



**Brighton & Hove
City Council**

Overview & Scrutiny

Title:	Children & Young People's Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Date:	18 April 2012
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CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The following are requested to attend the meeting:

Councillors:

Powell (Chair), Lepper (Deputy Chair), Bennett, Brown, Buckley, A Kitcat, Pissaridou and Wealls

Statutory Co-optee with Voting Rights

Mike Wilson	Diocese of Chichester
David Sanders	Diocese of Arundel & Brighton
Amanda Mortensen	Parent Governor Representative
Vacancy	Parent Governor Representative

Non-Statutory Co-optees without Voting Rights

Rachel Travers	Community Voluntary Sector Forum
Mark Price	Youth Services
Liam Dunne	
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Mark Price	Youth Services
Rohan Lowe	Youth Council
Azdean Boulaich	Youth Council
Vacancy	Children's Social Care Representative

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Agenda Item 35

To consider the following Procedural Business:-

A. Declaration of Substitutes

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B. Declarations of Interest

- (1) To seek declarations of any personal or personal & prejudicial interests under Part 2 of the Code of Conduct for Members in relation to matters on the Agenda. Members who do declare such interests are required to clearly describe the nature of the interest.
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 - (i) a Member of the Executive or that committee, sub-committee, joint committee or joint sub-committee and
 - (ii) was present when the decision was made or action taken.
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 - (a) to leave the room or chamber where the meeting takes place while the item in respect of which the declaration is made is under consideration. [There are three exceptions to this rule which are set out at paragraph (4) below].
 - (b) not to exercise executive functions in relation to that business and

(c) not to seek improperly to influence a decision about that business.

(4) The circumstances in which a Member who has declared a prejudicial interest is permitted to remain while the item in respect of which the interest has been declared is under consideration are:-

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- (b) if the Member has obtained a dispensation from the Standards Committee, or
- (c) if the Member is the Leader or a Cabinet Member and has been required to attend before an Overview and Scrutiny Committee or Sub-Committee to answer questions.

C. Declaration of Party Whip

To seek declarations of the existence and nature of any party whip in relation to any matter on the Agenda as set out at paragraph 8 of the Overview and Scrutiny Ways of Working.

D. Exclusion of Press and Public

To consider whether, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, or the nature of the proceedings, the press and public should be excluded from the meeting when any of the following items are under consideration.

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BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

2.00PM 25 JANUARY 2012

COUNCIL CHAMBER, BRIGHTON TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Powell (Chair); Lepper (Deputy Chair), Brown, Buckley, A Kitcat, Pissaridou, Wealls and Cox

Statutory Co-optees: with voting rights: David Sanders (Diocese of Arundel & Brighton) and Amanda Mortensen (Parent Governor Representative)

Non-Statutory Co-optees: Liam Dunne (Non-Voting Co-Optee), Rachel Travers (Community Voluntary Sector Forum) (Non-Voting Co-Optee) and Rohan Lowe (Youth Council) (Non-Voting Co-Optee)

Apologies: Councillor Jayne Bennett, Mike Wilson and Mark Price

PART ONE

27. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

27a. Declarations of Substitutes

27.1 Apologies were received from Mike Wilson & Mark Price. Councillor Graham Cox substituted for Councillor Jayne Bennett.

27b. Declarations of Interest

27.2 The chair declared a personal interest as she works part time at the Friends Centre (which provides careers advice for all age groups), is a Governor at Queens Park Primary School and is a Trustee for Allsorts (project based in Brighton to support and empower young people under 26 who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans or unsure (LGBTU)).

27c. Declarations of Party Whip

27.3 There were none.

27d. Exclusion form the Press and Public

27.4 In accordance with section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, it was 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 100I (1) of the said Act.

27.5 **RESOLVED** – That the press and public not be excluded from the meeting.

28. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

28.1 Further information was requested on the annual feedback in the increase in gaps of pupils with SEN and all other pupils in English, maths and science for all the key stages.

28.2 The resolutions on page 7 were e-mailed out to all members. Any queries members can contact the officers directly.

28.3 On point 24.7 point 4 – The Chair confirmed she had written to Westdene School to congratulate them on being selected as one of the 100 Teaching Schools, for the Government's new Education Policy.

28.4 The minutes from the 9 November 2011 were approved by the Committee.

29. CHAIRS COMMUNICATIONS

29.1 The Chair welcomed Hayyan Asif a new Youth Council representative.

29.2 The Chair summarised that since the last CYPOSC meeting members attended the 28 November, final private workshop on the draft Youth Services Strategy. The Strategy had been approved at the 20 January Cabinet Member meeting. The Chair thanked Officers for the work put into this significant piece of work.

29.3 A collective response was sent from CYPOSC on the 11 January on the home to school transport for catholic schools consultation.

The Chair thanked the committee for their input into both items.

29.4 The response to Councillor Mitchell's letter on the calculation of home to school distances for school admissions was circulated to members and therefore is not included in the agenda.

29.5 The Chair and Deputy Chair attended a collective meeting of Special Headteachers at ACE Queensdown Road. The Minutes of this meeting would be distributed to the committee for information.

29.6 The Chair had written to the Cabinet Member with the salient points of the last meeting.

29.7 It was confirmed that the next meeting would be at Hove Town Hall at 4pm to ensure that the Youth Council representatives could attend the meeting.

29.8 The Youth Justice Plan Workshop would be attended by the Chair, Deputy Chair and Councillor Wealls and was programmed in for Monday 13 Feb. at 10am.

29.9 An update was given on the Autism survey. Members noted:

- 1) A record of the minutes were *"Members resolved to request that an independent user satisfaction survey be carried out with the results to be reported back to CYPOSC at the earliest opportunity"*
- 2) The survey had been designed and questions agreed
- 3) It would be distributed shortly
- 4) The survey was going to be independently carried out – would be anonymous and returned to the Research & Analysis team in the council
- 5) Results would be publicly available
- 6) Discussions were taking place with commissioners and providers to see how this could be progressed in the future.

Members requested to see the final draft of the survey, thought that it was positive that the survey was being carried out independently and the Research & Analysis team were involved in this. Concerns were raised as to whether accurate data would be captured from families who had been utilising the service for one year or longer and previous users who had left the service and were no longer supported. It was noted that resources were limited to carry out this initial survey.

29.10 The Chair announced that the order of the meeting would change to 32, 31 and 33.

30. QUESTIONS AND LETTERS FROM COUNCILLORS AND THE PUBLIC

30.1 Councillor Morgan's letter would be discussed within Item 34 of the Work Programme.

31. HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD UPDATE

31.1 Steve Barton – Lead Commissioner, Children & Families presented the update on the Health Welling Board (HWB). The 2011 Health & Social Care Bill required the setting up of a HWB for the city. The HWB would be established in shadow form by April 2012, to be ready to go live in April 2013.

31.2 Members raised a number of points:

1. It was important that there was a scrutiny committee to hold the HWB to account. Members noted that the committee system would come into operation in May 2012 and discussions were still taking place as to the governance arrangements of these committees including scrutiny.
2. Concerns were raised as to how GP's would be held to account as they were members of the HWB. Further clarification was needed as to how this would function. The HWB would have a public health function that would be succinct. Holding GP's to account would be dealt with through the council and their commissioning strategies.
3. Concerns over the removal of the Children and Young People's Trust Board (CYPTB) as children's health matters would not be dealt with by the HWB. A late paper would be heard at Monday 30 January CYPTB meeting which should address such issues and also child protection, looked after children this accountability should go to the new children's committee.

4. That the membership had the opportunity to include co-optees, the committee were told that the HWB may increase its membership but to start of initially it wanted to keep membership to a manageable level.
5. Why was it called a Board, members noted that Boards had more power which also had democratic accountability.

31.3 The Lead Commissioner was thanked for presenting the report and answering questions.

31.4 RESOLVED-
(1) The Committee noted the report.

32. BRIGHTON & HOVE CHILD POVERTY STRATEGY 2012-2015

32.1 Sarah Colombo – Childcare Strategy Manager presented the report highlighting the accountability diagram which showed the role, membership and the reporting structure of the Child Poverty Task Group plus the 4 strategic outcomes. Progress of the task group would be reported back to the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP). Monitoring would take place by speaking with the most vulnerable families.

32.2 Members raised a number of points including:

1. How did the Child Poverty Strategy tie into the Youth Services Strategy and the Joint Commissioning Group? Members were told that it was important that work was not duplicated, that the two strategies worked along side each other and would have their own targets to work to.
2. How would there be ongoing commitment to the third sector on the delivery of services and advice with the challenges of budget savings? It was noted that services that were commissioned would continue delivering services. Data capture could be improved significantly to reach out to the correct families, simple improvements such as ensuring forms had tick boxes to collate parental status ie. single/ couple.
3. What were the reporting timescales of the Task Group? Members were told how information would be used intelligently and would feed into the indicators. There would be sufficient time to develop how the group operates and review gaps such as educational attainment.
4. A Youth Council representative asked why Black Minority and Ethnic (BME) families were more prone to being in poverty. The Committee heard how statically this wasn't always the case. Traditionally patterns of living were that families were large and just one parent would work. Statistics showed that Bangladeshi and Pakistani families may experience child poverty out of the BME group. Changes over the generations showed a difference in living cultures.
5. Members agreed that the strategy had real value. Members voiced their concerns that child poverty was still present and that it was unacceptable how school trips were not made available to all children. School contingency funds should be used for children who were not able to go on such trips. Members were told that there

was some good work in schools but further engagement was still needed ie. with the Parent Teachers Association, Governors to improve their relationship with parents and eradicate the social stigma around child poverty by raising awareness. It was unknown how long this process would take and when feedback would be given to the LSP on this. It was agreed that schools were fundamental in the success of the strategy.

6. A Youth Council representative asked how would the Council support families wanting to claim disability benefits, as it was felt the government were cutting back nationally. The committee heard to help reach the most vulnerable families, for instance those with disabilities where access to all eligible benefits can make a substantial difference to family income.
7. How were non local authority schools being encouraged to work with this strategy, members were told that academies would need to be involved and they were usually located within communities that were disadvantaged.
8. Simple steps within schools could be taken, for example unclaimed lost and found uniforms could be distributed to most vulnerable children within the school.
9. A Youth Council representative asked for more clarification about how the Council plans to make public transport more affordable to young people in the city. The Council could not guarantee they could deliver this but would be investigating whether there were avenues to do this. It was noted that during the consultation families had commented on how expensive transportation was within the city.
10. Concerns over loan sharks, the Committee heard that there had been an increase in loan sharks. The Council are working collaboratively with the regional office for the prevention of loan sharking
11. A Youth Council representative enquired around increased access to affordable good quality food, further clarification to explain what exactly this meant and examples of how this could be made possible? Members were told that the Brighton & Hove Food Partnership have strategic outcomes to get fresh affordable produce to more local outlets. The strategy could bring up various opportunities and these were being mapped.
12. An increase in childminders may give more disadvantaged families the opportunity to use more affordable child care, plus provide employment for parents, the committee heard that nationally there was a decrease in childminders. Childminders in the City have vacancies.
13. The transition from primary to secondary schools could be challenging for the most vulnerable children how would the fall out be managed; members were told that the Education Commission were focussing on preparedness for the most vulnerable students.

32.3 The Chair thanked the Officer for a significant piece of work.

32.4 RESOLVED - CYPOSC noted the report and made suggestions.

33. OFSTED UNANNOUNCED INSPECTION OF CONTACT, REFERRAL AND ASSESSMENT ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN BRIGHTON & HOVE

33.1 Nigel Hancock- Operational Social Work Service Manager introduced the unannounced inspection of contact, referral and assessment arrangements. Ofsted had completed a 10 day inspection 18 months ago which showed 11 areas of strengths, 9 areas of satisfaction and 3 areas of development. The unannounced inspection on the 22 and 23 November was a follow up on the last inspection.

33.2 Members raised a number of points including:

1. How was the service going to work through the areas of development identified in the report? Members were informed that that a Service Improvement Plan had been completed which had actions, milestones and deadlines. This plan connected up with all areas of the service. The Plan was monitored by Managers.
2. Members agreed that further clarification was needed on each of the development areas highlighted in the report. The committee noted that this was the only document that the authority received and there was no further information available from Ofsted. Additionally, the service had gone through a restructure from 3 points of entry to 1 point of entry. The unannounced inspection took place 2 weeks after these changes. There was no supervision evidence available, as managers were supervising new teams.
3. CYPOSC had previously heard that the thresholds were at the correct level however this report identified that thresholds were inconsistent. Members were told that the inspection results were saying to deliver more carefully in a more structured way through the children in need plan rather than a child protection plan. Although the thresholds were correct it meant working differently. There could be a decrease in child protection numbers if cases were to be processed through the children in need pathway rather than the child protection one as previously operated.

The Officer suggested that it maybe useful for CYPOSC to see the Service Improvement Plan and the 9 areas of development that had been achieved from the previous announced inspection

4. The CAF had insufficient focus and was central to two areas of development in the last inspection. Ofsted had reported back that the CAF was a worthwhile process and it did not raise criticism other than to increase the frequency of these.

Additionally there were 2 tiers of the common assessment framework (CAF) which included the team around the family (TAF). Both processes involved various professionals including adult services. Both processes worked together with a good use of resources. Other authorities did not have this two tier approach.

5. A Youth Council representative questioned why there was such a delay between the date of inspection and the awarding of the rating to children's services? Members

noted that the process was long, from the inspection taking 2 to 3 days. A verbal response would first be given back to the children's services. The Ofsted adjudicator would check the draft report to ensure it was written to the right standard; with comparisons being made to other reports. The draft report would then be sent to the authority for it to be checked for accuracy and to give the authority a chance to appeal. The final report would then be sent out after.

6. Why the individual needs as defined by race, culture, language and religion were not identified and considered in casework practice or planning in all cases. Members were informed that the teams would collate this information if they noticed a difference in culture or race. For families or children from another city this information was not collated.
7. A youth council representative asked how the process could be more efficient for complex cases, members noted that managers were assessing how effectively cases were being processed and whether there were sufficient triggers.

33.3 The Officer was thanked for presenting the report and answering questions.

33.4 RESOLVED-

(1) The committee requested a concise report on the Service Improvement Plan, highlighting which actions had been completed and which were outstanding.

34. CYPOSC WORK PROGRAMME

34.1 Members were informed about the future governance arrangements for Scrutiny:

- A members working group consisting of Councillors Kitcat, Morgan & Peltzer-Dunn were developing proposals
- The council would be moving to a committee system with decisions being made at cross party committees
- The final arrangements would be agreed at Governance Committee and Full Council in April 2012
- There was likely to be 2 scrutiny committees; Overview & Scrutiny Commission and the Health & Wellbeing Overview & Scrutiny Committee. CYPOSC would not exist.
- Scrutiny would undertake panel investigations and policy development
- There was no clear legislation for statutory co-optees at present
- Scrutiny would look to involve as many co-optees as possible in its work.

34.2 Members raised a number of points including:

1. Concerns over the elimination of the CYPT Board and CYPOSC. Where would young people's issues, the development of policies and the scrutiny of council services in a non-political way, be heard if CYPOSC was removed?
2. The recommendations and comments CYPOSC made have had implications to children and young people in the city. Priority must be given to children and young people and their matters to be heard effectively in a non political forum. What assurance was there that the monitoring and outcomes that CYPOSC have approved would be sustained and in which forum? It was understood that the roles of scrutiny would be different one. Who would be specifically dealing with

children and young people's matters? Members we informed that there would be a children's committee.

3. The committee heard what effective input members of CYPOSC had put into all the issues covered by the committee and how valuable they had found the process.
 4. Would there be a forum for discussion over education? The diocesan representative for catholic schools commented that CYPOSC was a valuable way in which schools were represented as there were limited forums that the diocese was involved with.
 5. A Youth Council representative commented how fundamentally important CYPOSC was to young people and having their voice heard.
 6. Members unanimously asked how they could put their case forward? The Chair asked the Lead Commissioner to report back.
- 34.3 Councillor Morgan had written to the Chair asking that Academies be invited to CYPOSC as both the city's Academies had high increases in their GCSE results. CYPOSC to examine how the council could work with current and potential academies to ensure that good practice was shared across all schools so that the city and young people could benefit from strong partnership working and educational innovation which would help build the local economy.

Members agreed to invite both Academies to their next meeting and asked that topics such as child poverty and special educational needs be highlighted within the discussion.

- 34.4 The other items on the work programme were agreed.

The meeting concluded at 4.30pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 40

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	Academies and Partnership Working		
Date of Meeting:	18 April 2012		
Report of:	Strategic Director, People		
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Ward(s) affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 This report is in response to a written request from Councillor Warren Morgan to the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee that the Committee examine ways in which the city council as local education authority may work with current and potential academies to share good practice and strengthen city wide provision for all learners, to the benefit of the local economy. In his letter, Councillor Morgan noted in particular the improved performance of students at the Brighton Aldridge Community Academy in 2011, compared with that of students of the former Falmer High School in previous years.
- 1.2 Councillor Morgan's letter is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Committee consider and note the information in this report about partnership working with Academies in the city.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 There are currently two Academies in Brighton & Hove, the Brighton Aldridge Community Academy (BACA - formerly Falmer High School) which opened in September 2010, and Portslade Aldridge Community Academy (PACA - formerly Portslade Community College) which opened in September 2011. Both Academies are sponsored by the Aldridge Foundation. PACA is co-sponsored by the City Council, and has the University of Sussex as its Education Partner.

- 3.2 The City Council, the governing body and other partners, including City College and the University of Brighton, are currently in discussion with the DfE about converting Whitehawk Primary School to an Academy. This development is in response to the government's policy of requiring Academy solutions to be considered whenever a school is placed in special measures following an Ofsted inspection. The DfE has confirmed that it would expect an academy solution to be found for Whitehawk. The Principal of City College is in discussions to establish the College as an academy chain which would leave it well placed to support and sponsor Whitehawk School. It already has a significant presence in the area, not least through its leasing of the former COMART site and an extensive community education programme, and has given a commitment that proposals for Whitehawk School would be integrated with other developments in the local community.
- 3.3 Over recent years, the City Council has been closely involved in the development of Academies at Falmer High School and Portslade Community College. While becoming an Academy takes a school out of the local authority maintained sector, Academy solutions were seen as a means of securing new expertise and significant investment into schools where a major need for improvement had been identified, in the interests of pupils and the local communities.
- 3.4 As a result of this close involvement in their development, the Council has been able to maintain a level of engagement with both open Academies. The Strategic Director and Lead Commissioner meet regularly with senior representatives of the Aldridge Foundation and with the Principals. There is a local authority officer nominee on the Board of both Academies. The authority's officers have been very closely involved in the major capital projects for BACA and PACA.
- 3.5 The Committee will be aware of the outcomes of the Secondary Commission and the development of the Secondary Schools Partnership. Over the last year, the authority has delegated significant additional resources for school improvement to the secondary schools collectively, in support of the agreement that they should take shared responsibility for improving the achievement of all secondary age children and young people (11 – 16) in the city.
- 3.6 The two Academies are full, participating members of the Secondary Schools Partnership, whose primary focus is on raising attainment of all pupils through excellence in teaching and learning. For example, they participated both as hosts and as visiting partners in the Partnership's Joint Practice Development Day, a common INSET day for all nine secondary schools and academies held on 27 February. Both Academies have signalled their intent to sign up to the Compact which has been negotiated with the SSP, which defines its ongoing relationship with the local authority. It is through participation in the Partnership, and in particular in the teaching and learning strand of its action plan, that the Academies are best able both to share their good practice with other schools and learn from them too.
- 3.7 In addition to this work through the Secondary Schools Partnership, senior members of staff from the Academies are participating in other city wide initiatives, including the Curriculum Groups of the 11 – 19 Operational Board, and Connected Schools Sixth. The Academies are also represented on the Learning Partnership Strategic Board.

- 3.8 Academies, like all schools, are subject to the competing pressures of school to school support in achieving improvement and an increasing government focus on individual school autonomy and self improvement. In Brighton & Hove, the aim in recent years has been to foster a strong spirit of school to school support and collective responsibility for the success and well being of all the city's children and young people. It is encouraging that the existing Academies have committed so fully to the Secondary Schools Partnership, and it will be important, not least for the benefit of the city's pupils, that all partners perceive real improvement and collective progress through such collaboration if it is to continue.
- 3.9 GCSE results at BACA and PACA and their predecessor schools are set out in the table below.

	2009		2010		2011	
	% 5+ A* - C inc E/M	% 5+ A* - C	% 5+ A* - C inc E/M	% 5+ A* - C	% 5+ A* - C inc E/M	% 5+ A* - C
Falmer High	25.0	50.0	23.2	58.7	-	-
BACA	-	-	-	-	37.1	78.4
Portslade CC	24.9	38.1	35.2	57.4	39.4	66.1
PACA	-	-	-	-	-	-

We expect both academies to show further improvements in 2012.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION

- 4.1 There has been no specific consultation on the content of this report, which is intended as a basis for informed discussion by the Committee.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 The funding for all schools and Academies is part of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG), and is based on the pupils they have each January. The Academies are included within the schools funding formula calculations for the relevant year, i.e. January 2012 pupils for 2012/13 DSG and schools funding formula. The DfE then recoup from us the amount of funding that we calculate for each Academy and use this to pay over to the Academies. Both Academies have also received funding from Secondary Commission during 2011/12.

Finance Officer Consulted: Andy Moore

Date: 07/03/12

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 There is no statutory requirement for any formal relationship between Local Authorities (LA's) and academies beyond that which is required for the delivery of LA statutory duties such as special educational needs and transport. However LA's continue to play a key strategic role locally, and it is the view of the DfE that there will be significant advantages for both LA's and academies in constructive partnership working, in the manner of the initiatives outlined in the report above.

Lawyer Consulted: Serena Kynaston

Date: 04/04/12

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 No Equalities Impact Assessment is planned in relation to this report.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 None.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 None.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 While no formal risk assessment has been undertaken in relation to this report, it is clear that the development of Academies presents both risks and opportunities for the Council, and more important for the success and well being of the city's children and young people, and for other city wide priorities such as employment and skills development, enterprise and reducing inequalities.

- 5.7 There is a risk that the presence of Academies may weaken the commitment to school to school support and collective responsibility. There is the potential for the development of a more fragmented service, which may see some provision growing stronger at the expense of other provision.

- 5.8 Actions to mitigate this risk include the continuing development of the Learning Partnership, the local clusters of schools and the Secondary Schools Partnership, all of which provide strong underpinning for a culture of school to school support. A further mitigating factor may be the government's wish to see strong Academies providing support to weaker schools.

Public Health Implications:

- 5.7 None.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.10 Some implications for corporate and city wide priorities have been indicated earlier in this report.

6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

- 6.1 It is reported that some local authorities are pursuing a policy of increasing disengagement with schools, in the light of the government's clear policy of encouraging more schools to become Academies as its preferred model for raising attainment and school improvement. A policy such as this is considered less likely to achieve the aim of a collaborative approach to collective improvement and city wide raising of standards.

7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 The Committee is asked to consider and note the information contained in this report – the Committee's comments will inform the further development of the Brighton & Hove education service towards the aspirations set out in the Council's Corporate Plan and the Children and Young People's Plan.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Letter from Councillor Warren Morgan to Councillor Stephanie Powell, Committee Chair, 5 January 2012

Documents in Members' Rooms

1. None.

Background Documents

1. None.

Brighton & Hove City Council
King's House
Grand Avenue
Hove BN3 2LS

Councillor Stephanie Powell

Date: 5 January 2012

Our Ref: WM/EB

Your Ref:

Dear Councillor Powell,

It is my belief that good schools, however they are constituted and managed, should not exist in isolation.

The Brighton Aldridge Community Academy (BACA) has seen a 64% increase in the number of students securing five or more GCSEs at Grade A*-C including English and Maths, a 64% increase from the previous year, at the then Falmer High School. 73% of students secured five or more GCSEs overall at A*-C, again, up from 58% the previous year.

I would like to request that CYPOSC examine, by means of an officer report, way in which the city council as local education authority can work with current and potential academies in the city to ensure that good practice is shared across all schools so that the city, it's children and young people as a whole, can benefit from strong partnership working and educational innovation which helps build the local economy.

Yours sincerely



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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 41

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Summer Activities for Children and Families
Date of Meeting: 18 April 2012
Report of: Director of People
Contact Officer: Name: Caroline Parker Tel: 293587
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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 The Committee asked for a report on summer activities for children and young people. Both the Council and voluntary and private providers run a wide range of both free and paid for activities for children and families over the summer. Information about the activities is available in a range of leaflets, on the Council website and social media. The Family Information Service acts a single point of contact where families can find out about all the activities on offer.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) To note and comment on the report.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 Family Information Service

The Family Information Service (FIS) offers a wide range of information and advice to families in the city. Including:

- Family support
- Ofsted registered childcare
- Activities for children and young people
- Free early learning

- Financial support

The team research and collate details of local services to publish on their online directory enabling families to access information via the council website. FIS have also recently started using Twitter on a daily basis to communicate key messages to parents. Families who need extra help and support are able to speak to an adviser via their helpline, or face to face at Turner Children's Centre. The team are also running a pilot starting in April to offer enhanced support to health visitor targeted families.

The booklet, Summer Fun, is published annually by the Family Information Service and distributed during the first week of June with a copy deadline of mid April. The content of the booklet includes:

- Ofsted registered playschemes run by voluntary and private organisations which provide childcare for working parents at a cost
- the summer sports programme and booking form (delivered by the council's sports development team)
- the Playbus programme and details about activities in the city's parks delivered by the Play Service
- activities for children and young people
- a range of useful information for parents such as financial help, useful contacts and how to apply for a school place

This year's print run has been reduced from 28,000 to 23,000 copies and FIS will be promoting online access to the booklet. The booklet is primarily aimed at primary school aged children and around 18,500 copies of Summer Fun are distributed to every primary school aged child in the city through their school, with the rest being distributed to community venues, such as libraries, and children's centres. FIS also produce a Summer Fun Extra listing which is published on the council's website. The listing includes activities which were not finalised before the deadline for Summer Fun.

3.2 The Play Service

Play Service plans for delivery this summer are similar to last year. This will include a six week programme in the school holiday period to include the National Play Day event and five other Play Days. These will run on Wednesdays. On the other four weekdays the Play Bus (in partnership with others where possible) will run three hour sessions every day across the city. The Play Days will mainly be in bigger destination parks and will be spread across the city. The Play Service will also contribute to various weekend events including the People's Day and the Take Part launch day in Preston Park. Where possible the Play Service will link with local community activity to combine

resources, to further enhance what is offered and to promote further community engagement with the service. (e.g. Moulsecoomb Family Fun Day, The Level development, Children's Centres and Library Service.)

The main programme will be published in Summer Fun and will be promoted on the Playbus area of the Council website, plus regular Twitter updates. In addition there will be a flyer for the summer for distribution closer to the holiday period with the programme for the 6 weeks. This gives the opportunity to add any additional details that were not finalised in time for the Summer Fun deadline. These will be given out from the Play Bus, Community Venues and Libraries (see annex 2 for an example of last year's flyer).

3.3 The Youth Service

Planning for the summer programme does not become concrete until about the end of May. This is due to the involvement of young people in the process of planning. This year there is an added complexity in that the Youth Service are co-producing delivery for holiday times in partnership with the voluntary sector which is positive for young people and communities.

All programme information is posted on the Youth Service face book page which is the method of communication, following consultation with young people, they preferred. This has been promoted extensively across the city.

3.4 Children's Centres

Children's Centres run a programme of activities for families and children under 5. In the past some activities have been term time only with a limited range of special activities offered in the summer holidays. This has been revised for 2012/13 with the aim of maintaining a wider range of activities year round in the larger children's centres.

Children's Centres also arrange some additional summer activities which recognise that families will have older siblings with them and to link other community activities, for example the Moulsecoomb festival.

3.5 The Sports Development Team

The Sports Development Team's Active for Life project will be delivering a number of free or reduced rates activities during the Summer holidays, for children and families, who live in neighbourhoods which have high levels of health inequalities.

The programme this year will consist of an Active for Life Summer Club which will target Key Stage 2 young people (7-11 year olds) in the

Active for Life areas to attend a weekly morning activity holiday scheme. This is promoted in the schools and the Active for Life workers work closely with the Head teachers and SENCO's to identify young people to attend this programme. A number of other area specific sessions will also run throughout the holiday period, with groups of young people that we are already working with in these areas. A separate leaflet will promote these activities in these targeted neighbourhoods as the activities are being run for these specific groups and citywide promotion in Summer Fun is not appropriate for this.

Active for life will also deliver six Olympic themed activity mornings in the six neighbourhoods we work in, to get young people and their families to try out Olympic sports in a community setting. They will also work with the Playbus team and support their Wednesday Park events, by providing sporting activities for older children. These activities will be advertised in the Summer Fun brochure alongside the Summer Sports Courses Programme which are also delivered by the Sports Development Team.

The Summer Sports Courses will provide 50 different courses linked to local sports clubs who are supported by the Sports Development Team to increase junior participation. These courses create pathways for young people to experience coaching provided by local sports clubs, and signposted to weekly opportunities to take part in these activities provided by sports clubs through out the year. This year the sports offered reflect the club development programmes supported by the Sports Development Team and Olympic Sports on display at London 2012. Information on all Sports Development activities for young people during the school holidays is included in Summer Fun and will also be provided on the Sports Development Webpage and facebook.

3.6 Museums' Service

The Museum's Service publish a range of activities for children in their "What's on May – August 2012" (see annex 3). This includes activities for adults as well as children and is also publicised on the Council website.

3.7 The Library Service

BHCC Library Services provide a wide range of regular and one-off events and activities for children and young people throughout the summer. The highlight of the holiday period is the very successful Summer Reading Challenge which is designed to maintain children's reading interest and levels over the summer break. Other major events include National Bookstart Week and Fathers' Story Week in June. Libraries also provide regular popular events including arts and craft

activities, and reading and story telling events. Please see further details in annex 4.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 With relevant Council delivery units. The report explains how the different Units have consulted about how they publicise their activities.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendation to note and comment on this report. The cost of all the planned activities will be met from within the relevant existing budgets.

Finance Officer Consulted: Jeff Coates

Date: 27th March 2012

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 Section 12 of the Childcare Act 2006 gives local authorities a duty to provide information to parents, to ensure parents and prospective parents can access the full range of information they may need for their children up to their 20th birthday. LA's are required to ensure that this service is available to all parents and that it is pro-active in reaching those parents who might otherwise have difficulty accessing the information service.

Lawyer Consulted: Hilary Priestley

Date: 10 April 2012

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 The summer activities include a range of both universal and targeted services for disadvantaged communities. The holiday childcare schemes reduce poverty by ensuring that parents have access to childcare to allow them to work.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 The summer activities promote sustainable communities by providing positive activities for families and young people. The increased use of social media will reduce the use of paper.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 The activities should have a positive impact on reducing crime and disorder.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 None.

Public Health Implications

- 5.6 The sports activities in particular will support the health and well being of children and young people by promoting exercise.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.7 The activities contribute to the Council's corporate priority of tackling inequality and will support to ensure that children have the best start in life.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Library Service Activities
2. Museum Service Activities
3. Play Service Flyer (as a separate attachment)
4. Adventure Unlimited

Documents In Members' Rooms: Summer Fun

Appendix 1

Libraries Service: **Current listings for children and young people: May-September 2012**

May

Youth Arts Festival 28 April-13 May

Working in partnership to support this annual event that showcases creative work produced by young people, aged 11-25, through the use of exhibition spaces in the Young People's Areas in Whitehawk Library and Jubilee Library. The launch event for the Youth Arts Festival will be held at Jubilee Library for the second year.

Brighton Festival Fringe at Jubilee Library 5 May

Millionaire Mum and Me puppet show by Reigate Grammar School to be hosted in the Children's Library offering an opportunity for us to be part of this city wide festival and offer a free event to families.

June

National Bookstart Week 11- 17 June: All libraries

Family events aimed at pre school children and their parents/carers in libraries and in partnership with children's centres to mark this annual celebration of sharing stories, books and rhymes. This years theme is parties to mark the 20th anniversary of Bookstart and we will be encouraging people to sign the pledge to share 20 books in 2012.

Fathers' Story Week 11- 17 June: All libraries

Study support sessions for ages 9-19 will mark Fathers' Story Week promoting positive male role models. Family event on Saturday 16 June at Jubilee Children's Library including Dads Baby Boogie session.

July-September

Summer Reading Challenge - Story Lab: All libraries

Launch 14 July: to coincide with the Olympic Torch arrival and Peoples Day celebrations.

Continues until 9 September

Head to your local library this summer and you can step into the Story Lab. Story Lab will launch across Brighton and Hove on Saturday 14 July and you can join in free at every library throughout the summer. Step into Story Lab, and you're off on an imaginative adventure. Story Lab attracts stories from all over the world and sends them spinning throughout the city and beyond! Here you can read, collect, share, create, transmit and broadcast stories.

The Summer Reading Challenge is fun, free and is an official project in the Cultural Olympiad's London 2012 Festival. Director of the Cultural Olympiad

Ruth MacKenzie said she wanted to: "...sprinkle some Olympic magic dust in every library as part of the 2012 Summer Reading Challenge."

Target audience for the Summer Reading Challenge 5-11 years.

Young People will be given volunteering opportunities as in previous years.

EXTRACT FROM THE *WHAT'S ON* GUIDE : JULY/AUGUST 2012

EXHIBITIONS

My Favourite Toy

Continues to 6 November 2012

HOVE MUSEUM & ART GALLERY

Free admission

Everyone has a favourite toy. They inspire our imaginations, our play, and help us as we grow. In later years, they hold cherished memories and make us nostalgic for times gone by.

Whether it's a teddy, dolls house or a transforming car, this exhibition celebrates toys of all kinds, from across the eras.

On display are toys from Hove Museum's very own Wizard's Attic along with some popular favourites, and others that have not been loved for some time.

Children and young people from Brighton & Hove have helped create exciting displays of their own favourite toys, celebrating our shared affection for these familiar friends.

SMALL DISPLAYS AT BRIGHTON MUSEUM

Free admission to all small displays

The High Weald Roman Coin Hoard

Throughout July & August

SOUTH BALCONY

An opportunity to view a recently acquired, unique and rare, Roman coin hoard found in Sussex before it tours a number of Sussex Museums.

SMALL DISPLAYS AT HOVE MUSEUM

Free admission to all displays

The Five Senses: Paintings from the Fine Art Collection

Continues to 31 August

FINE ART GALLERY

A family-friendly display exploring how sensory experiences are portrayed in the visual arts. Accompanied by interactive materials.

NEW GALLERY OPENING JUNE 2012 - WORLD STORIES

World Stories: Young Voices

Opens Saturday 23 June

BRIGHTON MUSEUM

World Stories: Young Voices is a new permanent gallery featuring Brighton Museum's World Art collection, redisplayed with the involvement of young people and members of source communities. Young people have been working with curators, film makers, artists, and writers to explore and reinterpret the collection. The new gallery will include objects not previously on public display, together with major new purchases and exciting new commissions including films and contemporary artworks.

To promote the widest possible access, the new gallery offers audio description (via RNIB PenFriend), British Sign Language Invision and things to touch and do. The launch of the new gallery will be accompanied by an exciting and accessible events programme.

World Stories: Young Voices, at Brighton Museum & Art Gallery, is part of the London 2012 Festival and the Cultural Olympiad programme *Stories of the World*.

MOSAIC Family Day

Saturday 14 July

BRIGHTON MUSEUM

11am-4pm Free, drop-in. All ages

Explore world stories through puppetry, story telling and craft workshops.

MOSAIC Black and Mixed Parentage Family Group is a local community group supporting families to develop positive cultural identity, explore their heritage and combat the effects of racism. This event is in partnership with Brighton and Hove Black History and is part of the citywide People's Day celebrations and the Olympic Torch Relay festivities.

Mosaic logo

Digitalize: An Artist Residency Project

Tuesday 24 to Saturday 28 July

BRIGHTON MUSEUM

10am-5pm Free, drop-in. All ages

Drop-in and take part in the exciting project being run by our digital artist in residence. With your help the artists are seeking to transform our temporary exhibition spaces. The week culminates in a late night opening of Brighton Museum on Saturday 28 July. Check out our website nearer the time for updates.

Digitalize: Late

Saturday 28 July

BRIGHTON MUSEUM

7.30-10pm Free

In the first of a series of late night events, Brighton Museum throws its doors open to showcase the Digitalize project, a collaborative installation involving young people from the city and visitors to the museum.

Check out our website nearer the time for updates.

FAMILIES

Croquet on the Lawn

Saturday 21 July to Friday 31 August

PRESTON MANOR

10am-4pm Tuesday to Saturday, 2-4pm Sunday, £10 per one hour slot, book in advance. All ages

Play croquet Alice in Wonderland-style, with flamingos for mallets and playing cards for hoops! Collect and return your equipment at Preston Manor front door.

Urban Wildlife

Friday 27 July

BOOTH MUSEUM

10.30am-12.30pm & 1.30-3.30pm

Free, drop-in. All ages

Have you found a bug, a bone or a plant that you can't identify? Our staff are on hand to help work out what you have found and give you information on the wildlife in our local area.

Gigantic Games!

Monday 30 & Tuesday 31 July

HOVE MUSEUM

10.30am-12.30pm & 1.30-3.30pm

Free, drop-in. All ages

Play larger than life versions of all your favourite board games in Hove Museum's Gardens (or inside if raining). In support of the *My Favourite Toy* exhibition.

Teddy Bear's Picnic

Saturday 4 August

HOVE MUSEUM

10.30am-12.30pm & 1.30-3.30pm

Free, drop-in. All ages

Bring along your favourite furry friend to Hove Museum to take part in a variety of teddy-friendly activities. In support of the *My Favourite Toy* exhibition.

Investigating the Iguanodon

Monday 6 August

BOOTH MUSEUM

10.30-11.30am, 12-1pm & 2-3pm

£2 book in advance

Come and find out more about the spiky-thumbed Iguanodon, a dinosaur discovered right here in Sussex. A child-friendly talk supported by artefacts from the Booth Museum's collection.

Play at the Manor

Tuesdays 7, 14 & 21 August

PRESTON MANOR

10.30-11.30am & 1.30-2.30pm

£4 book in advance. 5 years +

Preston Manor housemaids Daisy and Maisy are up to their old tricks again! Join them outside (or inside if raining) to learn a whole host of hands-on games from days gone by.

An Audience with Punch and Judy

Thursday 16 & Friday 17 August

HOVE MUSEUM

10.30am-11.30am & 12.30pm-1.30pm

Free, drop-in. All ages.

Experience a fun-packed show and accompanying talk about the history of Britain's favourite seaside entertainment. Part of *The Big Grin* project supported by the *Heritage Lottery Fund*.

Fossils and Minerals

Tuesday 28 August

BOOTH MUSEUM

10.30am-12.30pm & 1.30-3.30pm

Free, drop-in. All ages

Bring your rocks and fossils to be identified by our expert staff. Learn more about the environments where fossils are found and discover some of the more unusual ones.

EARLY YEARS

Early Years sessions include art activities, a museum expedition, a story and handling some museum objects. These sessions are for 2-5 year olds only. Tickets are £4.50, members £3.50, book in advance.

BRIGHTON MUSEUM

Tuesdays 10.30am–12pm

10 July **Mr Willett's Popular Pottery**

BOOTH MUSEUM

Fridays 10.30am–12pm

13 July **Katie and the Dinosaurs**

National Families Week

Free, drop in. All ages

As part of National Families Week why not drop in to one of our museums and take part in free drawing activities for all the family.

BRIGHTON MUSEUM

Tuesday 28 August

10am–12pm & 2–4pm

BOOTH MUSEUM

Wednesday 29 August

10am–12pm & 2–4pm

HOVE MUSEUM

Thursday 30 August

10am–12pm & 2–4pm

HOW TO BOOK

You can buy tickets by telephoning the Events Booking line on **03000 290902**, email visitor.services@brighton-hove.gov.uk, in person at any of our venues, or online at www.brighton-hove-rpml.org.uk

Free events cannot be booked in advance unless otherwise stated.

A £1.50 booking fee may apply to some events.

Tickets cannot be reserved without payment. Please book early as an event may be cancelled if too few tickets have been sold.

Visit our websites for further information

www.brighton-hove-museums.org.uk

www.brighton-hove-pavilion.org.uk

Please note

Please note that a 'first come, first served' policy is in operation for drop-in sessions and free events that do not require pre-booking.

Please arrive at the start time for all sessions, with the exception of drop-in events.

Early Years and Family events

APPENDIX 2
Royal Pavilion & Museums, Brighton & Hove
What's On May-August 2012

All children must be accompanied by their parent or guardian at these events and we ask that you assist your child with the activity. At the activities for children 8 years+, children will be under the supervision of a tutor.

Brighton & Hove Residents

Postcodes BN1, BN2, BN3 & BN41 enjoy half-price admission to the Royal Pavilion all year and Preston Manor (April to September), with up to four accompanying children free! Bring proof of residency, one item required per adult (eg council tax or other utility bill).

VENUE INFORMATION

Brighton Museum & Art Gallery

Free admission

Royal Pavilion Gardens, Brighton BN1 1EE Tel 03000 290900

Open Tue-Sun 10am-5pm, Closed Mon (except Bank Holidays 10am-5pm)

(World Art gallery closed for redevelopment 3 Jan to 22 Jun 2012)

Hove Museum & Art Gallery

Free admission

19 New Church Road, Hove BN3 4AB Tel 03000 290900

Open Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri & Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm Closed Wed

(Open on Bank Holiday Mondays)

Booth Museum of Natural History

Free admission

194 Dyke Road, Brighton BN1 5AA Tel 03000 290900

Open Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri & Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm Closed Thu

(Open on Bank Holiday Mondays)

Preston Manor

Admission fee payable

Preston Drove, Brighton BN1 6SD Tel 03000 290900

Open Apr-Sep Tue-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm (last admission 4.15pm) Closed Mon (including Bank Holidays)

Closed Oct-Mar except for pre-booked groups, school visits and special events

- B&H schools have free entry to the Royal Pavilion & Preston Manor. Non-B&H schools pay admission
- All residents' children have free entry to the Royal Pavilion & Preston Manor; all B&H looked after children, not living in the city have free entry
- Audio guided tours of the Pavilion include a special children's tour

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play service



Brighton & Hove Community Play Programme
Mon 25 July to Fri 2 September
Six weeks of fun

2011

- Afternoon play sessions at various locations over the six weeks of the school summer holiday period
- Free play activities both in and around the Play Bus celebrating Children's Play
- Indoor and outdoor play, music, sport and arts activities, drama, games and more!
- Plus Six Special Wednesday Play Days including National Play Day.

See over for details.



Brighton & Hove Community Play Programme

<p>Mon 25 July Playbus session at Whitehawk Way 2pm to 5pm</p>	<p>Tuesday 26 July Playbus session at Mile Oak Park 2pm to 5pm • Children's Library Service with Circus Stars</p>	<p>Wed 27 July Play Day at Farm Green Bevendean 11am to 3pm • The Playbus • Active for Life • Children's Library Service with Baby Boogie and Circus Stars • Food Partnership • Road Safety Team</p>	<p>Thurs 28 July Playbus session at Lockwood Park (Central Woodingdean) 2pm to 5pm</p>	<p>Fri 29 July Playbus session at Saunders Park 2pm to 5pm • Baby Boogie • Circus Stars</p>
<p>Mon 1 Aug Playbus session at Carden Park 2pm to 5pm • Baby Boogie • Circus Stars • Den Building</p>	<p>Tues 2 Aug Playbus session at The Level 2pm to 5pm • Baby Boogie • Circus Stars • Den Building</p>	<p>Wed 3 Aug National Play Day Hove Park 11am to 3pm • The Playbus • Adventure Unlimited's Climbing Tower • Mr Pineapplehead • Active for Life • Dance with Emmy Loates • Children's Library Service with Baby Boogie & Circus Stars • Circus workshop with Susi Oddball • Food Partnership • Kidsrome Mobile Farm • Road Safety Team</p>	<p>Thurs 4 Aug Playbus session at Hangleton Park 2pm to 5pm</p>	<p>Fri 5 Aug Playbus session at Mackie Avenue 2pm to 5pm</p>
<p>Mon 8 Aug Playbus session at Wish Park 2pm to 5pm</p>	<p>Tues 9 Aug Playbus session at Vale Park 2pm to 5pm • Den Building</p>	<p>Wed 10 Aug Play Day at Queens Park 11am to 3pm • The Playbus • Active for Life • Children's Library Service with Circus Stars & Early Years Activity • Emmy Loates • Food Partnership</p>	<p>Thurs 11 Aug Playbus session at Saltdean Oval 2pm to 5pm</p>	<p>Fri 12 Aug Playbus session at Happy Valley 2pm to 5pm</p>
<p>Mon 15 Aug Playbus session at Whitehawk Way 2pm to 5pm • Circus Stars</p>	<p>Tues 16 Aug Playbus session at Mile Oak Park 2pm to 5pm • Den Building</p>	<p>Wed 17 Aug Play Day at East Hill Park 11am to 3pm • The Playbus • Active for Life • Children's Library Service with Circus Stars & Early Years Activity • Adventure Unlimited's Climbing Tower • Emmy Loates • Food Partnership • Susi Oddball</p>	<p>Thurs 18 Aug Playbus session at Hangleton Park 2pm to 5pm • Circus Stars</p>	<p>Fri 19 Aug Playbus session at Lockwood Park (central Woodingdean) 2pm to 5pm</p>
<p>Mon 22 Aug Playbus session at Wish Park 2pm to 5pm • Circus Stars • Baby Boogie</p>	<p>Tues 23 Aug Playbus session at Vale Park 2pm to 5pm</p>	<p>Wed 24 Aug Play Day at East Brighton Park 11am to 3pm • The Playbus • Active for Life • Children's Library Service with Baby Boogie & Circus Stars • Emmy Loates • Food Partnership • Susi Oddball • Road Safety Team • Bug Hunts & Wild Flower Planting with Sussex Wildlife Trust Access to Nature Team</p>	<p>Thurs 25 Aug Playbus session at Mackie Avenue 2pm to 5pm • Circus Stars • Baby Boogie</p>	<p>Fri 26 Aug Playbus session at Saunders Park 2pm to 5pm • Baby Boogie</p>
<p>Mon 29 Aug Bank Holiday No session</p>	<p>Tues 30 Aug Playbus session at The Level 2pm to 5pm • Baby Boogie</p>	<p>Wed 31 Aug Preston Park 11am to 3pm • The Playbus • Active for Life • Children's Library Service with Baby Boogie & Circus Stars • Adventure Unlimited's Climbing Tower • Emmy Loates • Food Partnership • Susi Oddball</p>	<p>Thurs 1 Sep Playbus session at Saltdean Lido 2pm to 5pm • Circus Stars</p>	<p>Fri 2 Sep Playbus session at Happy Valley 2pm to 5pm</p>



Adventure Unlimited

www.aultd.org

About Adventure Unlimited

Adventure Unlimited (AU) is a local charity based in Brighton. We provide outdoor education and adventure activities to around 6,000 children and young people each year, the majority of whom face a broad range of disadvantages, and live in Brighton and Hove. AU offers one-off and progressive activities designed to be fun and to give young people opportunities to grow and develop, as well as opportunities to gain awards.

Extensive research carried out on the benefits of outdoor education shows the extraordinary effect it has on disadvantaged young people in particular, giving them a positive experience of themselves, confidence, aspiration and perspective, practical skills, understanding of the importance of team work and decision-making, an ability to cope with hardship, improving health and instilling care for the environment; all of which we have witnessed in action through our activities.

AU makes its activities inclusive by being affordable through subsidies, local or with transport provided, and with additional 1:1 support as required. AU is approved by the Adventure Activities Licensing Authority, follows child protection, health and safety and equality policies and procedures, and works with a passionate team of

experienced and qualified staff, who together with our volunteer team are fully trained and CRB checked.

AU furthermore supports disadvantaged young people and unemployed adults with employability through a volunteering and training programme that includes opportunities to gain awards and qualifications as well as support to find employment.

Summer activities

Summer activities will depend on funding, but are likely to include the following. Free places offered on all open access activities to looked after children 10+, subsidised places offered as advertised on our website.

- Open access 3-day adventure programmes for 8–12 year olds: ‘Wild Things’. Activities may include obstacle course, zip wire, bushcraft, rock climbing or bouldering and woodland games. Transport provided from Brighton to venues in Sussex.
- Open access adventure days for 13–19 year olds. Activities plus transport as above plus kayaking.
- New Heights: one adventure day a week brought to Hyde Housing estates in Portslade and Saunders Park free of charge; plus opportunities for young people to volunteer. Activities may include mobile climbing tower, bushcraft, archery and woodland games.
- Open access indoor rock climbing for all ages 5+ at our site at the Stanley Deason Leisure Centre, Wilson Avenue, East Brighton.
- Our mobile climbing tower will be appearing at events around the city throughout the year.

We can provide tailored activities to groups and are happy to provide a quote on request. We can bring activities to a suitable outdoor venue, or book groups in to our indoor climbing wall, or our woodland site in mid Sussex. We can provide children with accredited awards for the skills they have learnt from climbing to team work. We provide a

dedicated course director who stays with the group throughout, and additional 1:1 support as required.

To book activities go to our website www.ault.org and use our webform.

To discuss a new funding or project opportunity email director@aultd.org

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 42

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Housing for Vulnerable Young People
Date of Meeting: 18th April 2012
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Wards Affected: All

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1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 This report provides an update on one of the service commissions in the City Commissioning Work Plan agreed by Cabinet. The final strategy will set out plans and priorities for the commissioning of housing and housing support for young people aged 16-25.
- 1.2 The review was initiated following recommendations from both the Adult and Children's Overview and Scrutiny Committees. Although the city's Youth Homelessness Strategy (2007-10) was recognised as good practice nationally, youth homelessness remains a key issue for the city.
- 1.3 The review and final strategy will take account of Cabinet approval on March 15th 2012 to revisions to the council's Housing Allocations policy and its operation to reflect a stronger consideration of the Council's role as corporate parent to young people leaving care.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That CYPOSC note progress on the service commission review of housing for vulnerable young people.
- 2.2 That CYPOSC provide comment and feedback to officers as part of developing the council's commissioning strategy.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 This review is concerned with:
 - Referral and assessment pathways and services provided to meet the council's statutory responsibilities

- Housing and Support provision for young people aged 16-25 (including young people who are looked after by the local authority, who are care leavers, who are unaccompanied asylum seekers or who are teenage parents).
 - Prevention of homelessness among young people
- 3.2 The needs assessment takes account of the city wide and service commissions set out in the City's Commissioning Work Plan and pays particular attention to:
- Transition planning for young people with a disability
 - Evaluation of the Single Homeless and Integrated Support Pathway and related services
 - Review of local homelessness strategies to create one overarching strategy from the existing Single Homeless, Youth Homeless and Homelessness strategies
 - Changes to the Housing Allocation Policy
 - Publication of local guidance following changes to Homelessness Duty in the private rented sector as part of the Localism Bill
 - Implementation of the Commissioning Strategy for services, assessments and placements for looked after children and children and the Children's Services Value for Money programme
 - Implementation of the Joint Commissioning Strategy for Services to Young People
- 3.3 Dates for the final stages of the project are being identified. It is anticipated that a final strategy will be ready for agreement by the relevant committee before the end of July 2012.
- 3.4. Activity to date includes:
- Scope of the commission (see above): agreed with officers from across the council and with relevant external stakeholders
 - Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA): in final draft at the time of writing following:
 - National and local policy review, analysis of data and benchmarking of good practice
 - Meeting with local providers and a joint consultation event with West Sussex County Council for providers and other stakeholders
 - A Challenge Meeting with relevant officers from across the council
 - Consultation with young people
- 3.5. Next steps: a commissioning strategy, based on the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the JSNA, will be drafted for:
- Further discussion with key stakeholders
 - Public consultation, including with young people
 - Presentation to relevant committee for agreement by end of July 2012

- 3.5 At the time of writing the conclusions and recommendations of the JSNA have not been finalised and therefore a verbal report will be made to the Committee. Key issues for consideration by commissioners are expected to include:
- Creation of a dedicated referral and assessment pathway for 16-18 year olds
 - Consolidation of the council's commissioning and budget arrangements
 - Addressing key gaps in service and/or opportunities to improve outcomes through different models of provision e.g. supported accommodation and/or lodgings for 16-18 year olds

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 See paragraph 3.3. above. The review meets the requirements of council's commissioning framework which includes engagement of stakeholders including service users.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 Financial Implications:

There are no direct financial implications as a result of the recommendations of this report. Pending the outcome of this review and any resultant restructuring of current services a detailed budgeting exercise would need to be undertaken to ensure that any new provision agreed as part of the proposal is fully funded from existing resources. The current Children's Services budgets that would fall within any restructuring remit are circa £2.5m and the report author has been fully briefed on the detailed make up of this figure. Any potential impact on Housing resources would also need to be identified and taken into account in any future proposals.

Finance Officer Consulted: Brian Mcgonigle

Date: 10 April 2012

5.2 Legal Implications:

The Local Authority has duties to children in need in its area, which can include providing accommodation. A child with a disability is by definition a child in need. Further, there are continuing duties to young people formerly "looked after" by the Local Authority under the Leaving Care legislation, which can also include housing. In some circumstances a "former relevant child" aged between 18 and 21 may be owed a duty by the Local Authority to provide accommodation. The Council therefore needs to ensure that its' Allocations policy properly reflects these duties to ensure a multi-disciplinary approach by both Children's Services and Housing. This in turn will need to be reflected in the final Youth Homelessness Strategy.

Lawyer Consulted: Hilary Priestley

Date: 10 April 2012

5.3 Equalities Implications:

This report provides an update on the service commission, Housing for Vulnerable Young People and does not have immediate equalities implications. The completed JSNA and commissioning strategy will address equalities implications.

5.4 Sustainability Implications:
See above.

5.5 Crime & Disorder Implications:
See above.

5.6 Risk & Opportunity Management Implications:
See above.

5.7 Corporate / Citywide Implications:
See above.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

None

Documents in Members' Rooms

None

Background Documents

None

**AGENDA ITEM 43 – Children and Young People’s Overview and Scrutiny
(CYPOSC) Work Programme June 2011 - March 2012**

Issue /Topic	Reason for the agenda item	Outcome & Monitoring
4 July 2011 Introduction to Children’s Services	To understand the priorities and challenges of the service	CYPOSC agreed to hear the draft Child Poverty Strategy at 15 September meeting.
Ofsted Inspection – safeguarding & looked after children	Overall effectiveness – Grade 3 (Adequate)	(1)Receive information via e-mail on an explanation of Section 17 & 47 (2)Have a report on the SEN pilots at the next Committee meeting. (3)Receive a further update on the action plan.
14 September 2011		
Child Poverty Update (14)	CYPOSC requested at the 4/7/2011 meeting. Will be looking at the Needs Assessment and consultation document. Opportunity to comment & respond.	Commented on the strategy and forward CYPOSC’s comments as part of the consultation on the child poverty strategy.
Children with Autistic Spectrum Conditions (15)	Response to the letter on Autism/CAHMS at 4/7/2011 CYPOSC – assurance regarding service provision, diagnosis, processes.	Specific question on speech and language therapy it was agreed to provide a written answer. Members resolved to request that an independent user satisfaction survey be carried out with the results to be reported back to CYPOSC at the earliest opportunity.
Parents’ views on the future of SEN in B&H (16)	Report from the PaCC, CYPOSC requested at the 4/7/2011 meeting. Parents views on how SEN services should be developed. To link with Agenda item 17.	CYPOSC agreed the work of the PaCC should be used to inform the pilot work going forward and that parents and other stakeholders should be ‘round the table’ as the pilots developed. Members felt the expertise and knowledge of parents should be utilised more by the council.
SEN pilots (17) (this item was combined with the report from PaCC views on the future of SEN in B&H)	CYPOSC requested at the 4/7/2011 meeting. To inform Member of SEN Green Paper & Pilot projects. Opportunity to comment on direction of travel & priorities.	As above.

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CYPOSC Workshop – 17 October 2011		
Youth Service Review	Private workshop for CYPOSC members to feed comments into the final part of the youth service review	Questions raised on commissioning and budget allocations. Members endorsed the draft strategy especially the co-production period.
9 November 2011		
Issue /Topic	Reason for the agenda item	Outcome and Monitoring
School Performance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary schools • Secondary schools • Post 16 education/training Focus to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exam performance • Partnership working • Local authority support 	CYPOSC/Directorate joint request. To bring together performance data on school exam results with changes to school support arrangements and partnership working across schools. CYPOSC to endorse suggested approach to improving performance.	Requested further information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on why cohorts of children that showed significant improvements at one stage of testing did not maintain that improvements at later testing stages and the implications this would have on targets and funding • annual feedback on the gaps of KS3 pupils with SEN and all other pupils • proportions of 16+ leavers that had SEN
25 January 2012		
Calculation of home to school distances related to school admissions	In response to Cllr. Mitchell’s letter	Emailed to the committee.
Ofsted unannounced inspection of Contact, Referral and Assessment arrangements	For information	CYPOSC requested the Service Improvement Plan.
Child Poverty Strategy 2012-2015	For final comments	
Health & Wellbeing Boards	For information	CYPOSC noted the report
18 April 2012		
Academies	Requested from OSC to investigate performance	
Housing for Vulnerable Young People	Joint Member request with ASCHOSC. Scoping report on possible areas of work.	
18 April 2012		
Young carers provision in the city	Requested by CYPOSC members	

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Summer 2012 Holiday Provision Plans	To review available activities planned for summer of 2012. (CMM request)	
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Other Issues to be addressed:

- Children & Young People’s Plan Annual Report (Council policy framework documents)
- Annual Performance report
- PCT priorities – Childhood obesity and teenage pregnancy

Monitoring implementation of scrutiny reports into:

- Children & Alcohol
- School Exclusions
- Cultural Provision for Children

