

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST BOARD

5.00pm 17 MAY 2010

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillors: Brown (Chairman), Fryer and Hawkes (Opposition Spokesperson) and Kemble

Brighton & Hove Primary Care Trust: Alan McCarthy and Dr Louise Hulton

South Downs Health: Andy Painton, Mo Marsh and Simon Turpitt

Non-Voting Co-optees:

Gail Gray, Community & Voluntary Sector Forum

Eleanor Davies, Parent Forum

Graham Bartlett, Sussex Police Authority

Priya Rogers, Youth Council

Amanda Federo, Primary Care Trust

Also in attendance:

Apologies:

David Standing, Community & Voluntary Sector Forum

Andrew Jeffrey, Parent Forum

Rose Suman, Youth Council

PART ONE

50. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

51a Declarations of Substitutes

51.1 There were none.

51b Declarations of Interest

51.2 There were none.

51c In accordance with section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 ('the Act'), the Children & Young People's Trust Board considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during an item of business on the grounds that it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the

proceedings, that if members of the press or public were present during that item, there would be disclosure to them of confidential information (as defined in section 100A(3) of the Act) or exempt information (as defined in section 100I(1) of the Act).

51.3 **RESOLVED-** That the press and public not be excluded from the meeting.

51. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

51.1 **RESOLVED-** That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 May 2010 be approved and signed as the correct record subject to the following amendment:

'48.4 The author of the report replied that this passage in the report was an attempt to capture the agreement to budgets by all parties. Upon reflection the summary given was perhaps unhelpful and should not be regarded as a precise indication of the agreement on overspends. The respective liabilities of the partners to the S75 agreement would be in accordance with the precise wording of the finalised agreement .

The Principal Litigation Lawyer clarified that it would be necessary to refer to the S75 agreement itself to determine the nature of the liabilities referred to, and it was likely that what the passage was referring to was not unlimited liability on any overspend, but legitimate overspend by the Trust as a whole being shared proportionately by the partners to the Trust.'

52. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

52.1 The Cabinet Member informed Members that there would be a change in the running order of the meeting and agenda item 55 would now precede item 54.

53. CORPORATE PARENTING STRATEGY FRAMEWORK

53.1 The Board considered a report of the Director of Children's Services outlining progress in work undertaken in developing the next stage of Brighton & Hove's Corporate Parenting Strategy.

53.2 A Member noted the high proportion of looked after children over the age of 15 and enquired what measures were being undertaken to address issues in these age groups and the work undertaken in circumstances of exclusion.

53.3 The officers of the report responded that there was a robust co-operation in place with schools and educational psychologists to support those excluded within which continuous improvement was sought. With regard to those over 16, there were several systems in place including personal and financial packages, the retention of a social worker until the age of 21 and every care-leaver designated an Aim Higher Sussex co-ordinator.

- 53.4 A Member asked if there were any forums of that age-group that may be able to help give information to the Trust. The Board were informed that there were groups such as the 16+ Advisory Group but also an established forum with members who had been through the system that offered help and advice to those currently in it.
- 53.5 Members asked for more information surrounding the financial implications of looked after children.
- 53.6 The officer of the report elaborated on the benefit of bringing together the Board Members resources and co-operation. He explained that the largest employers in the city were part of the Board and that an increased scope of the apprenticeship scheme currently in operation would be of huge benefit.
- 53.7 Board Members enquired on the on-going developments in the apprenticeship scheme.
- 53.8 The report author explained that the scheme was currently looking at ways to broaden the access and options of the apprenticeship and giving wider exposure to numerous occupations. There were also discussions continuing on the intention to 'fast-track' looked after children on to the scheme.
- 53.9 **RESOLVED-** That the Board agree to the proposals for the development of the Corporate Parenting Strategy.

54. FUTURE ARRANGEMENT FOR THE CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST BOARD

- 54.1 The Board considered a report of the Director of Children's Service concerning proposed changes to the Trust Board arrangements to meet the requirements of the Statutory Guidance on co-operation arrangements including the Children's Trust Board and Children and Young People's Plan and the Roles and Responsibilities of the Lead Member and the Director of Children's Services.
- 54.2 The Director of Children's Service relayed to Members that the report was based upon central government guidance on re-constitution and was the continuation of changes to the Section 75 agreement.
- 54.3 Members discussed the matter of collective responsibility and individual accountability contained in the Terms of Reference (Appendix 2).
- 54.4 The Director of Children's Services informed the Board that she had confidence in all partners' individual and collective capability to deliver the Children and Young People's Plan in a challenging fiscal environment with difficult budget demands.
- 54.5 A Member asked if there was a long-term timetable for the introduction of sub-groups that had been delayed under the proposals.

- 54.6 The Director of Children's Service responded that sub-groups for the Board had not yet been ruled out but had been delayed in the interest of safeguarding and strengthening during this period of change to the Board. The Cabinet Member added sub-groups would be used if they were needed.
- 54.7 In reference to Item 5.4.1 and 5.4.2 of Appendix 2, a Member of the Board enquired how the stated accountability would work.
- 54.8 The Director of Children's Services answered that the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) would give accounts on partners effectiveness via an Independent Chairs Report.
- 54.9 **RESOLVED-** That the Board agree the recommendations of the report as follows:
- (1) To re-constitute the Children and Young People's Trust Board to meet the requirements of the Statutory Guidance on co-operation arrangements (2010) and establish a new Children's Trust Board with the membership proposed by the local authority (paragraph 3.9. and Appendix 1).
 - (2) The Chair of the Children's Trust Board will be the Lead member for Children's Services (paragraph 3.11).
 - (3) To adopt the draft Terms of Reference for the new Children's Trust Board (paragraph 3.12 and attached as Appendix 2)
 - (4) The proposal not to establish sub groups of the Children's Trust Board at this stage (paragraph 3.14).
 - (5) The draft work programme for the Children's Trust Board (paragraph 3.15 and attached as Appendix 3).
 - (6) To receive a further report in respect of the necessary transitional arrangements to ensure that the city's Children and Young People's Plan complies with Statutory Guidance by April 2011.
 - (7) That this will be the final meeting of the Children's Board in its current constitution. The new Children's Board will commence business at the next meeting.
- 54.10 The Cabinet Member conveyed her thanks to all Members for their co-operation and negotiation and passed on her gratitude to those Members that would be stepping down after this meeting for their service.

55. UNDERSTANDING INTERVENTION: THE TIER APPROACH FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (PRESENTATION)

- 55.1 The Board considered a report and presentation of the Director of Children's Services concerning the Tiered Intervention approach for children and young people. The presentation included:
- The Values and Principles in children protection work including the safeguarding and promotion of the welfare of children and levels and means of engagement with children and parents.
 - Tiered service operations including Team Around the Child, School Nurses, Children's Centres Services, Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services, Targeted Youth Support, Connexions and Social Services.
- 55.2 A Member enquired on the nature of the foundations and resources for partners in the scheme.
- 55.3 The report author responded that the approach was mindful of delivering the right services for the best outcomes. There were currently internal and external pursuits towards this partnership. Resources were in the process of being identified and would certainly include a website.
- 55.4 A Member queried about those that needed intervention at a later age.
- 55.5 The report author responded that all those involved were mindful of those coming in to the system at a later stage and would ensure that those at risk would be identified and given the utmost and accurate level of care.
- 55.6 **RESOLVED-** That the presentation on the Tiered Approach for Children and Young People be noted.

56. NHS BRIGHTON & HOVE OPERATING PLAN 2010/11

- 56.1 The Board considered a report of the Brighton and Hove Primary Care Trust concerning their Annual Operating Plan for 2010/11. The report was supplemented by a synopsis of the report in the form of a presentation.
- 56.2 Members enquired about how the recent changes in central government might effect long-term spending commitments and plans.
- 56.3 The report author replied that many different scenarios had been taken into account in the formulation of financial plans in advance of a potential change and the most applicable would be adopted.
- 56.4 **RESOLVED-** That the report of the Brighton and Hove Primary Care Trust and the supplementary presentation be noted by the Board.

The meeting concluded at 6.27pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

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