

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS SUB-COMMITTEE

5.00PM – 20 OCTOBER 2003

BRIGHTON TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Hawkes (Chair); Councillors McCaffery (Deputy Chair), Allen, Mrs Brown (OS), Burgess, Giebeler, Hyde, Mallender, Pennington and Young.

PART ONE

ACTION

31. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

31A. Declarations of Substitutes

31.1 Substitute Councillor For Councillor

Allen	Edmond-Smith
Pennington	John

31B. Declarations of Interest

31.2 Councillor Giebeler expressed a personal interest in item 39 as she was recently appointed a governor of Hangleton Junior School.

31C. Exclusion of Press and Public

31.3 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 Section 100A(3) or 100 1 of the Local Government Act 1972.

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

32. MINUTES

32.1 **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2003 be approved and signed by the Chair.

33. CALLOVER

33.1 **RESOLVED** - That all items on the agenda be reserved for consideration except items 39 and 40.

34. SSI ANNUAL REVIEW LETTER

34.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Children, Families and Schools concerning the contents of the letter from the Social Services Inspectorate (SSI) detailing the outcome of the Annual Review of Performance Meeting (ARM) (for copy see minute book).

34.2 **RESOLVED** - That the contents of the letter be noted.

35. GREEN PAPER – EVERY CHILD MATTERS

35.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Children, Families and Schools concerning the publication of the Green Paper entitled 'Every Child Matters' and outlining proposals for local consultation and response to the Department for Education & Skills (DfES) by the stated deadline (for copy see minute book).

35.2 **RESOLVED** - (1) That the publication and contents of the Government Green Paper 'Every Child Matters' be noted.

(2) That the process for consultation and deadline for response to the DfES outlined in section 4 of the report be noted.

(3) That the Director, Children, Families and Schools be delegated responsibility for local consultation and preparation of a response, the final response to be agreed by Policy & Resources Committee at their meeting on 19 November 2003.

36. QUARTER 1 BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE REPORT 2003/04

36.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Services presenting the 2003/04 quarterly performance indicator (PI) results for all indicators for which the CFS Sub-Committee is the Service Committee. These indicators are taken from the statutory Best Value Performance Indicator (BVPI) suite (for copy see minute book).

36.2 **RESOLVED** - (1) That the Performance Indicator results achieved during the first quarter 2003/04 be noted.

(2) That the 2002/03 year end results are being audited by District

Audit be noted.

37. MONTH 4 BUDGET FORECAST

37.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Chief Finance Officer concerning the forecast for the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account Budgets which had previously been reported to Policy and Resources Committee (for copy see minute book).

37.2 **RESOLVED** – That the report sent to Policy and Resources Committee and in particular the budgetary issues of relevance to the operation of this Sub-Committee be noted.

38. POST-16 FURTHER EDUCATION STUDENT SUPPORT

38.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Children, Families and Schools concerning the support available to post-16 students in FE; an update on progress with the new Local Transport Partnership; and to obtain agreement to minor changes to that part of post-16 FE policy that is directly funded by the Local Education Authority (LEA) (for copy see minute book).

38.2 **RESOLVED** - That the policy amendments set out in Sections 5.2 and 5.5 of the report be agreed.

39. SCHOOL GOVERNANCE ISSUES

39.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Children, Families and Schools setting out the decisions of the consultative meeting for the appointment of LEA governors which met on 22 July 2003 and reporting on governor recruitment and retention (for copy see minute book).

39.2 **RESOLVED** - (1) That the decisions made by the Director, Children, Families and Schools in consultation with the Chair, Deputy Chair and Opposition Spokesperson of this Sub-Committee, as set out in Appendix 1, be noted.

(2) That the latest figures for the recruitment of LEA governors and factors affecting the retention of all school governors be noted.

(3) That new regulations regarding the constitution and procedures of governing bodies be noted.

40. DfES LEA COMPACTS

40.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Children, Families and Schools concerning the proposals launched by the Department for Education & Skills (DfES) and the Local Government Association (LGA) to develop partnership working between Local Education Authorities (LEAs) and the Department for

Education & Skills (DfES) (for copy see minute book).

40.2 **RESOLVED** - (1) That the development of partnership working between LEAs and the DfES, focused on a shared vision and a jointly agreed agenda reflecting local strategic priorities in relation to the provision of the best possible services for children, young people and their families be welcomed.

(2) That the 'Statement of Intent for Partnership Working' prepared by the DfES and LGA be noted.

(3) That the suggested key themes outlined in paragraph 3.5 on which the 'Compact Agreement' for the City of Brighton & Hove would be based be noted.

(4) That the Director, Children, Families and Schools be commissioned to undertake further development work and consultation on the key themes, leading to the production of a finalised 'Compact' document for agreement by CFS Sub-Committee on 1 December 2004.

41. ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO COUNCIL

41.1 **RESOLVED** – That the political groups be asked to notify the Chief Executive as soon as possible but no later than Friday 14 November 2003 of any items to be referred to Council.

The meeting concluded at 6.00pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2003