

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

**4.00pm 6 MARCH 2017**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL, NORTON ROAD, HOVE,  
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# **DECISION LIST**

## **Part One**

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### **140 LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD ANNUAL REPORT**

- 1) That the Committee noted the Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report.

### **141 SPECIAL SCHOOL AND PUPIL REFERRAL UNIT (PRU) REORGANISATION PROPOSALS**

*Contact Officer: Regan Delf*  
*Ward Affected: All Wards*

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#### **RESOLVED:**

- (1) That the Children, Young People and Skills Committee should confirm the proposal contained in the statutory notices and make a final decision to:
  - (a) Extend the age range of Hillside School from the existing 4-16 years to 2-16 years with effect from September 2017
  - (b) Extend the age range of Downs View School from the existing 3-19 years to 2-19 years, with effect from September 2017
- (2) That the outcome of the formal consultation on the proposal to close Patcham House School should be noted and agreement be given to the publication of statutory notices to progress this proposal.
- (3) Formal Consultation – Integrated Hubs East & West  
That the Local Authority should agree to proceed to formal consultation on the proposal to:
  - (a) Expand, re-designate and extend the age range up to the age of 18 years for Hillside Community Special School and to close Downs Park Community Special School to form the integrated hub for learning difficulties in the west of the city
  - (b) Expand and re-designate Downs View Community Special School and

close the Cedar Centre Community Special School to form the integrated hub for learning difficulties in the east of the city

(4) Integrated Hub for Social Emotional Mental Health needs

To agree that the Local Authority should:

- (a) Consult on the creation of an integrated hub for pupils with social, emotional and mental health needs by merging the two Pupil Referral Units (PRUs) and bringing them together with Homewood College under the oversight of an executive head teacher.
- (b) Begin a formal consultation on the expansion of pupil numbers and site of Homewood College and extension of the age range of pupils from 11-16 years to 5-18 years.

**142 CONSULTATION ON REDUCING MAINTAINED SCHOOL NURSERY CLASSES**

Contact Officer: Vicky Jenkins  
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**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That in accordance with DfE statutory guidance *Making 'prescribed alterations' to maintained schools (April 2016)* the process is started for closure of the nursery classes at Queen's Park and Middle Street primary schools immediately following this committee meeting. The local authority has to be the proposer regarding this alteration and the statutory process must be followed.
- (2) That, subject to findings from the initial consultation stage, a decision on whether or not to proceed to statutory notices with full proposals for Queen's Park and Middle Street primary schools is delegated to the Executive Director - Families Children & Learning following discussions with the Chair of the Children, Young People & Skills Committee.
- (3) That at the end of the statutory notice period, a decision on whether or not to proceed with closure of the nursery classes at Queen's Park and Middle Street primary schools is taken at the June Children, Young People and Skills Committee.
- (4) That the committee notes that the governing body of St Mark's Voluntary Aided primary school intends to start the non-statutory process for closure of its nursery class and that the school will be supported by the local authority in doing so.

**143 EDUCATION CAPITAL RESOURCES AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2016/2017**

Contact Officer: Richard Barker  
Ward Affected: All Wards

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**RESOLVED:** The Committee agreed:

- (1) That the level of available capital resources totalling £39.947 million for investment relating to education buildings financed from capital grant be noted.
- (2) That Committee agree the allocation of funding as shown in Appendices 1 and 2 and recommend this to Policy & Resources and Growth Committee on 23 March 2017 for inclusion within the council's Capital Investment Programme 2017/18.
- (3) That Committee agree to recommend to Policy & Resources and Growth Committee that they grant delegated authority to the Assistant Director of Property & Design to procure the capital maintenance and basic need works and enter into contracts within these budgets, as required, in accordance with Contract Standing Orders in respect of the entire Education Capital Programme.

#### **144 ANNUAL STANDARDS REPORT**

*Contact Officer: Ellen Mulvihill*  
*Ward Affected: All Wards*

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**RESOLVED:** That the Committee

- (1) Noted the report and endorsed the focus across the City on improving outcomes for all children and young people, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds.
- (2) Noted the changes in the curriculum, assessment and benchmark measures for Key Stages 2 and 4 and for determining the performance of disadvantaged groups which meant that there was significant difficulty in establishing trends when not comparing like with like.

#### **145 SCHOOL FUNDING**

*Contact Officer: Richard Barker*  
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**RESOLVED:** That the Committee

- (1) Noted the move to a complete National Funding Formula from 2019/20 and the anticipated impact this would have on the city's schools.
- (2) That the committee agreed that the actions being taken to support schools in their preparation for changes to school funding were appropriate and proportionate.

#### **146 POVERTY PROOFING THE SCHOOL DAY UPDATE**

Contact Officer: Hilary Ferries  
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**RESOLVED:** That the Committee:

- (1) Supported the proposed method for the introduction of Poverty-Proofing the school day
- (2) Were kept involved and informed of the progress of the initiative through regular reports.

#### **147 BRIGHTON & HOVE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP PROPOSALS**

Contact Officer: Hilary Ferries  
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**RESOLVED:** That the Committee

- (1) Noted the feedback from the engagement phase on developing the Brighton and Hove Education Partnership
- (2) Approved the proposed approach and timeline for development of the partnership