

Council31st January 2013**Agenda Item 83**

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: **Review of the Secondary Admission Process for 2014/15 – Extract from the proceedings of the Children & Young People Committee meeting held on the 14th January 2013**

Date of Meeting: **31 January 2013**
14 January 2013 – Children & Young People Committee

Report of: **Interim Lead Chief Executive Services**

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Wards Affected: All

Action Required of Council:

To receive the item referred from the Children & Young People Committee for approval:

Recommendation:

- (1) That the summary details of the Review into the Secondary School Admissions process for Brighton & Hove and its particular focus on the delineation of catchment areas be noted;
- (2) That it be agreed that no changes be made to the existing Secondary Catchment areas for the academic year 2014/15;
- (3) That the cross party working group should continue to meet on a six weekly basis to monitor the impact of national and local changes related to Secondary Admissions. This will include the creation of new academies or free schools;
- (4) That the cross party working group should reform its stakeholder group as and when needed to consider proposals for any change beyond 2014/15;
- (5) That it be noted that the Admissions Team would review its annual publications in the light of concerns over the “equal preference” system and the continued misunderstanding regarding parental “choice.”

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

4.00pm, 14th January 2013
COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Councillors Shanks (Chair), Buckley (Deputy Chair), Brown, Gilbey, A Kitcat, Lepper, Pissaridou, Powell, Simson and Wealls

Non Voting Co-optees:

Andrew Jeffery, Parent Forum, Rachel Travers, Amaze/Voluntary Sector Forum, Alan Bedford Local Safeguarding Children Forum; Geraldine Hoban, Clinical and Commissioning Group and Sue Bricknell, Sussex Community NHS Trust

PART ONE**51. REVIEW OF THE SECONDARY ADMISSIONS PROCESS FOR 2014/15**

- 51.1 The Committee considered a report of the Interim Director of Children's Services in relation to the work of the cross party working group which had been set up in 2011 to look at the availability of school places. In June 2012 the remit of that group had been expanded to review the secondary schools admissions policy and relevant catchment areas.
- 51.2 The report detailed the results of this review and the Strategic Commissioner, Planning and Contracts confirmed that stated that no changes were recommended to the present catchment areas for the academic year 2014/2015.
- 51.3 Councillor Gilbey stated that as a member of the Cross Party Working Group she had been notified of dates of future meetings, these had been scheduled on a six weekly basis rather than termly, in her view this was preferable. The Strategic Commissioner, Planning and Contracts confirmed that it had been agreed that meetings would be held six weekly in future.
- 51.4 RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

- (1) That the Committee notes the summary details of the Review into the Secondary School Admissions process for Brighton & Hove and its particular focus on the delineation of catchment areas;
- (2) That the Committee agrees that no changes will be made to the existing Secondary Catchment areas for the academic year 2014/15;
- (3) That the Committee agrees that the cross party working group will continue to meet on a six weekly basis to monitor the impact of national and local changes related to Secondary Admissions. This will include the creation of new academies or free schools;

- (4) That the Committee agrees that the cross party working group will reform its stakeholder group as and when needed to consider proposals for any change beyond 2014/15;
- (5) That the Committee notes that the Admissions Team will review its annual publications in the light of concerns over the “equal preference” system and the continuing misunderstanding regarding parental “choice”.

