

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

5.00pm 31 JANUARY 2011

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillors: Brown (Chairman), Kemble, Bennett, Hawkes (Opposition Spokesperson- Labour), and Fryer (Opposition Spokesperson- Green)

NHS Brighton & Hove: Denise Stokoe (Deputy Chairman), Amanda Fadero

Sussex Community NHS Trust: Simon Turpitt, Mo Marsh

Non-Voting Co-optees:

David Standing, Community & Voluntary Sector Forum
Gail Gray, Community & Voluntary Sector Forum
Andrew Jeffrey, Parent Forum
Graham Bartlett, Sussex Police Authority
Kim Bolton, Special Community Schools Representative
Janet Thacker, Job Centre Plus
Dr Phil Harland, Further Education & Sixth Form Colleges
Catherine Keith, Peter Gladwin Primary School
Haydn Stride, Longhill Secondary School
Ben Thomas, Youth Council

Also in attendance:

Terry Parkin (Strategic Director, People)
Natasha Watson (Managing Principal Lawyer)

Apologies:

Duncan Selbie, Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals Trust
Simone Button, CAHMS
Dr Lisa Argent, Lead Practice Based Commissioner
Andy Painton, Sussex Community NHS Trust

PART ONE

16. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

16a Declarations of Substitutes

16.1. Mo Marsh was in attendance as substitute for Andy Painton.

16b Declarations of Interest

16.2. There were none.

16c 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).

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

17. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

17.1 **RESOLVED-** That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 November 2010 be approved and signed as the correct record.

18. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

18.1 In her communications, the Chairman passed on her gratitude to Mo Marsh who was attending her last meeting after completing her eight year tenure on the Board.

18.2 The Chairman welcomed Ben Thomas from the Youth Council who was attending his first meeting of the Trust Board.

18.3 The Chairman welcomed Denise Stokoe who was present as the Interim Chair of NHS Brighton & Hove.

19. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

19.1 The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, People that outlined the new format of items for discussion to the Members.

19.2 The Chairman supplemented that the new format had been agreed by Members at the previous meeting of the Board in November 2010. The purpose of the presentations was to better enable the Board to engage and take action to address the issues which underpinned the four Strategic Improvement Priorities set out in the Children and Young People's Plan.

19.3 **RESOLVED-** That:

1) That the Children's Trust Board notes the issues raised in the presentations in light of the Strategic Improvement Priorities in the Children's and Young People's Plan.

2) That the Partners agree actions to be taken in response to the issues raised and agree to report back to a future meeting of the Board.

20. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, YOUTH CRIME AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

- 20.1 The Board considered a presentation on Youth Crime, Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence. The report outlined and detailed issues including:
- Community safety, crime reduction and drugs strategy
 - The Community Safety Partnership
 - Youth Crime initiatives including Operation Park and other multi-agency work
 - The Family Intervention and Think Family projects
 - Commissioning, services and intervention programmes to prevent and reduce cases of sexual violence
 - The Domestic Violence Intelligent Commissioning Pilot
- 20.2 Andrew Jeffrey praised the report and asked the presenters if information was available to parents on some of the resources and services available.
- 20.3 The report authors clarified that that information was available in numerous public places. Service development was constantly monitored seeking improvement. This included, amongst others, the widening of the scope and publicity of the 'Stay Safe' programme.
- 20.4 Andrew Jeffrey enquired as to how the report authors had come to the conclusion that an increase in reported incidences of sexual violence indicated that their strategies were effective.
- 20.5 The report authors responded that this was measured in conjunction with other performance indicators and showed a change in attitudes whereby victims of these crimes were more willing to come forward with the knock on effect a higher charge and conviction rate.
- 20.6 Councillor Fryer agreed with the importance that raising awareness had in preventing and convictions for such offences. She asked for more information on the effectiveness of educational schemes such as RISE.
- 20.7 Gail Gray responded that the RISE programme had been very successful in educating young people about healthy relationships. Unfortunately, the grants that funded the scheme had been withdrawn. However, the programme would continue at some academy schools and primary schools.
- 20.8 David Standing commented that domestic violence counseling was one of the main services his organisation provided yet there was no forum to share information with partner bodies. He believed progress in this area would bring improvement.
- 20.9 The Chairman agreed adding that this was one of the priorities discussed at the Local Safeguarding Children Board meeting that day.
- 20.10 Councillor Kemble thanked the officers for their informative report and queried how the pilot programmes would inform policy.

- 20.11 The report authors answered that the pilots would inform the Intelligent Commissioning framework. They were currently seeking to commission three out of the four pilot areas.
- 20.12 Chief Superintendent Bartlett elaborated more on the success of Operation Park. Of the 575 young people stopped for their first offence the work of the Anti-Social Behaviour Team, Targeted Youth Support and the Youth Prevention Service meant that re-offending figures were in single figures.
- 20.13 The Chairman thanked Chief Superintendent Bartlett for the information provided and the partner bodies for working together to great result.
- 20.14 **RESOLVED-** That the presentation and matters arising from the presentation on Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence be noted.

21. SCHOOLS, LEARNING AND SKILLS

- 21.1 The Board considered a presentation on Schools, Learning and Skills that related to two specific areas of the Strategic Improvement Priorities; reducing child poverty and health inequality and the promotion of health and well being, inclusion and achievement. The presentation was supported by the Community Cohesion Analysis produced by Longhill High School that displayed the disadvantages and lower rates of achievement related to community poverty. The basis for the study was an analysis of behaviour, attendance, ability and achievement linked to postcode differences.
- 21.2 The Chairman thanked the presenters for their informative and enlightening presentations.
- 21.3 Councillor Hawkes thanked the presenters for their report and identified with the financial challenges now presented to all public bodies. She expressed her hope that the collaboration between schools would continue undeterred.
- 21.4 Mo Marsh congratulated the presenters for their detailed analysis. She recalled a presentation given by Inspector Smith to the Board in 1995 that also identified a 'cycle of deprivation'. Whilst she understood that progress had been made since then, the presentation at this meeting had made clear such problems still existed and there was still a lot of work to do for the partner bodies to eradicate them.
- 21.5 Denise Stokoe asked the report authors why some of the performance indicators slightly declined at secondary school level.
- 21.6 The report authors responded that due to an increase in the pupil population, secondary schools were more complex organisations than primary schools. However, with the current level of co-operation between schools, they believed they were on the course to address these.
- 21.7 The Strategic Director, People established that it was up to all Board Members to assist with any partner issues. He believed in collective responsibility in addressing

improvement for the lowest performing child or school. He maintained that at such a well-performing Trust as this, it was readily within their grasp to do so.

- 21.8 Simon Turpitt stressed the significance of involving the commercial sector in improving school and pupil performance.
- 21.9 The report authors agreed and clarified that work was already underway on this task.
- 21.10 **RESOLVED-** That the presentation and matters arising from the presentation on Schools, Skills and Learning be noted.

The meeting concluded at 6.45pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

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