

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS SUB-COMMITTEE

5.00PM – 6 SEPTEMBER 2004

BRIGHTON TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Hawkes (Chair); Councillors McCaffery (Deputy Chair), Mrs Brown (OS), Meadows, Giebeler, Hyde, John, Mallender, Watkins and Young.

PART ONE

ACTION

15. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

15A. Declarations of Substitutes

15.1 Substitute Councillor For Councillor
Meadows Fitch

15B. Declarations of Interest

15.2 There were none.

15C. Exclusion of Press and Public

15.3 The Committee considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of any items contained in the agenda, having regard to the nature of the business to be transacted and the nature of the proceedings and the likelihood as to whether, if members of the press and public were present, there would be disclosure to them of confidential or exempt information as defined in Section 100A(3) or 100 1 of the Local Government Act 1972.

15.4 **RESOLVED** – That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of item 28.

16. PART ONE MINUTES

16.1 Paragraph 7.2 of the minutes stated that a strategic review of the Youth Support Services would commence no later than January 2005. However, an Ofsted inspection was now due to be carried out at the same time and therefore the strategic review would be deferred to a later date.

16.2 **RESOLVED** – That part one of the minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2004 be approved and signed by the Chair.

17. CALLOVER

17.1 **RESOLVED** – That, with the exception of the items reserved (and marked with an asterisk), the recommendations and resolutions contained therein be approved and adopted without debate, excepting Notices of Motion, Deputations and Petitions.

***18. FALMER FULL SERVICE SCHOOL**

18.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools and received a presentation from the Headteacher of Falmer High School and Schools in the Community Manager on plans to become the city's first Full Service School (for copy see minute book).

18.2 **RESOLVED** – That the report be noted and consideration given to the implications of the Full Service School approach for the rest of the city, in the context of the developing Children's Trust.

***19. DELIVERY AND IMPROVEMENT STATEMENT**

19.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools presenting the headline information from the Delivery and Improvement Statement (for copy see minute book).

19.2 **RESOLVED** – To note the information contained within the presentation.

20. PROVISIONAL OUTTURN REPORT 2003/2004

20.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Finance and Property setting out the provisional outturn position for 2003/2004 for the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account, which is subject to external audit (for copy see minute book).

20.2 **RESOLVED** – That the provisional outturn for the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account for 2003/2004 be noted.

***21. CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS DIRECTORATE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2004/2005**

21.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools setting out the Children, Families and Schools Directorate Development Plan covering April 2004-October 2005 (for copy see minute book).

21.2 **RESOLVED** – That the Directorate Development Plan be

approved.

***22. AGENCY PLACEMENTS INFORMATION 2003/2004**

22.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools setting out the progress made in relation to Independent Foster Agency (IFA) and Residential Agency Placements over the financial year 2003/2004 (for copy see minute book).

22.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the work undertaken in relation to Agency Placements during 2003–2004 be noted.

(2) That further work be undertaken in 2004/05 to identify any additional budget requirements for 2005/06.

**Andy Pallas
Colin Tucker**

23. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2004/05

23.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools on the allocation of funding available in the Capital Programme, under the New Pupil Places (Basic Need) cost centre, for 2004/05 (for copy see minute book).

23.2 **RESOLVED** – That the allocation of funding on the basis recommended in paragraphs 3 to 7 be approved.

***24. MONTESSORI SCHOOL: APPLICATION TO BECOME A VOLUNTARY AIDED SCHOOL**

24.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools concerning the most recent information on the progress of the Montessori School's application to join the maintained sector as a voluntary aided school (for copy see minute book).

24.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) To reiterate support in principle for educational diversity.

(2) To authorise officers to continue discussions with the promoters of the Montessori School on acceptable admissions criteria and reserve the right to object to the proposal if no resolution acceptable to the Council can be found.

(3) To reserve the right to object to the proposal on the Westdene site, on the grounds of its impact on pupil numbers in adjacent schools.

(4) To note the financial implications set out in the appendix and the adverse effect on the Council's budget and the budgets of other schools.

Elizabeth Wylie

***25. DFES FIVE YEAR STRATEGY FOR CHILDREN AND LEARNERS**

25.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools concerning the Government's recently published "Five Year Strategy for Children and Learners" (July 2004) (for copy see minute book).

25.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the strategy be noted.

(2) That the issues raised by the strategy, as highlighted in the briefing prepared by the Education Network, be considered.

(3) That a steer be provided to officers in developing the local authority's response to the strategy, in conjunction with schools and other partners.

26. SCHOOL GOVERNANCE ISSUES

26.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools setting out the decisions of the consultative meeting for the appointment of LEA Governors which met on 24 June 2004 and reporting on Governor recruitment and retention (for copy see minute book).

26.2 **RESOLVED** – That the decisions made by the Director of Children, Families and Schools in consultation with the Chair, Deputy Chair and Opposition Spokesperson of this Sub-Committee, as set out in Appendix B be noted.

27. ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO COUNCIL

27.1 **RESOLVED** - That no items be referred to Council.

SUMMARY OF PART TWO ITEM**28. PART TWO MINUTES**

The minutes of the Part Two item from the meeting held on 14 June 2004 were approved and signed by the Chair.

The meeting concluded at 7.10pm

Signed

Chair

