BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

CHILDREN, FAMILIES & SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

4.00pm 12 JUNE 2023

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL, NORTON ROAD, HOVE, BN3 3BQ

DECISION LIST

Part One

8 CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED: That the Committee agreed –

- i. That the Committee's terms of reference, as set out in Appendix A to the report, be noted and;
- ii. The establishment of an Urgency Sub-Committee consisting of the Chair of the Committee and two other Members (nominated in accordance with the scheme for the allocation of seats for committees), to exercise its powers in relation to matters of urgency, on which it is necessary to make a decision before the next ordinary meeting of the Committee be approved.

9 PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE OF HERTFORD INFANT AND HERTFORD JUNIOR SCHOOLS

Contact Officer: Richard Barker Tel: 01273 290732

Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED: That the Committee agreed –

i. To undertake a consultation on the proposal to create a one form entry Hertford primary school on one site and for this to be implemented by relocating Hertford Infant School to the junior school site and extending the age range to pupils aged 4-11 years.

10 REVIEW OF FOSTERING ALLOWANCES

Contact Officer: Karen Devine Tel: 01273 295444

Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED: That the Committee agreed –

i. To increase fostering allowances as detailed in Option 2 in paragraph 4.2 of the report.

11 SCHOOL MEALS CONTRACT

Contact Officer: Richard Barker Tel: 01273 290732

Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED: That the Committee agreed –

i. To grant delegated authority to the Executive Director, Families, Children and Learning to take all necessary steps to enter into a contract for the provision of school meals for an initial term of four years with an option to extend for a further two periods of 12 months.

ii. To grant delegated authority to the Executive Director, Families, Children and Learning to extend the contract subject to satisfactory performance of the contractor.

12 CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT

Contact Officer: Vicky Jenkins Tel: 01273 296110

Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED: That the Committee agreed –

- i. To note the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA) (Appendix 1), which is published to parents and childcare providers so that childcare providers can develop their provision to meet local needs.
- ii. That further work is carried out with early years childcare providers to assess their capacity to offer the extended childcare support offer.
- iii. That early years providers are supported to review their business and operating models, as resources allow, to ensure that with the anticipated increase in funding, standalone Early Years Free Entitlement (EYFE) provision is available as widely as possible and further support should be put in place for staff recruitment and retention once DfE plans are known.
- iv. That Family Hubs develop support for parents through the direct service and the digital family hub to ensure that they are able to take up their full EYFE, including the extended childcare support offer, as well as access government support with childcare costs.
- v. That the increased funding rates for providers for additional support and inclusion for children with SEND which came into effect from April 2023 are monitored to see whether these result in improved parental satisfaction.