

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**  
**CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST BOARD**

**5.30PM – 5 NOVEMBER 2007**

**BANQUETING ROOM**  
**HOVE TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

Present: Councillors: Bennett, Mrs Brown (Deputy Chairman in the Chair), Duncan, Harmer–Strange, Hawkes, Hyde, Kemble, McCaffery, K Norman and Taylor

Brighton & Hove Primary Care Trust: Julian Lee (Chairman) and Dr Louise Hulton.

South Downs Health: Quintin Barry, Anne Caborn and Mo Marsh.

Non-Voting Co-optees:

David Standing (Community & Voluntary Sector Forum),

Elenor Davies (Parent Forum)

Professor Imogen Taylor (Universities of Brighton & Sussex),

Rekha Rogers (Youth Council),

Vacancy (Surrey & Sussex Strategic Health Authority).

Apologies for absence were received from:

Darren Grayson (Chief Executive), Brighton & Hove Primary Care Trust

Lynette Gwyn Jones (Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals)

Naima Nouidgem (Community and Voluntary Sector Mosaic)

Andrew Jefferys (Parent Forum)

Miles Radford (Youth Council)

Kevin Reeves (Youth Council)

**PART ONE**

**ACTION**

**35. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS**

**35A Declarations of Substitutes**

35.1 There were none.

**35B Declarations of Interest**

35.2 There were none.

**35C Exclusion of Press and Public**

35.3 The Committee considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of any items contained in the agenda, having regard to the nature of the business to be transacted and the nature of the proceedings and the likelihood as to whether, if members of the press and public were present, there would be disclosure to them of confidential or exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A, Part 5A, Section 100A(4) or 100 1 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

35.4 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public be not excluded from the meeting during consideration of any of the items on the agenda.

**36. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 JUNE 2007**

36.1 **RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 June 2007 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**37. CALLOVER**

**RESOLVED** - That with the exception of the items reserved (and marked with an asterisk), the recommendations and resolutions contained therein be approved and adopted without debate excepting Notices of Motion, Deputations, Petitions and letters which are received automatically .

**38. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

38.1 Mr J Lee informed the Board that Councillor Mrs Brown (Deputy Chairman) would be taking the Chair for this meeting of the Board .

**39. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

39.1 **RESOLVED** - There were none.

**40. TO RECEIVE PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

40.1 The Board considered a letter received from Councillor Hawkes set out in the following terms : (for copy also see minute book)

**“RE : HIV AWARENESS IN THE CITY**

I would request that the Trust give consideration to running a citywide awareness campaign, in conjunction with our partner organisations, during AIDS Awareness Week at the end of November and culminating in World Aids Day on 1 December. This would be aimed particularly at young people in the 16 - 24 age group.

The work of the Terence Higgins Trust and the BBC has highlighted the need to improve the education of young people in matters of sexual health. Their survey results suggest widespread ignorance of the risks, transmission routes and affects of this tragic illness among the 16 - 24 age group.

Over 1000 people currently receive treatment for HIV in Brighton and Hove and a large further number are unaware of their infection. The continuing rise in infections among all demographic groups is suggestive of a worrying level of high risk behaviour. It is important that all people, and particularly those in the highest risk groups are aware of the facts surrounding HIV in order to make an informed decision to protect themselves from avoidable infection.

As the Trust is working effectively within Schools, Colleges, Universities, the Health Service and Youth Service it is an ideal vehicle for a campaign to support our young people."

- 40.2 Councillor Hawkes spoke briefly relative to the content of her letter stressing the importance of carrying out preventative work with young people in this age range through schools and a range of other services particularly with those who were disaffected . Councillor Mrs Brown , Chairman for the meeting, responded in the following terms :

" I am pleased to be able to report that the CYPT has had a long history of working in partnership with others in the City to mark World Aids Day and we also, of course highlight the importance of Sexual Health Education during the whole year.

The CYPT will be running a citywide awareness campaign, in conjunction with our partner agencies, during AIDS Awareness Week, beginning on 26 November, culminating in World Aids Day on 1 December. These events will be aimed specifically at the 16 - 24 year olds.

The work of the Terence Higgins Trust and the BBC has highlighted the need to improve the education of young people around matters of sexual health. Research has shown a widespread ignorance of the risks, transmission routes and the effects of the illness among the 16 - 24 age group.

The Youth and Connexions Service is supporting all youth centres and youth projects across the City to run AIDS awareness events during the week beginning 26 November . These events could include quizzes, film , drama, music productions, games and activities, sports

tournaments, poster campaigns and peer to peer education.

The Health Promotion Team will be mailing out to over 600 contacts a World Aids Day Pack in mid November containing red ribbons, posters, leaflets and balloons. These materials are purchased from the National AIDS Trust from the restricted local NHS HIV prevention budget with a contribution from the Healthy Schools Team for the schools allocation. These contacts cover secondary schools, primary schools, GPs, youth clubs, youth provision, community centres and NHS buildings.

These resources will be sent out with the bi-annual PASHION (Pregnancy and Sexual Health in our Neighbourhood) newsletter and will also include the new Brighton & Hove sexual health services posters, listing leaflets and postcards.

Core sexual health work does, of course continue all year and this is essential. During the last 4 months all Youth and Connexions staff have attended Delay Training, rolled out in conjunction with Health Promotion and PHSE advisors. Primary schools are encouraged to address HIV in an age appropriate way and the SRE Learning Outcomes Planning Tool explicitly identifies when HIV should be taught in KS3 and 4.

The Connexions Intensive Personal advisors and youth workers offer at least 2 intensive sexual health group work sessions in school per year to target Year 10s.

Even with the advances in treatment that we now have the experience of living with HIV can be very difficult. The Terence Higgins Trust group "Positive Voices" where people living with HIV talk about their experiences in schools and colleges is a very powerful way to ensure the realities of living with HIV are acknowledged.

The Healthy Schools Team has committed itself to meeting with the Terence Higgins Trust even earlier next year to plan even better for the World Aids day in 2008."

40.3 **RESOLVED** - That the content of Councillor Hawkes letter and the Chairman's response be noted and received.

**\*41. TO RECEIVE AN EXTRACT FROM THE CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE RECEIVING A SUMMARY OF SCHOOL OFSTED INSPECTIONS REPORTS**

41.1 The Panel were provided with a copy of the report considered by CPOSC on the outcome of Ofsted inspections which took place during the summer term of 2007 and were asked to receive and note the comments made by them and the contents of the

report (for copy see minute book).

41.2 In answer to questions Members were pleased to note that both Patcham High School and Whitehawk Primary School had continued to make significant improvements since their last inspections had taken place. The results achieved by the remaining schools covered within the report which were either excellent or good with some outstanding features were also commended by Members. Councillors Kemble and Hawkes stated that they considered these results were a direct result of the hard work carried out in the individual schools in conjunction with the excellent support and guidance provided by the LEA. It was suggested that the Chair should write to the schools in her capacity as Chair of the Board commending them for their excellent work. The Chair explained that she had written to individual schools who had performed well in her capacity as Chair of Children Families and Schools Committee. It was very pleasing to be able to note such positive results. Members remained of the view that they wished the Chair to rite in her capacity relative to the Board and it was agreed that this would be done .

41.3 Councillor McCaffery referred to Ofsted inspections relative to Nursery and pre- school education enquiring whether details of these would also come before the Board. It was explained that details of such inspections would come before the Board

41.4 **RESOLVED** - That the contents of the report be received and noted and the Chair write to the individual schools in the terms set out in Paragraph 41.2 above.

**\*42. CITY EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS PLAN (CESP)**

42.1 The Board considered a report of the Acting Director of Children's Services providing a summary of the progress made towards developing the Brighton and Hove City Employment and Skills Olan (CESP)(for copy see minute book).

42.2 The report was introduced by the Assistant Director ( Quality and Performance) and the Learning Partnership Manager introduced the report and referred to the key factors identified. The Learning Partnership Manager referred to the fact that overall the population of the City was getting younger and the percentage of the population who were of working age was growing . Although 12,000 new jobs had been created it had been estimated that a figure of at least 16,000 was required. Notwithstanding increases in the number of jobs available, unemployment rates had remained at the same level for a decade. A number of priorities had been set which were jointly owned by those working in partnership with the

local authority to match young people's skills with jobs available and to seek to improve their skills base.

- 42.3 Councillor Duncan enquired whether the strategic indicators would be applied to young people of the age group within the Boards remit. It was confirmed that this was the case and Councillor Duncan responded that in his view it was vitally important to adopt a holistic approach. Carefully targeted "seed corn" or "pump primed" initiatives could potentially have a big impact. It was explained in answer to further questions of Board Members that the number of 16 - 18 year old NEETs (Not in Employment, Education and Training) had remained constant (just below 650). Despite the interventions that had taken place in recent years.
- 42.4 In addition to the NEETs indicators a whole raft of other statistical data had been collected and it had clearly identified that young people in this group, especially those living in identified "core" areas of the City constituted a key group in terms of early intervention.
- 42.5 City's population is generally highly skilled. However, it is possible that the City's workers are not as productive as they could be because many better qualified residents are employed in occupations which do not reflect their skill levels. This could lead to labour market blockages, where lower skilled people find it difficult to compete for entry and intermediate level jobs.
- 42.6 Councillor McCaffery welcomed the focus on statistical data could be useful in seeking to identify issues relative to equality of opportunities and access to employment that needed to be addressed. She sought clarification regarding how and whether demographic trends had been identified and were going to be addressed. Dr Hulton explained that previously she had been employed as the demographer at Brighton & Hove City Council. A further potential dimension had been added as a result of migrant workers taking on a number of lower paid jobs requiring lower skills. This could potentially reduce the pool of jobs available to those with a lower skills base. There were also a number of other external factors which came into play and these were the subject of on-going analysis.
- 42.7 Councillor Marsh (present in her capacity as a representative of South Downs Health) stated that having read the report with interest she considered it an omission that health indicators had not been expressly drawn out in the report. Deprivation and health issues could impact on an individuals ability to enter, return to or remain in employment. Such issues could be significant and she was firmly of the view that this needed to be factored into any evaluation of the data received. She considered that it would also be beneficial

if future reports to the Board were to contain an additional paragraph (in their index) relative to health considerations.

42.8 It was agreed that the feasibility of providing paragraph(s) identifying health issues would be explored with health partners. It was stressed that the report placed before the Board represented in summary form data extrapolated from a much wider, broader and deeper analysis and work was on going. In preparing it Officer's had sought to focus on those areas which were germane to the Board, whilst recognising that no area was mutually exclusive and that cross cutting inter disciplinary work needed to continue .

42.9 Mr Lee (Chairman of the Board) stated that the Primary Care Trust was examining the available data very carefully to ensure that issues were identified and carried forward positively.

42.10 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the Board note the development of the City Employment and Skills Plan (CESP) and the specific elements set out in Paragraph 4 of the report which relate directly to the work of the Children and Young People's Trust Board;

(2) That the Board acknowledges the complimentary nature of the City Employment and Skills Plan and its own activities / priorities and agrees to support the delivery of its priorities ; and

(3) That the Board commends the City Employment and Skills Plan to the Policy and Resources Committee for approval.

**\*43. CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST PARTNERSHIP : ENGAGEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY SECTOR**

43.1 The Board considered a report of the Acting Director of Children's Services setting out recommendations relative to strengthening engagement of the local community and voluntary sector with the Children and Young People's Trust and its wider partnership, including a new service level agreement between the Trust and the Community and Voluntary Sector Forum (for copy see minute book).

43.2 The Assistant Director (Quality and Performance) stated that the report presented to the Board that day was effectively joint, prepared following significant discussion and input from voluntary sector partners. Representatives had become increasingly concerned about the nature of their role with the CYPT Partnership following its launch in October 2006, particularly relative to the purpose and function of CYPT Partnership co-ordinating group . A

review had taken place in order to ensure that the cross partnership working was not tokenistic and that there was a meaningful partnership between the CYPT and local VCS by achieving a focused application of community and voluntary sector forum resources into actual decision making groups. The report placed before the Board set out recommendations in summary form. Copies of the full report could be obtained.

- 43.3 The Legal Adviser to the Board confirmed that jointly agreed principles formed an integral element of the Section 75 agreement. The CVSF was empowered to elect representatives to reflect the views of the voluntary and community sector across Brighton and Hove from the Groups referred to in the report.
- 43.4 Mr Standing (Community and Voluntary Sector Forum) commended Officers of the council who had worked in concert with voluntary sector representatives in order to resolve differences and bring forward a joint report. It was recognised that it was crucial to look at communities where deprivation existed and to seek to enable them to be better able to access available information and services. This work needed to be carried out at a strategic level. There was a need to shape and inform this process for the future and to ensure that available resources were utilised effectively as a result of joint working. He was confident that a framework was in place which would evolve and could be given further "tweaks" in order to bring about positive outcomes for young people across the City.
- 43.5 Councillor Mrs Brown, Chairman for the meeting, welcomed the report and the effective joint working. Councillor Taylor welcomed the report and the measures put into place to foster and further develop good inter- agency working practices and to encourage these to evolve further in the light of operating practice. However, he was concerned that funding issues could impact on future work should some funding streams ultimately dry up. This body was seeking to achieve a great deal and it was important that expectations could be delivered, particularly relative to those areas represented by longer term projects or aspirations. The Assistant Director (Quality and Performance) responded that funding available for the forthcoming year was known in part although details apropos some external funding were still awaited. All parties were confident that they would be able to deliver on agreed objectives.
- 43.6 Councillor Hawkes welcomed the fact that round table discussions had taken place and that there was continuing dialogue between all partners. What had been achieved to date represented promising first steps.

43.7 **RESOLVED** - That the Board agrees to the position statement set out in Paragraph 4 of the report and notes the content of the Service Level Agreement attached as Appendix 2 thereto.

**44. ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO COUNCIL**

44.1 **RESOLVED - That** no items be referred forward to Council.

The meeting concluded at 6.35 pm

Signed

Chairman

Dated this day of

2007