

Decision No: CMM –

Forward Plan No: 18706

This record relates to Agenda Item 47 on the agenda for the  
Decision-Making

## **RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION**

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	COUNCILLOR VANESSA BROWN
<b>PORTFOLIO AREA:</b>	CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	DECISION OF STATUTORY PROPOSALS FOR EXTENDING OF THE AGE RANGE OF BENFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	GILLIAN CHURCHILL

### **THE DECISION**

That the Cabinet Member confirms the statutory notice and resolves to change the range and expand the premises of Benfield Junior School from September 2011.

### **REASON FOR THE DECISION**

The Council has a statutory duty to provide a school place for any child that wants one. Current and projected pupil numbers for the city as a whole show there is an immediate and ongoing need for additional school places in the city.

It is recommended that the proposals to change the age range of Benfield Junior School and expand the premises accordingly are approved.

The Council believes the advantages of the creation of all through primary schools are as follows:

- Greater continuity in teaching, pupil care and development under a single head teacher and teaching staff. It is very important to ensure continuity in planning the curriculum across the stages of education so that pupils make the best possible progress in learning.
- The school could offer a greater range of teaching skills, including the opportunity to appoint curriculum co-ordinators with the time to oversee the effective teaching of individual subjects across the whole 4–11 age range.
- Greater flexibility that a 4–11 school has in organising classes, deploying teachers and support staff and using resources, including buildings, more effectively.
- Closer contact with parents over a longer period of time and covering the full span of the children's primary education.
- Practical advantages to parents' e.g. same staff development days, the same school policies relating to home links, uniform, codes of conduct etc.
- Transfer to a different school environment after three years or less of schooling might be seen as an unnecessary disruption to pupil's sense of security and well being. A positive feature of 4–11 schools is the social interaction between younger and older pupils.

The public consultation prior to publication of the notices showed that a number of parents and carers of the current infant school were unhappy with the proposal to create an all through primary school as, in their opinion, the school was in the wrong location and was not a high performing school. In addition there was concern that the school did not have existing expertise in early years teaching. This point was considered at that time and on balance it was considered that this was the best opportunity to provide much needed additional places in this part of the city. This view has not changed. It is considered that the proposed changes will benefit pupil and staff development.

The school currently provide a range of extended services to the school community; this situation will not change as a result of these proposals.

The school is covered by the Council's admissions arrangements which strives to provide a truly local school which serves its most immediate community and assists in the aspirations of the Local Authority in terms of green travel arrangements.

## **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

The alternative option is to leave the school as a junior school.

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

None

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

**CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD:**

**We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision**

**Date:**

10 December 2010

**Decision Maker:**

Councillor Vanessa Brown  
Cabinet Member for Children & Young  
People

**Signed:**

**Proper Officer:**

10 December 2010

Mark Wall, Head of Democratic Services

**Signed:**

**SCRUTINY**

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**Call-In Period**

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Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*

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## **RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION**

**DECISION-MAKER:** COUNCILLOR VANESSA BROWN

**PORTFOLIO AREA:** CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

**SUBJECT:** PROPOSED NEW SCHOOL FOR HOVE  
- THE CONNAUGHT CENTRE

**AUTHOR:** GIL SWEETENHAM

### **THE DECISION**

- (1) That the Cabinet Member notes the interim arrangements for the management and refurbishment of the Connaught Building as a temporary expansion of West Hove Infant School to open in September 2011.
- (2) That the Cabinet Member notes that further work will be undertaken to formally establish the Connaught Building as the permanent infant stage of a new Hove Primary School, which will be reported to the Cabinet Member in due course.
- (3) That the Cabinet Member notes that further work will be undertaken to create the permanent Junior Stage of the new Hove Primary School at another site, which will be reported to the Cabinet Member in due course.
- (4) That the Cabinet Member endorses the proposed admission arrangements for the interim provision in the Connaught Building for the academic year 2011/12.

### **REASON FOR THE DECISION**

Current and projected pupil numbers for the city as a whole show there is an immediate and ongoing need for additional school places in the city as a whole. This need is most acute in south central Hove.

To meet the projected future growth in pupil numbers we need to provide a minimum of 90 additional primary school places which equates to 3 forms of entry for September 2011.

**DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

The Connaught Building offers the only opportunity to create 3 additional forms of entry by September 2011 in permanent buildings.

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

None

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<b>PORTFOLIO AREA:</b>	CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SOCIAL WORK IMPROVEMENT PLAN
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	JAMES DOUGAN

### **THE DECISION**

- 1) To inform Cabinet Member of the Children and Families Social Work Improvement Plan
- 2) The Cabinet Member to note and agree the Areas for Development Plan

### **REASON FOR THE DECISION**

To comply with the Areas for Development as outlined in the Annual unannounced inspection of contact, referral and assessment arrangements within Brighton and Hove children's services

### **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

None

### **OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

None

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