

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

CHILDREN'S TRUST BOARD

6.30PM – 24 JANUARY 2005

BRIGHTON TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Attendance:

Brighton & Hove City Council: Councillor Hawkes (Chair); Councillors Mrs Brown, Giebeler, Hyde, John, McCaffery, Mallender, Norman and Young.

Brighton & Hove Primary Care Trust: Jean Spray (Vice-Chair), Judith Corcho and Janice Robinson.

Non-voting Co-optees: Laurie Bush (Sussex Police Authority), Richard Lambert (Community & Voluntary Sector Forum), Jacqueline Lythell (South Downs Health Trust), and Professor Imogen Taylor (Universities of Brighton & Sussex).

PART ONE

ACTION

14. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

14A. Declarations of Substitutes

9.1 There were no substitutes

14B. Declarations of Interest

14.2 There were none.

14C. Exclusion of Press and Public

14.3 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.

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

15. MINUTES

15.1 **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2004 be approved and signed by the Chair.

16. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SAFETY AUDIT

16.1 The Board considered a report of the Director Children, Families & Schools advising of the production of the Children and Young People's safety audit for Brighton and Hove (see minute book). The audit identified services in the City which sought to protect children and young people from harm and reported on service gaps and needs.

16. **RESOLVED** – That the audit report be approved in order for it to be distributed to key agencies across the city.

17. CHILDREN'S TRUST PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY

17.1 The Board considered a report of the Director Children, Families and Schools that presented a children's services strategy for the next five years which would improve the life changes of all children and young people in Brighton and Hove (see minute book).

17.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the principles and proposed strategy for change be agreed.

(2) That it is agreed that all future review, redesign, and commissioning of children's services be consistent with the strategy.

(3) That the Board agrees to a process of public consultation and subsequently to receive a further report setting out an implementation plan, including agreement of key milestones and targets.

18. CHILDREN'S TRUST CONSULTATION FRAMEWORK

18.1 The Board considered a report of the Director, Children, Families and Schools that set out the principles and approach of the Children's Trust Partnership to consultation and involvement and the process to ensure that these standards are met and that consultation and participation is properly resourced, planned and co-ordinated (see minute book).

18.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the Children's Trust Partnership commits to the active involvement and participation of staff, service users, the

community and voluntary sector and the public in the planning, development and delivery of services.

(2) That it is agreed that the approach taken by the Children's Trust Partnership will involve participation at three stages, formative, ongoing and formal.

(3) That it is agreed that the Youth Council and Parents Forum will be formally consulted to obtain the views of children, young people and parents on the planning and development of services.

(4) That it is agreed that staff within the Children's Trust Partnership will be involved and consulted through the establishment of a Joint Consultative Forum and the Learning Labs.

(5) That it is agreed that the Brighton & Hove City Council Public Consultation strategy provides the overarching framework for the Children's Trust Consultation Strategy.

(6) That it is agreed that there is a formal recognised process for ensuring ethical and appropriate standards of participation and consultation are maintained, and that the consultation proposals will be formally assessed through BHCC Research Governance Team and Clinical Effectiveness and co-ordinated through the Communication and Consultation Team.

19. CONSULTATION ON THE CORE PROGRAMME AND CHILDREN'S CENTRES

19.1 The Board considered a report of the Director Children, Families and Schools that presented proposals for consultation with staff and the public on the Children's Trust Partnership Strategy, Core Programme and Children's Centres (see minute book)

19.2 **RESOLVED** - (1) That the Board agree the draft service specification (Appendix 1) and public consultation document (Appendix 2) for the core programme and children's centres as the basis for consultation on services for this age group – prebirth to age 4.

20. BRIGHTON & HOVE CHILDREN'S FUND DELIVERY PLAN

20.1 The Board considered a report of the Director Children, Families and Schools that sought consideration and approval for the delivery plan for the Children's Fund in Brighton and Hove from 2005-8 (see minute book)

20.2 **RESOLVED** – That the Fund Delivery Plan be noted.

21. LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

21.1 The Board considered a report of the Director Children, Families and Schools informing that the City Council had been selected to pilot a Local Area Agreement (LAA), explaining what an LAA is and identifying the opportunities available to the City Council and the Children's Trust Board (see minute book)

21.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the City Council's selection as a pilot of Local Area Agreements be noted.

(2) That the proposed timetable and process for developing the Local Area Agreement be noted and the draft shape and themes for Children and Young People's Services in the Local Area Agreement be agreed.

22. FUTURE INSPECTION OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

22.1 The Board considered a report of the Director Children, Families and Schools briefing on the proposed Framework for the Inspection of Children's Services, to be introduced under the Children Act 2004 (see minute book)

22.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That a steer be provided for officers compiling a response to the consultation.

23. ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO COUNCIL

23.1 **RESOLVED** – That no items be referred to Council

The meeting concluded at 7.50 pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2005