

**Brighton & Hove City Council**

**For general release**

**Committee:** Children, Families and Schools Sub Committee

**Date:** Monday 29 November 2004

**Report of:** Director of Children, Families and Schools

**Subject:** Progress report on the implementation of the annual Education Development Plan, Action Plan

**Wards affected:** All

**1. Purpose of the Report**

1.1 The report is to inform members of progress after six months with the Education Development Plan (EDP) annual Action Plan.

**2. Recommendations**

2.1 That the progress achieved be noted.

**3 Information/Background**

3.1 The EDP is a five year plan (2002-2007) with an annual action plan prepared from April to March. There are seven priorities in the EDP and progress is reported on each of the priorities.

3.2 The EDP was approved by the Department for Education and Skills (DfES) in 2002 and Graded 1 (the highest grade) by the Office for Standards in Education (OfSTED). A copy of the full EDP and the annual Action Plan is available from Education Online. All councillors, governors, and staff in schools have been sent an A4 summary for individual use, and an A3 poster for the school staffroom notice board, giving the focus of the EDP for 2004-05. A survey of headteachers in 2003 revealed that the seven priorities in the EDP were reflected in their School Improvement Plans.

**4. Performance against targets and performance indicators**

4.1 A summary of the progress achieved against each priority is attached as appendix 1.

**5. Legal Implications**

5.1 It is a statutory requirement that we have an EDP and the annual action plan was submitted to the DfES in 2004 for information.

## **6. Equalities Implications**

6.1 There are equalities implications throughout the delivery of the EDP priorities but these are particularly focused on Priority 4 Narrowing the attainment gap and tackling underachievement.

## **7. Conclusion**

7.1 Progress with the EDP at the six-month point is on course and good progress has been made on each of the seven priorities.

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**Financial implications**

The cost of the EDP for 2004/05 is £2.7 million and is based on detailed estimates of days spent by employees over the seven priority areas and all are contained within the 2004/05 approved budget . For future years the costs will be updated annually and will need to be contained within the approved budget for that year.

*Finance Officer consulted:* Paul Brinkhurst *Date* 4 November 2004.

**Legal implications**

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*Lawyer consulted:* Natasha Watson *Date:* 16.11.04

<b>Corporate/Citywide implications</b> The priorities in the EDP are reflected in the Corporate priorities for the City.	<b>Risk assessment</b> None.
<b>Sustainability implications</b> None.	<b>Equalities implications</b> See paragraph 7.
<b>Implications for the prevention of crime and disorder</b> None.	

**Background papers [Part 1 reports only]**

1. Education Development Plan 2002-07
2. Education Development Action Plan 2004-05

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