

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**

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

**5.00PM – 14 JUNE 2004**

**BRIGHTON TOWN HALL**

# **DECISION LIST**

**Part One**

**Action**

2. Part One Minutes of the meeting held on 26 April 2004

**RESOLVED** – That the Part One Minutes of the meeting held on 26 April 2004 be approved and signed by the Chair.

4. Report on the action plan to address the recommendations/areas for development from the Ofsted/SSI Inspections - report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools.

*Contact Officer: Janette Karklins                      Tel: 29-3514*  
*Liz Rugg                                                              Tel: 29-5388*  
*Ward Affected: All*

**RESOLVED** – That the action plan be approved.

5. 14-19 Inspection - report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools.

*Contact Officer: Maggie Fenwick                      Tel: 29-3438*  
*Ward Affected: All*

**RESOLVED** – (1) That the contents of the report be noted

(2) That it be noted that the Director of Children, Families and Schools will be liaising with the Sussex Learning and Skills Council and other partners to develop an action plan to address the recommendations. This action plan to be represented to the September meeting cycle.

6. Notice of Motion – Brighton & Hove City Council Youth Service

**RESOLVED** – (1) That a strategic review of the Youth Support Service be carried out, to take place before March 2005, in order to achieve more effective targeted coverage of youth work provision in the city

(2) That as part of the review, a benchmark exercise of the funding of the service from both statutory and other sources be carried out, in order to inform the budget setting process of 2005/6 and future years

(3) That through the review to address the staff recruitment and retention issues within the service, and report back to the Children, Families and Schools Sub-Committee in Spring 2005

7. Strategic Review of Youth Support Services - report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools.

*Contact Officer: Rosalind Turner                      Tel: 29-3436*  
*Ward Affected: All*

**RESOLVED** – (1) That a strategic review of Youth Support Services be agreed, working to the proposed terms of reference.

(2) That the review should commence no later than January 2005, with funds from within the service, along with any partner contributions, to be negotiated as part of the work programme of the Children's Trust.

8. Nursery Education Review - report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools.

*Contact Officer: Rosalind Turner                      Tel: 29-3436*  
*Ward Affected: All*

**RESOLVED** – (1) That the proposed terms of reference for the review of nursery education be agreed.

(2) That it be noted that a report with recommendations from the review will be brought to this Sub-Committee once it is completed.

9. Adoption Agency Annual Report - report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools.

*Contact Officer: Sharon Donnelly                      Tel: 29-5549*  
*Ward Affected: All*

**RESOLVED** - (1) That the report and the progress of the Agency in relation to adoption and permanence activity be noted and the Adoption Agency Statement of Purpose be endorsed.

(2) That the amended Panel Constitution and Terms of Reference be endorsed.

10. Fostering Service Annual Report - report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools.

*Contact Officer: Sharon Donnelly                      Tel: 29-5549*  
*Ward Affected: All*

**RESOLVED** - (1) That the report and the progress of the Fostering Service be noted and the Fostering Service Statement of Purpose be endorsed.

(2) That the revised Brighton and Hove Fostering Panel Constitution and Terms of Reference be endorsed.

11. Post 16 Further Education (FE) Student Support - report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools.

*Contact Officer: Chris Bailey                              Tel: 29-4262*  
*Ward Affected: All*

**RESOLVED** – (1) That new students who qualify for EMA should not be eligible for further City Council grant towards their travel costs, except where the travel costs to attend a course agreed as appropriate by the City Council exceed £10 per week.

(2) That each case, as in 11(1), should be considered on its individual merits and if appropriate, the balance of costs over £10 per week, be reimbursed.

(3) That the raising of the qualifying income threshold, for support under the City Council scheme, for families not in receipt of a state benefit, from £13,230 to £13,480, in line with the criteria used for free school meals be approved.

(4) That this threshold should apply to new and existing students who cannot get EMA because they are too old for the first qualifying cohort and who will receive City Council support at the rates shown under the current policy.

12. Report on progress with the action plan for the Education Development Plan 2003-04 and the new action plan for 2004-05 - report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools.

*Contact Officer:*                      *Janette Karklins*                      *Tel: 29-3514*  
*Ward Affected:*                      *All*

**RESOLVED** – (1) That the progress with the EDP 2003-04 be noted.

(2) That the new action plan 2004-05 be approved.

13. Items to go forward to Council

**RESOLVED** - That no items be referred to council

## **Part Two**

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14. Renewal of Major Service Contract - report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools.

*Contact Officer:*                      *Colin Tucker*                      *Tel: 29-6105*  
*Ward Affected:*                      *All*

**RESOLVED** – That authority be given to enter into a revised contract for the Palmeira service on the terms and conditions outlined in the report and Contract Standing Orders be waived accordingly

**NB** The above decisions will be implemented after close of business on 22 June 2004 unless they are called in.