





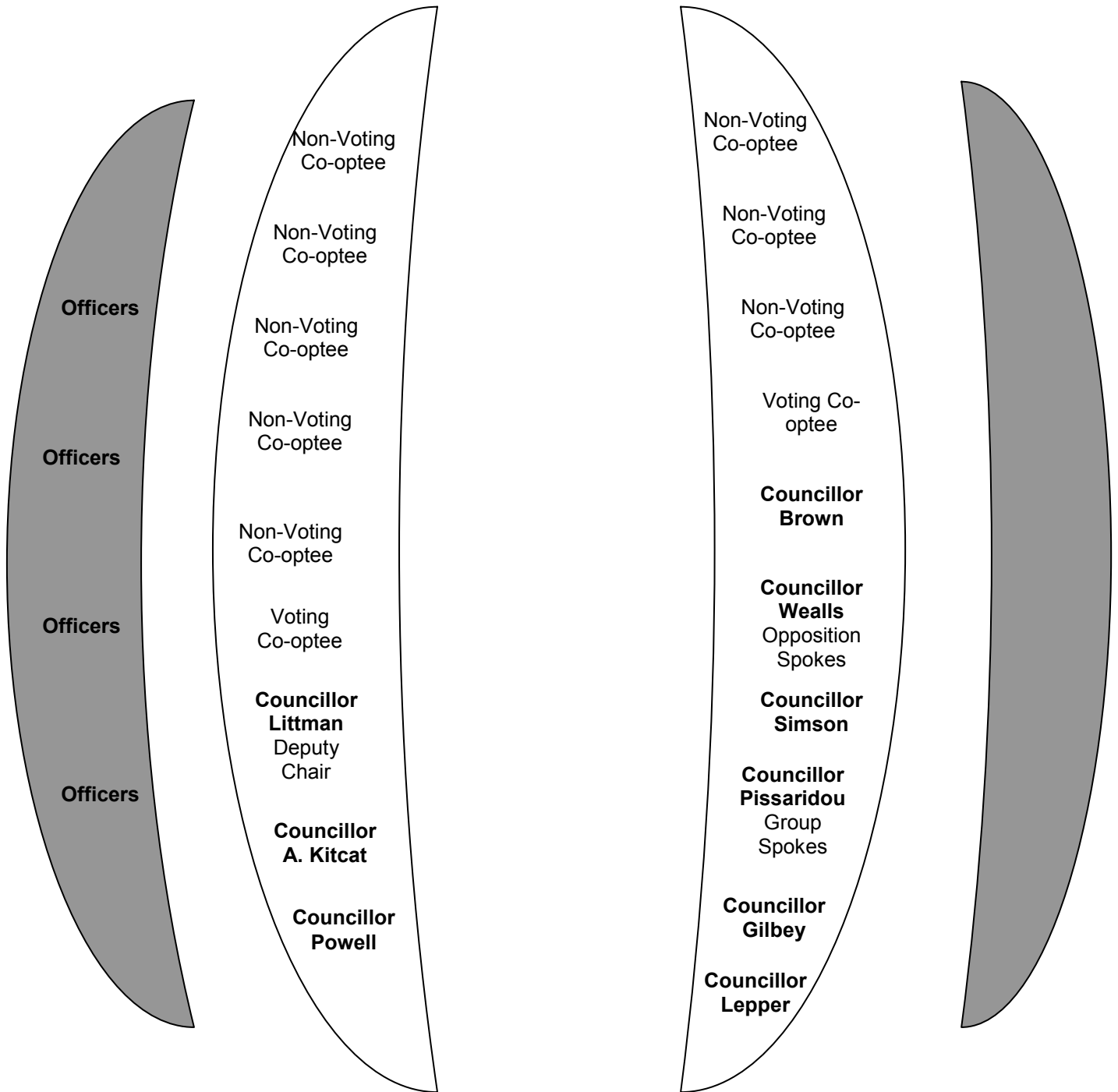
Brighton & Hove  
City Council

# Children & Young People Committee

Title:	<b>Children &amp; Young People Committee</b>
Date:	<b>17 November 2014</b>
Time:	<b>4.00pm</b>
Venue	<b>Council Chamber, Hove Town Hall</b>
Members:	<b>Councillors:</b> Shanks (Chair), Littman (Deputy Chair), Wealls (Opposition Spokesperson), Pissaridou (Group Spokesperson), Brown, Gilbey, A Kitcat, Lepper, Powell and Simson
	<b>Voting Co-opted Members:</b> Amanda Mortensen, Marie Ryan, Martin Jones and Ann Holt
	<b>Non-Voting Co-opted Members:</b> Eleanor Davies (Parent Forum), Ben Glazebrook (Community Voluntary Sector Forum), Geraldine Hoban (Clinical Commissioning Group), Andrew Jeffrey (Parent Forum), Sue Sjuve (Sussex Community NHS Trust) and Youth Council Rep
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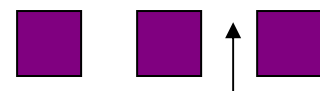
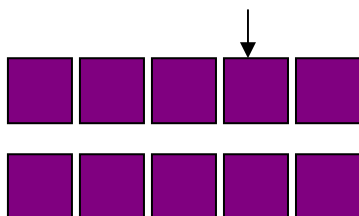
# Democratic Services: Children & Young People Committee

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Presenting Officer & Public Speaker	Presenting Officer & Public Speaker
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## AGENDA

### 46 PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

(a) **Declaration of Substitutes:** Where Councillors are unable to attend a meeting, a substitute Member from the same Political Group may attend, speak and vote in their place for that meeting.

(b) **Declarations of Interest:**

- (a) Disclosable pecuniary interests not registered on the register of interests;
- (b) Any other interests required to be registered under the local code;
- (c) Any other general interest as a result of which a decision on the matter might reasonably be regarded as affecting you or a partner more than a majority of other people or businesses in the ward/s affected by the decision.

In each case, you need to declare

- (i) the item on the agenda the interest relates to;
- (ii) the nature of the interest; and
- (iii) whether it is a disclosable pecuniary interest or some other interest.

If unsure, Members should seek advice from the committee lawyer or administrator preferably before the meeting.

(c) **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.

**NOTE:** Any item appearing in Part Two of the Agenda states in its heading the category under which the information disclosed in the report is exempt from disclosure and therefore not available to the public.

*A list and description of the exempt categories is available for public inspection at Brighton and Hove Town Halls.*

### 47 MINUTES

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To consider the minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2014 (copy attached).

Contact Officer: Lisa Johnson

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## CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE COMMITTEE

### 48 CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS

### 49 CALL OVER

- (a) Items (53 - 57) will be read out at the meeting and Members invited to reserve the items for consideration.
- (b) Those items not reserved will be taken as having been received and the reports' recommendations agreed.

### 50 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

To consider the following matters raised by members of the public:

- (a) **Petitions:** to receive any petitions presented to the full council or at the meeting itself;
- (b) **Written Questions:** to receive any questions submitted by the due date of 12 noon on the 10 November 2014,
- (c) **Deputations:** to receive any deputations submitted by the due date of 12 noon on the 10 November 2014.

### 51 MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

To consider the following matters raised by Councillors:

- (a) **Petitions:** to receive any petitions submitted to the full Council or at the meeting itself;
- (b) **Written Questions:** to consider any written questions;
- (c) **Letters:** to consider any letters;
- (d) **Notices of Motion:** to consider any Notices of Motion referred from Council or submitted directly to the Committee.

## GENERAL MATTERS

The items listed below are to be voted on by the 10 Councillors on the Committee

### 52 MEMBER OF UK YOUTH PARLIAMENT FOR BRIGHTON & HOVE 9 - 10 IN TELEVISED DEBATE - PRESENTATION

Briefing Note (copy attached)

*Contact Officer: Tina Owens*

*Tel: 01273 295504*

### 53 SOLAR PANELS IN SCHOOLS

**11 - 14**

Report of the Executive Director of Children's Services

*Contact Officer: Michael Nix*

*Tel: 29-0732*

*Ward Affected: All Wards*

## CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE COMMITTEE

### EDUCATIONAL MATTERS

The items listed below are to be voted on by the 10 Councillors and the 4 Voting Co-Optees on the Committee

**54 PROPOSED EXPANSION OF ST ANDREW'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL TO THREE FORMS OF ENTRY FROM SEPTEMBER 2015 - RESPONSES TO STATUTORY NOTICE**

Report of the Executive Director of Children's Services (copy to follow)

Contact Officer: Michael Nix                      Tel: 01273 290732  
Ward Affected: All Wards

**55 SCHOOL OFSTED - PRESENTATION**

Contact Officer: Jo Lyons                      Tel: 01273 293514

**56 EARLY PARENTING ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME - PRESENTATION**

Briefing Note (separate document)

Contact Officer: Celia Lamden                      Tel: 01273 294529

**57 ANNUAL STANDARDS REPORT FOR CHILDREN IN CARE (EARLY HEADLINES)                      15 - 18**

Report of the Executive Director of Children's Services

Contact Officer: Mark Storey                      Tel: 01273 294271  
Ward Affected: All Wards

**58 ITEMS REFERRED FOR COUNCIL**

To consider items to be submitted to the 11 December 2014 Council meeting for information.

*In accordance with Procedure Rule 24.3a, the Committee may determine that any item is to be included in its report to Council. In addition, any Group may specify one further item to be included by notifying the Chief Executive no later than 10am on the eighth working day before the Council meeting at which the report is to be made, or if the Committee meeting take place after this deadline, immediately at the conclusion of the Committee meeting*

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**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**  
**CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE COMMITTEE**

**4.00pm 13 OCTOBER 2014**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

**Councillors:** Councillor Shanks (Chair), Councillor Littman (Deputy Chair), Wealls (Opposition Spokesperson), A Kitcat, Lepper, Powell, Cox, Mitchell, Morgan and A Norman

**Voting Co-Optees:** Martin Jones and Amanda Mortensen

**Non-Voting Co-Optees:** Ben Glazebrook and Alex Boyle and Riziki Millanzi (Youth Council).

**PART ONE**

**32 PROCEDURAL BUSINESS**

**32(a) Declaration of Substitutes**

32.1 Councillor Mitchell was present in substitution for Councillor Gilbey  
Councillor Morgan was present in substitution for Councillor Pissaridou  
Councillor A Norman was present in substitution for Councillor Simson  
Councillor Cox was present in substitution for Councillor Brown

**32(b) Declarations of interest**

32.2 There were none

**32(c) Exclusion of Press and Public**

32.3 In accordance with section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 (“the Act”), the Committee 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 business to be transacted or the nature of proceedings, that if members of the press and 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 100(I) of the Act).

32.4 **RESOLVED-** That the press and public not be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any item on the agenda.

### **33 MINUTES**

33.1 The Committee considered the Minutes of the meetings held on 2 June 2014, 21 July 2014 and 22 September 2014.

33.2 Councillor Wealls referred to paragraph 13.2 of the Minutes of 2 June 2014 and said that 'focus' should read 'progress'.

#### **33.3 RESOLVED:**

- (1) That subject to the amendment set out above that the Chair be authorised to sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2014 as a correct record.
- (2) That the Chair be authorised to sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 July 2014 as a correct record.
- (3) That the Chair be authorised to sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2014 as a correct record.

### **34 CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

34.1 The Chair was pleased to announce the following:

- (1) That Natasha Watson's Team had won the Local Authority Family Law Team of the Year award.
- (2) The Governors of Hove Park had voted not to pursue the possibility of the school becoming an academy.

### **35 CALL OVER**

35.1 It was agreed that all items be called.

### **36 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

#### **36a Petitions**

36.1 There were none.

#### **36b Written Questions**

36.2 There were none.



**36c Deputations**

36.3 There were none.

**37 MEMBER INVOLVEMENT**

**37a Petitions**

37.1 There were none.

**37b Written Questions**

37.2 There were none.

**37c Letters**

37.3 There were none.

**37d Notices of Motion**

37.4 There were none.

**38 PRESENTATIONS**

**38A ALICE HARMER**

38.1 The Committee received two presentations; the first was from Alice Harmer and the second from representatives from the Scouts.

38.2 Alice Harmer, who was at pupil at Patcham House, was a member of the Council for Disabled Children's Equality, Participation, Influencing and Change Group (EPIC). Alice told the Committee that through membership of EPIC, she had been invited to provide feedback to the Department for Education on the support needed for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities. The feedback assisted in developing a new Code of Practice for schools and other educational centres. Alice said she was one of a group who had been invited to a special reception hosted by Children and Families Minister Edward Timpson to thank them for their work.

38.3 Councillor Powell congratulated Alice on the work she had done, and asked what issues had been discussed. Alice said that they'd discussed education and health care for young people, and ways to support them throughout their lives.

38.4 The Chair thanked Alice for all the work she had done.

**38B SCOUTS**

- 38.5 Mr David Simon, The Commissioner for Brighton Hove and Portslade District Scouts, gave a presentation about the scouting movement to the Committee. Mr Simon was accompanied by three scouts, Daniel, Tom and Dean. Mr Simon said that the Scout movement which celebrated its centenary in 2007 was having a resurgence in popularity. The local district currently had 19 groups. However, there were many children waiting to join but there was currently a shortfall in adult volunteers which was limiting the number of groups. He said there were a number of different levels within the movement; Beavers for 6-8 year olds, Cubs for 8-10 year olds, Scouts for 10-14 year olds, Explorer Scouts for 14-18 year olds and the Scout Network for those aged 18-25. Mr Simon and his colleagues provided an interesting presentation on what scouting offered to children, the kind of activities they provided and the vision for the future.
- 38.6 The Chair thanked them very much for attending the meeting.

**39 SCHOOL OFSTED UPDATE**

- 39.1 The Head of Standards and Achievement Education and Inclusion provided the Committee with an update on recent Ofsted inspections.
- 39.2 Councillor Wealls noted that St Bartholomew's CE Primary School had been inspected in July 2014 and had been judged to be Grade 3 (Requires Improvement), whereas at their last inspection the school had been judged to be Grade 1 (Outstanding). The Head of Standards and Achievement Education and Inclusion said that the school had had a dip in their results, which had led Ofsted to visit the school. Ofsted had concerns around the level of teaching and learning. The Committee were reminded that the school only had a single form of entry, and so the cohort in any one year could make a difference to the school's results.
- 39.3 Alex Boyle asked how the Ofsted results for Brighton and Hove schools compared with national results. The Head of Standards and Achievement Education and Inclusion said that that data was not yet available, but when it was the Committee would be advised.
- 39.4 Martin Jones asked whether the number of schools in the city rated as 'Outstanding' had fallen. The Head of Standards and Achievement Education and Inclusion said that some schools had lost their 'Outstanding' rating, but the Authority was still waiting on the outcome of a number of Ofsted visits.
- 39.5 Amanda Mortensen said the Westdene Primary School had recently lost their 'Outstanding' rating, and it had been demoralising for everyone as the Governors Head Teacher and Teaching Staff had all believed that the school was performing as well as before.
- 39.6 The Chair said that a more detailed update would be provided at the next committee meeting, when more information would be available.
- 39.7 **RESOLVED** – That the update be noted.

**40 RESPONSE TO THE BULLYING SCRUTINY PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 40.1 The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director for Children's Services in relation to the response to the recommendations of the Bullying Scrutiny Panel. The report was introduced by the Acting Head of Scrutiny and the Partnership Adviser: Health and Wellbeing, Standards and Achievement Team. The Head of Scrutiny noted that Amanda Mortensen was a member of the Scrutiny Panel and apologised for omitting her name from the title of the Scrutiny Panel Report and said that the papers would be updated.
- 40.2 Councillor Lepper thanked members of the Scrutiny Panel for their report, and said that it was good that schools were taking the issue of bullying seriously and that she was happy to agree to the recommendations.
- 40.3 Alex Boyle thanked officers for the report and said it had been an honour to be involved with the Scrutiny Panel.
- 40.4 Councillor Wealls thanked everyone for the report and said he would be supporting the recommendations.
- 40.5 Councillor Mitchell thanked officers and Scrutiny Panel members, and wanted to highlight Recommendation 4(c) in Appendix 1 as being particularly useful.
- 40.6 Riziki Millanzi welcomed the report and in particular the suggestion that the Youth Council be invited to become co-opted members of the Anti-Bullying & Equality Strategy Group.
- 40.7 Martin Jones said the report was very useful, and thought it was a good idea that the Youth Council be invited to join the Anti-Bullying & Equality Strategy Group.
- 40.8 Councillor Powell thanked all those involved for the report, and asked if people with disabilities had had the opportunity to be involved with the Scrutiny Panel and whether the possibility of teacher/pupil bullying had been addressed. The Partnership Adviser: Health and Wellbeing, Standards and Achievement Team advised that those with a disability had been included, but the issue of teacher/pupil bullying hadn't as that was a different area and would be covered by the HR department within the Council.
- 40.9 Ben Glazebrook referred to paragraph 7.3.1 of the report and noted that children with SEN weren't listed as being included. He was advised they were included and the support group Amaze had given evidence to the Panel. The wording of that paragraph reflected the categories used in the Equalities Act, and children with SEN weren't listed as a separate category.
- 40.10 Councillor Cox asked what steps were being taken to tackle those who were perpetual bullies. The Partnership Adviser: Health and Wellbeing, Standards and Achievement Team advised that schools were provided with guidance on how to deal with those children.
- 40.11 Alex Boyle referred to Recommendation 4 and noted that the idea of producing a leaflet, and suggested that one be produced just for children; some people may not want to

access information over the internet and may prefer a paper leaflet. He noted Recommendation 5 and welcomed the suggestion of holding exit interviews. The Assistant Director - Education & Inclusion thanked Alex for his comments and suggested it may be useful to involve young people when implementation of those Recommendations were undertaken.

40.12 Councillor A Norman thanked everyone for the excellent report and said she agreed with the suggestion that a separate leaflet be provided for children.

40.13 Councillor Littman welcomed the report and felt that implementing the Recommendations would have a positive impact.

40.14 **RESOLVED:**

- (1) That the Committee welcomes the scrutiny report, and noted its findings
- (2) That the Committee accepts the responses made to the recommendations
- (3) That the Committee forward its response to Full Council for information.

**41 PROPOSED EXPANSION OF SALTDEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL TO THREE FORMS OF ENTRY FROM SEPTEMBER 2015: RESPONSES TO STATUTORY NOTICE, CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE 13/10/14 16:00**

41.1 The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director for Children's Services in relation to the proposed expansion of Saltdean Primary School to three forms of entry from September 2015. The report was presented by the Head of Education Planning and Contracts.

41.2 **RESOLVED** – That the Children and Young People Committee confirm the proposal contained in the statutory notice and agree the expansion of Saltdean Primary School to three forms of entry from September 2015, subject to planning consent and the Secretary of State's consent for change of use being obtained by 28 February 2015.

**42 PROPOSED AMALGAMATION OF HANGLETON INFANT AND HANGLETON JUNIOR SCHOOLS FROM SEPTEMBER 2015: RESPONSES TO STATUTORY NOTICE**

42.1 The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director for Children's Services in relation to the proposed amalgamation of Hangleton Infant School and Hangleton Junior School from September 2015. The report was presented by the Head of Education Planning and Contracts.

42.2 **RESOLVED** – That the Children and Young People Committee confirmed the proposal contained in the Statutory Notice to amalgamate Hangleton Infant and Junior Schools from 1 September 2015.

**43 UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND THE SCHOOL FOOD PLAN**

- 43.1 The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director for Children's Services in relation to Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) policy and the School Food Plan in Brighton and Hove. The report was presented by the School Meals Manager.
- 43.2 Councillor A Kitcat asked if there was any evidence to show whether the provision of school meals had any impact on children's educational achievement and/or behaviour. The Assistant Director, Education and Inclusion said that national research had shown that having a meal at lunchtime was beneficial, but research was ongoing and the Authority would be speaking to schools and monitoring children's behaviour.
- 43.3 Councillor Morgan thanked officers for the report, and asked if there was information on which schools provided breakfast clubs and whether free fruit was still provided for KS1 children. The Assistant Director, Education and Inclusion said that free fruit was still provided for all KS1 children and free milk for those under 5. If available, a list of those schools which provided breakfast clubs would be provided.
- 43.4 Councillor Wealls thanked all the staff who were involved with implementing the UIFSM policy.
- 43.5 Martin Jones said the provision of UIFSM had been challenging for School Governors, but with the support of the Authority the implementation had gone really well.
- 43.6 Councillor Lepper welcomed the report and thanked all those involved in ensuring that the UIFSM had been fully and properly implemented. Councillor Powell agreed and thanked everyone involved.
- 43.7 Alex Boyle noted that some schools may be expanded and asked for reassurance that they would have adequate provision to provide additional meals if necessary. The School Meals Manager said that staff had worked with those schools to ensure they would have the facilities to cater for extra pupils should it be necessary.
- 43.8 RESOLVED- That the Committee noted the report and welcomed the successful implementation of Universal Infant Free School Meals and the School Food Plan in the Brighton and Hove.**

**44 EARLY ANNUAL STANDARDS REPORT**

- 44.1 The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director for Children's Services on Annual Standards. The report, which contained the early un-validated headlines from the End of Key Stage results for children and young people in the city, was presented by the Strategic Commissioner for Standards & Achievement. The Assistant Director – Education and Inclusion apologised that the report was late and said that officers were waiting for data from the Department for Education before the report could be finalised.
- 44.2 Councillor Wealls noted that the percentage of pupils making the expected progress had dropped, and was particularly concerned that there appeared to be a problem with

Maths. He asked when an improvement was likely, and whether schools had the capacity to make the changes themselves to make a difference. He had previously mentioned the possibility of schools looking outside the city and talking with academy chains and other schools where there had been success and asked whether this had happened. The Head of Standards & Achievement said that the councillor was correct, that progress in maths was a priority in the city and being addressed in several ways. The Citywide maths project will be supporting lesson study in secondary schools which will improve the quality of teaching. There is a new 'maths hub' for Sussex led by St Pauls Catholic College and St Richard's Catholic College Teaching School Alliances and the Head of Standards and Achievement and the Teaching & Learning Lead Secondary Schools Partnership are meeting with them to find out more about the offer for schools. In addition the secondary schools have become part of 'Challenge Partners' which will involve a review of the school and support to address the issues raised. These are some of the different strategies being considered to address the issue.

- 44.3 The Executive Director for Children's Services said that the Authority was disappointed with the results and would be working closely with schools; this was a significant priority for the Council.
- 44.4 Councillor Lepper was concerned that there was such a big difference in the attainment of pupils at different schools, but was pleased to note that at primary school children were exceeding the national average.
- 44.5 **RESOLVED** – That the Committee noted the report.

#### **45 ITEMS REFERRED FOR COUNCIL**

- 45.1 It was agreed that Item 40, Response to the Bullying Scrutiny Panel Recommendations be referred to the next meeting of Full Council.

The meeting concluded at 6.20pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

## Young People Make Their Mark

### Member of UK Youth Parliament for Brighton & Hove debates in the House of Commons

#### Who and what is a Member of UK Youth Parliament (UKYP)?

Members of the UK Youth Parliament (MYPs) are elected annually by young people. The most important aspect of an MYP's role is to make sure they represent the views of the young people in their constituency.

The MYP for Brighton and Hove is Thomas Soud. The Deputy Member of Youth Parliament (DMYP) is Kai Mohammed-Grange. Both were elected from the Brighton & Hove Youth Council.

#### What is Make Your Mark?

Now in its sixth year, the Make Your Mark campaign is the largest national consultation of young people. It includes the views of young people from England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and British Overseas Armed Forces.

Every year the MYP's from across the UK meet in the House of Commons (HoC) to debate the top 5 issues voted for in the Make Your Mark campaign. The result of the debate decides the UKYP campaign for the following year.

This year over 869,000 young people made their mark nationally, with over 4,450 of those votes coming from Brighton & Hove. This year's top issues for local young people are;

1. Everyone should be paid at least the Living Wage of £7.65 per hour
2. Euthanasia
3. Bring back exam re-sits in Maths and English
4. Mental Health
5. Work Experience

#### What will happen at the House of Commons?

On the 14<sup>th</sup> November the 369 MYPs will debate the top five issues voted for nationally in the Make Your Mark campaign. You can find out more about the top 5 issues here: <http://www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk/>

Thomas Soud, MYP for Brighton & Hove, was selected by the other MYP's to open the debate on one of the 5 issues. Thomas, alongside another MYP will present a case either for or against the issue. The topic will then be opened for debate to all MYP's.

After all of the top issues have been debated, the MYP's will follow parliamentary procedure and vote by walking through the Ayes and Noes doors.

The proceedings will be conducted by The Right Hon. John Bercow MP, Speaker for the House of Commons, recorded in Hansard and televised live on BBC Democracy Live.

**Want to find out more?**

If you would like further information about the UKYP Make Your Mark debate at the House of Commons contact the Participation Team on 01273 295504 or email [john.lewry@brighton-hove.gcsx.gov.uk](mailto:john.lewry@brighton-hove.gcsx.gov.uk)



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Solar Panels in Schools</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>17 November 2014</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Executive Director of Children's Services</b>		
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Michael Nix</b>	<b>Tel:</b> 29-0732
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<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	<b>All</b>		

**FOR GENERAL RELEASE****1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the committee on solar panel installations in the school building portfolio and to outline how the ring-fenced capital budget will be used over the course of the year.
- 1.2 Solar panels are a key technology helping the council to reduce carbon emissions and enable us to work towards living within One Planet's means, as set out in the One Planet Living sustainability action plan.
- 1.3 Electricity prices are expected to continue to rise and even though every effort is made to manage the risk of rising energy prices through procurement, the council needs to manage this risk through supporting schools to reduce energy consumption and where possible to generate their own electricity.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 2.1 That the Committee notes the outline of how the capital budget will be used to enable electricity generation in schools across the city.

**3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The committee report for the meeting of 10 March 2014 contained the following statement:

"All new school buildings are designed to high sustainability and energy efficiency standards. Solar panels are a sustainability feature which the Council wishes to encourage. £50 000 has been identified within basic need funding to support this commitment."

As a result of the committee's agreement, the authority has moved forward on this commitment on new school buildings.

- 3.2 The £50k ring-fenced budget was allocated from the basic need funding, pupil places budget.

- 3.3 It is proposed that the same amount is ring fenced for the same purpose from basic need funding for 2015/16.
- 3.4 The first project to benefit from the ring-fenced solar panel budget was the new Hove Junior School at Holland Road. The extension to the existing building was designed to be 'solar panel ready' and by working in partnership, the school and council funded 50% of the costs of the scheme each. The school benefits from the generated electricity and the income from the Feed-In-Tariff. The new solar panel array went live in early summer 2014. The 9.81 KW peak system is set to produce 8514 kWh electricity per year, which is roughly the equivalent of the electricity consumed by 3 average sized UK homes per year. The 30 solar panels cost £19,000 to install and it is estimated that the school will earn over £1,000 per year in government backed Feed-In-Tariff, guaranteed for 20 years. The project is cash neutral from year one and the capital outlay will be paid back within eleven years. The school has a display screen in the new reception area which gives updates to children and staff of the power generation and Co2 reduction.
- 3.5 The next schemes are in their early stages of development and will focus on the two proposed pupil place extension projects at Saltdean Primary School and St Andrew's CE Primary School. Should the schemes be viable, the council will approach the school to agree their incorporation in the design and agree an approach to sharing the costs of the installation. The school would benefit from the electricity generated and the associated income. The remaining funding for 2014/15 will focus on these two schemes.
- 3.6 Given the costs associated with solar panels and the source of the budget it is logical to focus initial efforts on ensuring new buildings / extensions benefit from this technology. The costs associated with retrofitting solar panels onto an existing roof-space may be higher than for a new build project due to the remedial works e.g. roof loading testing and strengthening.
- 3.7 Should this budget be made available in 2015/16 the council will look to offer other schools the option to bid for an amount of money to top-up their own fund for retrofitting solar panels to their school roof. This would be set up as a recycling fund, whereby an agreed annual amount (based on likely savings and income) would be extracted from the school's budget, to replenish the fund. This might for example be used by a school that has signed up to Solar Schools, where the school raises funds through the community for solar panels.

#### **4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 4.1 It is important that any generation project should also consider energy efficiency within the building. There is little point in generating electricity if lights are subsequently inefficient or left on out of hours. Schools now have the option to borrow interest free funding via the Salix Energy Efficiency Loans Scheme, backed by the Department for Education. Schools are supported by the council to put their application together and this covers hundreds of energy efficiency technologies. This fund cannot be used to fund renewable technologies, such as solar panels.

- 4.2 Rent-a-Roof Schemes: There are many companies offering 'free' solar PV panels. In reality this means they are renting the roof-space to sell the generated electricity back at a reduced rate, as well as claiming the Feed-in-Tariff and exporting electricity back to the national grid. At present Brighton & Hove City Council is not comfortable with accepting the risk associated with granting landlord's consent to 'rent-a-roof' solar PV schemes. This is because of standard lease clauses which would have significant impact upon future school development opportunities.
- 4.3 Several local schools have signed up to the national Solar Schools scheme and have started raising money to install solar panels. This is a viable alternative way of funding this kind of project, should the school be able to take on the size of the project. St Bartholomew's CE Primary School in Brighton raised £10,000 for solar panels through the national 'Solar Schools' crowdfunding initiative – the first school in Sussex to do so. 39 solar panels are now generating electricity to power the school's lights, computers and other equipment; the money saved on electricity bills will be used to buy more books, sports equipment and other resources for the school. Surplus electricity will be sold to the National Grid, including that generated during school holidays, raising additional funds. The 18 month project has enabled the pupils to learn about green energy and sustainability, and they wrote a song about using the sun's resources which they sang at the launch event. A display board in the school will show children and parents how much power is being generated each day. The children did much of the fundraising, supported by individuals and local businesses.
- 4.4 There are several schemes now starting to offer a leasing option for solar panels. This is a relatively new model and we are currently reviewing the offers several schools have had in relation to this. As these schemes do not have lease clauses asking that the authority mitigate the supplier's risk in the case of temporary removal due to repair or development, it is seen as a more viable alternative to the rent-a-roof model.
- 4.5 Borrowing Capital from Brighton & Hove City Council: The School Finance Regulations do not permit schools to borrow money from banks or other financial institutions. Schools can borrow capital from the council to fund solar panel projects although this would attract interest rates set at a level which does not provide any profit to the council.

## **5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 All projects to install solar panels require consultation with the local community via the planning process.

## **6. CONCLUSION**

- 6.1 As the funds have been ring-fenced from the Pupil Places Funding intended to be spent on new building programmes to meet basic need, it seems appropriate that the fund's first priority has been and should continue to be to ensure that this renewable technology can be included, where viable, on new build projects. It may be useful to bolster the funding streams available to schools proposing to

retrofit the technology by making available any underspend in the form of a pot which would consider bids for capital funding. As the fund is not large enough to provide assistance to all schools, it seems fair to require that schools who are successful in bids are asked to sign up to an agreement which would allow the fund to be replenished from savings, allowing the offer to be rolled out to other schools in future years.

## **7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

### **7.1 Financial Implications:**

£50,000 has been set aside in the Children's Services Capital Programme to support schools with Solar Panels as previously identified. Schools can also use their own delegated budget to support costs of installation, as well as raising external funds either through specific funding streams or parental and community support. Any installation should lead to a reduction in on-going utility costs as well as having an educational benefit from the installation.

*Finance Officer Consulted: Andy Moore*

*Date: 28/10/2014*

### **7.2 Legal Implications:**

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

*Lawyer Consulted: Serena Kynaston*

*Date: 03/11/2014*

### **7.3 Equalities Implications**

None.

### **7.4 Sustainability Implications**

Solar panels generate electricity and thereby help to reduce ongoing electricity bills and carbon emissions.

### **7.5 Any Other Significant Implications:**

None

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

### **Appendices:**

None

### **Documents in Members' Rooms**

None

### **Background Documents**

None

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**FOR GENERAL RELEASE/ EXEMPTIONS****1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:**

- 1.1 To inform the Children and Young People Committee Board of recent results for Children in Care and inform and consult on the initial priorities of the new Headteacher of the Virtual School

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 2.1 That the Children and Young People Committee note the content of the report
- 2.2 That the Children and Young People Committee support the initial priorities

**3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:**

- 3.1 The key purpose of the Virtual School is to monitor and track the educational progress of all Children in Care and to provide support and challenge to all so that Children in Care are able to achieve or exceed their expected educational outcomes.
- 3.2 Each year a very detailed Virtual School Self Evaluation will be completed on the Education of Children in Care by November. Sections in this report are included on:
- Contextual information
  - Attainment and Progress at all Key Stages
  - Attendance and Persistent Absence
  - Exclusions (Fixed term and Permanent)
  - Progression to post 16 and post 18
  - Extra curricular activities
  - Interventions with Children in Care
  - Case Studies
- 3.3 (All of the data below is for 2014 and is provisional and still subject to change):

- 3.3.1 At Key Stage 4 (age 16) 24.3% of children in care achieved 5A\*-C including English and Maths which is significantly above the National Average for Children in Care in 2013 of 16.1%. This is however significantly below how all children in Brighton and Hove achieve.
- 3.3.2 At Key Stage 2 (age 11) 61.5% of these children achieved age related expectations in reading writing and maths. This is significantly below how all children achieved nationally but highly likely to be significantly above how children in care achieved nationally in 2014.
- 3.3.3 At Key Stage 1 (age 7) 50% achieved age related expectations in reading, writing and maths. This is significantly below all children nationally and below how Children in Care achieve nationally.
- 3.3.4 In 2014 there were no permanent exclusions of Children in Care in Brighton and Hove and there have not been any for 5 years.
- 3.3.5 9.4% of Children in Care received at least one fixed term exclusion which is expected to be slightly below National Averages.
- 3.3.6 2 young people who were 18 in the last year are expecting to start at University this term.
- 3.3.7 Staff from the Virtual School regularly work with and are available to Foster Carers, Schools and Social Workers both to support when there are problems and track all Children and Young People to ensure they make the very best progress.
- 3.4 Initial priorities for the new Headteacher of the Virtual School include:
  - 3.4.1 Completing a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) analysis so we are all clear of the starting point for the school in conjunction with social workers, carers and schools;
  - 3.4.2 Development of the Personal Education Plan and process for Children in Care so it is simpler and more effective;
  - 3.4.3 Ensuring the Pupil Premium is used effectively to benefit Children in Care;
  - 3.4.4 Establishing strong relationships with social workers, carers and schools;
  - 3.4.5 Supporting cohesive working across Children's Services and with all agencies involved;
  - 3.4.6 Collating accurate data on Children in Care so their educational progress can be tracked and monitored. This data will be used to inform early and effective interventions where appropriate and will be put in place in partnership with the school;

3.4.7 Developing a way of working with schools so that the Virtual School moves more towards a strategic school improvement way of working and reduces operational delivery. E.g. uses time to challenge and support a whole school rather than attending an individuals Personal Education Plan meeting.

3.4.8 Developing the service to support the education of children who have previously been in care and have been adopted.

3.5 Conclusion

3.5.1 The self evaluation of educational outcomes for Children in Care will be updated by the end of November and ready to be presented to Corporate Parenting Panel and Virtual School Steering group. This forms the basis of an annual challenge from corporate parenting on the educational progress of Children in Care and inform the strategies deployed by the Virtual School to support Children in Care.

#### 4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION

N/A

#### 5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

##### Financial Implications:

5.1 Priorities will be delivered from within existing budgets, therefore there are no direct financial implications.

*Finance Officer Consulted: Steve Williams Date: 22/10/14*

##### Legal Implications:

5.2 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

*Lawyer Consulted: Serena Kynaston Date: 24/10/14*

##### Equalities Implications:

5.3 N/A

##### Sustainability Implications:

5.4 N/A

##### Crime & Disorder Implications:

5.5 N/A

##### Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 N/A

##### Public Health Implications:

5.7 N/A

##### Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.8 N/A

