NOTICE OF MOTION

GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT

IMPROVEMENTS TO EDUCATION PROVISION IN BRIGHTON & HOVE

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"This Council warmly welcomes recent developments around schools and education provision in the City. These include:

- The acquisition of the Connaught Centre in Hove to form part of a new 3 form entry primary school in the City.
- The expansion of Davigdor, Somerhill, West Blatchington, Goldstone, Westdene, Benfield, Balfour and Queen's Park Schools.
- ~~The opening of the new Brighton Aldridge Community Academy in September 2010, with the brand new campus due to open in September 2011, representing a £25 million investment in young people for one of the most deprived areas of the City.~~
- The City's best ever GCSE results, with the number of students gaining five or more A*-C grades including English and Maths, going from 44.5% to 49.1%. Three schools in particular – Hove Park, Portslade Community College and Varndean – improved their results by more than 10%.
- 28% of the City's nursery, infant, primary and junior schools have obtained an outstanding Ofsted rating compared to a national figure of 19%
- 80% of the City's childcare providers have a good / outstanding rating compared to a national average of 68%.

Therefore, this Council would like to place on record its thanks to all the pupils, parents / carers, teachers, childcare providers, officers and partners across the City who have made these successes possible. ***However, this Council is concerned for the future of young people's education in the City, and would therefore urge the Cabinet to:***

- ***look into providing a local primary school which would cater fully for residents who live on the Brighton and Hove border.***

- ***consider options for creating a local authority secondary school in the City centre, securing a more even dispersal of secondary school sites across the city.***

- ***receive a report which sets out how recent improvements in school results will be sustained to secure a successful future for school leavers in the event of Connexions support being reduced, and with***

other potential cuts to education.

- ***secure the provision of childcare for the needs of working parents in their area, as closing central Brighton nurseries and instead offering Hove as an alternative does not meet the needs of all parents."***

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