

Council

26 March 2015

Agenda Item 82

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: The Pupil Premium in Brighton & Hove Schools – Extract from the proceedings of the Children & Young People Committee meeting held on the 9th March 2015

Date of Meeting: 26 March 2015

Report of: Monitoring Officer

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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE***Action Required of the Policy & Resources Committee:***

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

Recommendation:

That Council note the report referred for information from Children & Young People Committee

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE COMMITTEE****4.00pm 9 MARCH 2015****COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL****DRAFT MINUTES**

Present: Councillor Shanks (Chair) Councillor Littman (Deputy Chair), Wealls (Opposition Spokesperson), Pissaridou (Group Spokesperson), Brown, A Kitcat, Lepper, Powell and Simson

Voting Co-Optees: Ann Holt, Martin Jones and Amanda Mortensen

Non-Voting Co-Optees: Ben Glazebrook, Sue Sjuve, Maram Takriti and Amy-Lou Tilley

PART ONE

83 THE PUPIL PREMIUM IN BRIGHTON & HOVE SCHOOLS

- 83.1 The Committee considered the report of the Executive Director for Children's Services, regarding Pupil Premium (PP). The report outlined the national context of the PP, the achievement of the pupils who were in receipt of PP, what school leaders were expected to do and how the local authority was supporting and challenging them. The report was introduced by the Head of Standards and Achievement, Education and Inclusion.
- 83.2 Councillor Wealls noted the information provided in the report and was concerned at the attainment of disadvantaged pupils at Vardean and Longhill secondary schools. The Head of Standards and Achievements Education and Inclusion said that those schools were aware of the issues and were focusing on supporting those vulnerable children.
- 83.3 Councillor Pissaridou noted the figures provided in the report and was concerned that the gap on attainment between those on Free School Meals (FSM) and not on FSM hadn't really changed since 2011. The Chair said that data was available prior to 2011 and could be provided. The Authority was also concerned at the disparity and had prepared a strategy, 'Closing the Gap in Educational Achievement for Vulnerable Groups in the City', (which was provided with the report), and were providing training for school governors and support for Head Teachers.
- 83.4 Maram Takriti noted that the results for Brighton Aldridge Community Academy were very good. The Head of Standards and Achievements Education and Inclusion agreed and said that the Authority had asked the school to share their good practice with others.
- 83.5 Amanda Mortensen asked if all families eligible for FSM were being identified. The Head of Standards and Achievements Education and Inclusion said that schools did their best to do that and the numbers identified had continued to grow.
- 83.6 Councillor Simson suggested that for small schools it might be useful to work in partnership with others, sharing ideas and good practice. Martin Jones thought it would also be useful for school governors to work together. The Assistant Director Education and Inclusion agreed.
- 83.7 **RESOLVED:** That the Committee noted the report.

88 ITEMS REFERRED FOR COUNCIL

- 88.1 It was agreed that Item 83 *The Pupil Premium in Brighton & Hove Schools* be referred to the Council meeting due to be held on 26 March 2015 for information.