

# BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

## CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS SUB-COMMITTEE

5.00PM – 26 APRIL 2004

### HOVE TOWN HALL

#### MINUTES

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

#### PART ONE

#### ACTION

#### 90. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

#### 90A. Declarations of Substitutes

90.1 Substitute Councillor                      For Councillor

**Bob Carden**  
**Roy Pennington**  
**Ken Norman**

**Simon Burgess**  
**Sue John**  
**Lynda Hyde**

#### 90B. Declarations of Interest

90.2 There were none.

#### 90C. Exclusion of Press and Public

90.3 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.

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

**91. MINUTES**

91.1 **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2004 be approved and signed by the Chair.

**92. CALLOVER**

92.1 **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 and Petitions.

**\*93. PRESENTATION ON OFSTED INSPECTION**

93.1 Rosemary Matthews the Reporting Inspector, who conducted the Ofsted inspection of Brighton and Hove Local Education Authority, gave a presentation on the main findings and recommendations of the inspection.

93.2 **RESOLVED** – That the report from Ofsted be noted

**\*94. PRESENTATION ON SSI INSPECTION**

94.1 Steve Hart the Social Services Inspector, who conducted the inspection of Brighton and Hove City Council's Children's Services, gave a presentation on the main findings and recommendations of the inspection.

94.2 **RESOLVED** – That the report from the Social Services Inspectorate (now called the Commission for Social Care Inspection) be noted.

**\*95. REPORT ON THE OFSTED/SSI INSPECTIONS AND THE ACTION PLAN TO ADDRESS THE RECOMMENDATIONS/AREAS FOR DEVELOPMENT**

95.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools presenting the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) and Social Services Inspectorate (SSI) Inspection Reports from Spring 2004. It also included an action plan to address the recommendations/areas for development stated in the reports (see minute book).

95.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the contents of the report be noted

(2) That the action plan be approved for further consultation with staff and other stakeholders, for final approval at the next meeting of the Sub-Committee on 14 June 2004.

**Janette Karklins  
Liz Rugg**

**96. STATUTORY NOTICES FOR THE VARNDEAN POST 16 BID**

96.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools seeking approval to the consultation arrangements and publication of statutory proposals to establish a new facility for Post 16 students with severe and complex learning difficulties co-located with Varndean Sixth Form College on their site. Authority was also sought to commence negotiations with Varndean Sixth Form College for a lease of land to be used for the new SEN Centre (see minute book).

96.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the arrangements for consultation by the Director, Children, Families and Schools (which will already have commenced by 26 April 2004) be endorsed.

(2) That the Director, Children, Families and Schools be authorised to publish statutory notices to establish the new facility, following the period of formative consultation with all stakeholders.

**David Hawker**

(3) That the Director, Children, Families and Schools be authorised to commence negotiations with Varndean Sixth Form College for a lease of land to be used for the new SEN centre.

**David Hawker**

**97. ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO COUNCIL**

97.1 **RESOLVED** - That no items be referred to Council.

The meeting concluded at 18.25 pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2004