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EXTRACT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 24 SEPTEMBER 2008

Subject:	Food for Life Partnership Standards		
Date of Meeting:	9 October 2008		
Report of:	Director of Strategy & Governance		
Key Decision:	No		
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Wards Affected:	All		

Present: Councillor Older (Chairman), Councillor McCaffery (Deputy Chairman),
Councillors Allen, Duncan, Norman, Smart and Wakefield-Jarrett.

Also in attendance: Statutory Co-optee with voting rights: Nigel Sarjudeen, Diocese of
Chichester

Co-optee without voting rights: Carrie Britton, Jonathan Stearn

PART ONE

23. ITEMS TO GO TO FULL COUNCIL

23.1 A Member proposed that the Food For Life report be referred to the 9 October 2008 Council meeting for information.

23.2 RESOLVED –

(1) That the Food For Life report be submitted to Council for information.

19. FOOD FOR LIFE REPORT

19.1 Francesca Illiffe, Acting Sustainability Team Manager, Chris Owen, Healthy School Team Manager and Steve Healey, Head of Admissions and Transport, Central Area and Schools Support presented the report to members and answered questions.

19.2 In answer to a question on whether the Bronze standard could be achieved now, the Acting Sustainability Team Manager confirmed it could, and noted that St. Andrews School in Hove was operating at or above this standard.

19.3 A Member noted that the Food for Life initiative had obvious links with the Public Health report and the issue of child obesity. Although the adoption of the Bronze standard was to be welcomed, the Silver standard could be achieved at an estimated cost of £68,000 which was not an extraordinary sum in the context of the council's overall expenditure. It was therefore hoped that in the future the council

would seem to work towards achieving this higher standard.

- 19.4 It was also suggested that the committee revisit this item in light of the forthcoming Brighton and Hove School Food Audit.
- 19.5 Members were advised that national funding for school meals might change in the relatively near future, possibly presenting further opportunities for the development of initiatives such as this.
- 19.6 In response to questions about how many schools were expected to achieve flagship status, Members were told that only one Brighton & Hove School would be expected to succeed.
- 19.7 In regard to a question as to whether schools in deprived areas were to be targeted in this initiative, Members were informed that schools in deprived areas did not necessarily have the worst practice.
- 19.8 In answer to questions on how schools with concrete playgrounds could join the scheme, Members were informed that there were ways of working with these schools, for example by using grow bags and linking up with allotments.
- 19.9 **RESOLVED –**
- (1) That the report be noted.
 - (2) That after the Brighton and Hove School Food Audit is completed, the results from the audit be discussed at the next appropriate CYPOSC meeting