

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS SUB-COMMITTEE

5.00PM – 14 MARCH 2005

COMMITTEE ROOMS 2/3
BRIGHTON TOWN HALL

MINUTES

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

PART ONE

ACTION

60. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

60A Declarations of Substitutes

60.1 Substitute Councillor For Councillor
Councillor Pennington Councillor Fitch

60B Declarations of Interest

60.2 Councillor K Norman declared an interest in item 68. His wife is a governor at the Alternative Centre for Education.

60C Exclusion of Press and Public

60.3 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.

60.4 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public not be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any items on the agenda.

61. MINUTES

61.1 **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 24

January 2005 be approved and signed by the Chair.

62. CALLOVER

62.1 **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.

63. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

63.1 No Public Questions were received.

***64. PENALTY NOTICE CODE OF CONDUCT**

64.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Children, Families & Schools. The report informed the Committee of the requirement for a Penalty Notice Code of Conduct for unauthorised absence from school under Section 23 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act.

64.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the Code of Conduct on the Penalty Notices Protocol for Brighton & Hove City Council be adopted.

(2) That the results of the consultation process be considered and the implications of the implementation process be noted.

***65. UPDATE ON THE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF TEACHERS AND QUALIFIED SOCIAL WORKERS IN BRIGHTON & HOVE**

65.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Children, Families & Schools. The report updated members on the recruitment and retention of teachers in Brighton and Hove schools and qualified social workers within the Social Care Services.

65.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the arrangements for newly qualified teachers be noted.

(2) That the encouraging improvements in the recruitment and retention of qualified social workers be noted.

***66. SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENT FOR 2006/07**

66.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Children, Families & Schools. The report set out the proposed admission arrangements for community schools for 2006/7 and the proposed admission numbers for all maintained schools in the City. The report also set out the revised schemes for co-ordinated admissions, including key dates, and the arrangements for consultation with Voluntary Aided schools.

66.2 It was noted that in Appendix A under 'School Admission

Appeals' point iv it should read 'within 6 school weeks' and not 'within 6 weeks'.

66.3 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the proposed admission arrangements and school admission limits set out in the consultation documents should be adopted for the admissions year 2006/07

(2) That the co-ordinated schemes be approved subject to one date change to the secondary scheme.

(3) That the City boundary should be retained as the relevant area for consultation for school admissions.

***67. THE PROPOSALS FOR A CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN**

67.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Children, Families & Schools on the proposals for a Children and Young People's Plan.

67.2 **RESOLVED** – That the timescales and actions/outcomes proposed for developing a Children and Young People's Plan be agreed.

***68. SEN REVIEW**

68.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Children, Families & Schools. This report set out a new five year strategy for SEN and set out the options for change in the current structure.

68.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the members confirm support for the broad thrust of the outline strategy and ask officers to develop the detail for report to this committee.

(2) That officers be asked to develop options for change:

- ◆ In the structure of Special Schools
- ◆ The management and delivery of education assessment and support services
- ◆ The development of training programmes for schools and teachers in inclusive education

(3) That officers be asked to ensure that:

- ◆ The options for change reflect the Children's Trust Partnership Commissioning Strategy
- ◆ That due account is taken of the current service review and

design processes for Children's Disability Services and for CAMHS

***69. SELF-ASSESSMENT REPORT AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE FAMILY LEARNING SERVICE FOR 2003-04**

69.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Children, Families & Schools. The report provided an update on the self-assessed quality of Family Learning that is provided by Brighton & Hove City Council. Specific recommendations for improvement were made in the Development Plan. The report informed on the progress in raising the quality of Family Learning across the city from 'satisfactory' to 'good' over the past twelve months.

69.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That it be noted that the Self-Assessment Report forms an accurate picture of the quality of service provided by the City Council.

(2) That the recommendations for improvement in the quality of services, which are contained in the Development Plan be approved.

70. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2005/06

70.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Children, Families & Schools. The report set out the funding available in the Capital programme under New Deals for Schools Modernisation, Structural Maintenance, New Pupil Places and Schools Access Initiative cost centres for 2005/06

70.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the allocation of funding on the basis recommended in the report be approved.

(2) That the allocation of funding on the basis shown in the report be recommended to Policy & Resources Committee.

***71. REPORT ON PROGRESS (AFTER ONE YEAR) WITH THE ACTION PLAN TO ADDRESS THE RECOMMENDATIONS/AREA FOR DEVELOPMENT FROM THE OFSTED/SSI INSPECTIONS**

71.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Children, Families & Schools. The report outlined the progress with meeting the action plan in response to the recommendations from the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) and Social Services Inspectorate (SSI) Inspection Reports.

71.2 **RESOLVED** – That the progress with the action plan after one year be noted.

***72. SCHOOL GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

72.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of

Children, Families & Schools, which set out the decisions of the consultative meeting for the appointment of Local Education Authority governors which met in October 2004 and February 2005.

72.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the decisions made by the Director of Children Families and Schools in consultation with the Chair, Deputy Chair and Opposition Spokesperson of the Children Families & Schools Sub-Committee be noted.

(2) That the changes to governing bodies be noted and consideration given to additional methods for recruiting governors.

73. Q3 PERFORMANCE

73.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Children, Families & Schools. This report presented the 2004/05 quarterly performance indicator results for all indicators for which Children Families and Schools Sub –Committee is the Service Committee for. The indicators were taken from the statutory Best Value Performance Indicator suite.

73.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the Performance Indicator results achieved during the third quarter 2004/05 be noted.

(2) That it be noted that the 2003/04 year end results have been audited.

(3) That it be noted that the information has been updated and is now 2003/04 quartile information

74. ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO COUNCIL

74.1 **RESOLVED** – That no items be referred to Council.

The meeting concluded at 18.40 pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2005