priority themes. Further work is required on this and the Education Coordinator is

working closely with the LEA performance monitoring team to develop clear indicators for East Brighton schools. There will also be tracking of pupils attending schools outside of East Brighton. This will form the basis of clear performance monitoring of the various initiatives.

- 4.3 Much work is already underway to support education in East Brighton: by the schools themselves, the LEA, the EiC, Connexions and the LSC are also working with the LEA to support the 14-19 agenda, particularly to encourage progression post-16.
- 4.4 However, there is much to do in East Brighton to support the schools and individual pupils. There are links between the education, health & communities, and community safety themes within the eb4U delivery plan. The Education Coordinator will ensure that the various initiatives are complementary and will develop a clear work plan to focus her efforts.

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Financial implications

The theme of 'A better educated East Brighton' has been allocated £5, 192, 000. Of this, around £2, 300,000 has been spent to 31/3/03. Most of the remaining budget has already been committed on existing projects or projects 'in the pipeline'

Finance Officer consulted: Fraser Wood

Date: 18th November 2003

Legal implications

The LEA is required by Statute to ensure the provision of full time education for children up to the age of 16. Article 2 of the First Protocol to the Human Rights Act 1998 provides for the Right to Education. The eb4U Education Strategy, as described in this report, plays an important and significant role in the LEA complying with these statutory requirements.

Lawyer consulted: Sandra O'Brien

Date: 19th November 2003

Corporate/Citywide implications	Risk assessment
EB4U is an integral part of the city-wide regeneration strategy.	The need to ensure EB4U strategies link to city-wide developments.
Sustainability implications	Equalities implications
EB4U funding is for 10 years. The future of East Brighton projects and sustainability funding will be a major issue for the city.	There are equalities implications throughout the delivery of the eb4U delivery plan. The aim of the New Deal for Communities programme is to raise achievement and inclusion to city-wide averages.
Implications for the prevention of crime and disorder	
Community safety is a strong theme within the EB4U strategies.	

Background papers

EB4U delivery plan.

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