

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS SUB-COMMITTEE

5.00PM – 26 JANUARY 2004

BRIGHTON TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Hawkes (Chair); Councillors McCaffery (Deputy Chair), Mrs Brown (OS), Burgess, Edmond-Smith, Giebeler, K Norman, John, Mallender and Young.

PART ONE

ACTION

52. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

52A. Declarations of Substitutes

52.1	<u>Substitute Councillor</u>	<u>For Councillor</u>
	K Norman	Hyde

52B. Declarations of Interest

52.2 There were none.

52C. Exclusion of Press and Public

52.3 The Sub-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.

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

53. MINUTES

53.1 **RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2003 be approved and signed by the Chair.

54. CALLOVER

54.1 **RESOLVED** – That all items, with the exception of items 57 and 62 be reserved for consideration.

55. SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS FUNDING REVIEW

55.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools concerning the review of funding formula for Special Educational Needs (SEN) in mainstream schools and recommending changes to the funding formula for schools as a result (see minute book).

55.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the reasons for undertaking the review of the funding formula for SEN in mainstream schools and the process by which this review was undertaken be noted.

(2) That the views of the Schools Forum on the principles of the proposed changes to the funding formula arising from the review and on the timing of the implementation of the changes be noted.

(3) That the implementation of the proposed changes to the funding formula for 2004/05 be agreed.

56. DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION AND SKILLS COMPACT AGREEMENT

56.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools concerning the proposed Compact Agreement with the Department for Education and Skills (DfES) (see minute book).

56.2 **RESOLVED** – That the Compact Agreement be approved

Janette Karklins

57. QUARTER 2 BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE REPORT 2003/04

57.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools presenting the 2003/04 quarterly performance indicator (PI) results for all indicators for which this Sub-Committee is the appropriate committee. These indicators are taken from the statutory Best Value Performance Indicator (BVPI) suite (see minute book).

57.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the Performance Indicator results achieved during the second quarter 2003/04 as detailed in the abridged Q2 Best Value Performance Report 2003/04 be noted.

(2) That the 2002/03 year end results that have been audited be noted.

58. CONSULTATION ON THE PATTERN OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

58.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools setting out the outcome of the consultation on the pattern of the school year (see minute book).

58.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That a fixed spring holiday from 2005/06 be introduced.

David Hawker

(2) That the Director of Children, Families and Schools be authorised to seek to establish a common pattern of the school year with East and West Sussex

David Hawker

(3) That in the light of discussions with neighbouring authorities, further examination take place on whether to introduce a slightly shorter summer holiday and slightly longer autumn break.

David Hawker

59. MONTH 7 BUDGET FORECAST

59.1 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 (see minute book).

59.2 The Sub-Committee requested that a report be provided on why Brighton and Hove has a high number of children in care. It was agreed that a report would be provided and circulated to members in due course.

David Hawker

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

60. CONSULTATION ON THE PROTOCOL FOR CREATING ALL-THROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOLS; AND THE FEDERATION OF SCHOOLS

60.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools concerning the draft protocol for creating all-through primary schools; and the federation of schools (see minute book).

60.2 The Sub-Committee requested that a report be provided as to the cost of any school mergers. It was agreed that a further report would be provided for the Sub-Committee.

Elizabeth Wylie

60.3 **RESOLVED** – (1) That comments on the proposed protocol be provided.

(2) That the Director, Children Families and Schools be authorised

David Hawker

to finalise the protocol and publish it following consultation.

61. SCHOOL ADMISSION PRIORITIES CONSULTATION

61.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools concerning the outcome of the public consultation on school admission priorities (see minute book).

61.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That in place of the existing admission priority 3 for oversubscribed schools (an annually drawn priority area), the distance from home to school by a safe walking route should become the deciding geographical factor with effect from the admission year 2005/06. A safe walking route will be defined as a route which is paved and lit.

Steve Healey

(2) That the second admission priority, the sibling link, should in the case of infant, junior and primary schools be limited in its effect to a distance of two miles, again by safe walking route, from the school to the child's home.

Steve Healey

(3) That the above recommendations should be subject to final consultation with schools, the Admission Forum and other interested parties, and a decision whether to implement them should be made by the Children, Families and Schools Sub-Committee at its next meeting on 15 March 2004.

Steve Healey

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(4) That any changes made as a result of these recommendations be reviewed after a period of 12 months.

62. CAPITAL RESOURCES AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2004/2005

62.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools in relation to the level of available capital resources allocated to this service for 2004/2005 and to recommend to Policy and Resources Committee a Capital Investment Programme for 2004/2005 (see minute book).

62.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the level of available capital resources totalling £11,733,000 be noted.

(2) That a capital bid to be made to the Property Improvement Fund be noted.

63. THE PROVISION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS IN BRIGHTON AND HOVE

63.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools setting out the current pattern of

need, provision and expenditure in Brighton and Hove for those children and young people with a recognised special educational need (see minute book).

63.2 The report also sought approval for a review of provision to provide a report on options for change at the June 2004 meeting of the Sub-Committee.

63.3 **RESOLVED** – That officers be directed to review Special Educational Needs and provision in Brighton and Hove and bring forward recommendations for development as appropriate.

Elizabeth Wylie

64. UPDATE ON FAMILY SUPPORT STRATEGY

64.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools providing an update on progress to implement the Family Support Strategy, approved by the Sub-Committee in January 2003 (see minute book).

64.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the information contained in this report be noted.

(2) That three area teams rather than four be created.

Rosalind Turner

(3) That the location of the six proposed children's centres be reconsidered, to ensure a geographical spread across the three area teams, and that any revisions be agreed.

Rosalind Turner

65. ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO COUNCIL

65.1 **RESOLVED** – That no items be referred to Council.

The meeting concluded at 6.35 pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2004

