

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**

**CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS SUB-COMMITTEE**

**5.00PM – 15 MARCH 2004**

**BRIGHTON TOWN HALL**

# **DECISION LIST**

**Part One**

**Action**

- 73. Part One Minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2004.**

**RESOLVED** – That Part One of the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2004 be approved and signed by the Chair.

- 75. To receive a petition in relation to Secondary School availability in Brighton, presented by Councillor Randall at Council on 22 January 2004. (160 signatures)**

"We, the undersigned are writing to express our concern about the lack of secondary school preferences for children in the Hartington Road, Elm Grove, Hanover and Queen's Park areas of Brighton. The boundary of Dorothy Stringer School, which has traditionally served the children from our community, has been moving westwards leaving our area outside of the catchment area for any school except COMART with its uncertain future and Falmer which is recently out of special measures. Both of these schools are some way from our community and we do not consider them to be suitable alternatives. If this area of Brighton is to remain a vibrant community with families with children of all ages we need to know that our children will have access to a decent secondary school. We are requesting that the Council maintains access to the secondary schools of current first preference for this area."

**RESOLVED** – That the petition be noted.

- 76. To receive a petition in relation to the closure of St Gabriel's, presented by Councillor Edmond-Smith at Council on 22 January 2004. (541 signatures)**

"We the undersigned, are shocked and concerned about the proposed closure of St Gabriel's, the lack of consultation and the impact of the sudden loss of services. We ask The Children's Society and Brighton & Hove Council to explore all possibilities for the continuation of the full range of St Gabriel's services, in an open and accountable manner. We call for more time to be allowed beyond March 2004, when the project is due to close."

**RESOLVED** – That the petition be noted.

- 77.** Secondary School Admissions - Response to Petition to the City Council - report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools.

*Contact Officer:* Steve Healey                      *Tel:* 29-3444  
*Ward Affected:* All

**RESOLVED** – That the report be noted.

- 78.** Petition – Closure of St Gabriel's - report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools.

*Contact Officer:* Graham Willis                      *Tel:* 29-5970  
*Ward Affected:* All

**RESOLVED** – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the action taken by the Department in ensuring the continuation of appropriate services be endorsed.

(3) That it be noted that the continuation of services will be subject to the available financial resources and that this means that services will be reconfigured and reprioritised.

- 79.** School Admission - Schools Consultation for 2005/6 - report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools.

*Contact Officer:* Steve Healey                      *Tel:* 29-3444  
*Ward Affected:* All

**RESOLVED** – (1) That the second admission priority, the sibling link, should in the case of infant, junior and primary schools be limited in its effect to a distance of two miles by safe walking route from the school to the child's home.

(2) That in place of the existing admission priority 3 for over subscribed schools (an annually drawn priority area), the distance from home to school by a safe walking route should become the deciding geographical factor with effect from the admission year 2005/6. A safe walking route will be defined as a route, which is paved and lit.

**Steve Healey**

(3) That the recommendations set out above should be reviewed after the first year of operation.

(4) That the adoption of co-ordinated schemes of admission for 2005/6 be confirmed, and to note the improved consultation response from voluntary aided schools with regard to admission arrangements.

(5) That the published admission number for Dorothy Stringer School for 2005/6 should be set at 330, but subject to review with a view to reduction in 2006/7.

(6) That the other published admission numbers and arrangements should be confirmed as set out in the consultation document proposals.

**80. School Travel Strategy - report of the Director of Environment.**

*Contact Officer: Lisa Simmonds Tel: 29-2357*  
*Ward Affected: All*

**RESOLVED** – (1) That the objectives of the School Travel Strategy stated in section 2 of the strategy be agreed.

(2) That the performance indicators stated in section 6 and the accompanying targets stated in section 7 of the strategy be agreed.

(3) That the £26,000 per annum to be received from the Department for Transport and the Department for Education and Skills, for the financial years 2004/5 and 2005/6, be used to fund a new post 'Assistant School Travel Officer', to work with the School Travel Officer to encourage more schools to develop school travel plans, collect annual school travel data, promote and set up new Walking Buses and to promote the services of Road Safety Education.

**Lisa  
Simmonds**

(4) That the requirement for the Council to submit an annual review to indicate how we have progressed in increasing the number of school travel plans that are in place and if the proportion of children travelling to school by car has been reduced be noted.

(5) That the School Travel Strategy be endorsed, in order for the Environment and Children, Families and Schools Departments to have joint ownership of the strategy.

81. Capital Programme 2004/05 - report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools.

*Contact Officer: Gillian Jordan Tel: 29-3515*  
*Ward Affected: All*

**RESOLVED** - That the allocation of funding on the basis recommended in paragraphs 3.3 to 3.8 of the report be approved.

**RESOLVED** - To recommend to Policy and Resources Committee the allocation of funding on the basis shown in paragraphs 3.3 to 3.8 of the report.

82. Ofsted Inspections/SSI - report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools.

*Contact Officer: Janette Karklins Tel: 29-3434*  
*Ward Affected: All*

**RESOLVED** - That the report be noted.

83. Quarter 3 Best Value Performance Report 2003/04 - report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools.

*Contact Officer: Angela Burt Tel: 29-6823*  
*Ward Affected: All*

**RESOLVED** - (1) That the Performance Indicator results achieved during the third quarter 2003/04 as detailed in the abridged Q2 Best Value Performance Report 2003/04 be noted.

(2) That the 2002/03 year end results which have been audited be noted.

(3) That the 2002/03 quartile comparison data be noted.

84. The Renewal of the Palmeira Service Contract - report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools.

*Contact Officer: Liz Rugg Tel: 29-5377*

*Ward Affected: All*

**RESOLVED** - To note the contents of this report and agree the extension of the existing contract until July 2004 to allow sufficient time for the City Council and NCH to agree a new contract for the Palmeira service.

- 85.** Sure Start: Early Years Development and Childcare - report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools.

*Contact Officer: Rosalind Turner Tel: 29-3436*

*Ward Affected: All*

**RESOLVED** - (1) That the EYDCP Plan be approved.

(2) That the progress on Neighbourhood Nurseries be noted.

(3) That the forward plans for Children's Centres, in line with the recommendations in paragraph 6.7 of the report, be agreed.

(4) That it be agreed to draw up terms of reference, for consideration by this Sub-Committee, for a review of nursery education funding. **David Hawker**

- 86.** Extended Schools - report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools.

*Contact Officer: Rosalind Turner Tel: 29-3436*

*Ward Affected: All*

**RESOLVED** - (1) That the recommendation as to the nomination of Brighton & Hove's full service extended school be agreed.

(2) That the findings of the evaluation of the extended school pathfinder and the recommendations contained in the evaluation be noted.

- 87.** School Term Dates 2005 to 2007 - report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools.

*Contact Officer: Janis Winkworth Tel: 29-3506*

*Ward Affected: All*

**RESOLVED** - (1) That the principles agreed with neighbouring authorities be the basis for determining term dates.

(2) To agree the proposed term dates for 2005/6 and 2006/7.

88. Items to go forward to Council.

**RESOLVED** – That the report from the Director of Environment on the School Travel Strategy go forward to Council. **Lisa Simmonds**

## **Part Two**

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89. Part Two Minutes from the meeting held on 9 February 2004 – exempt categories 7 and 9.

**RESOLVED** – That Part Two of the Minutes from the meeting held on 9 February 2004 be approved and signed by the Chair.

**NB** The above decisions will be implemented after close of business on 23 March 2004 unless they are called in.