

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

CULTURE & TOURISM SUB-COMMITTEE

5PM – 28 MARCH 2007

**COUNCIL CHAMBER
HOVE TOWN HALL**

MINUTES

Present: Councillor John (Chair), Councillors Allen, Battle, Mrs Brown, Mrs Drake, Forester, Older (OS) and Mrs Theobald

PART ONE

ACTION

34 PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

34A Declarations of Substitutes

34.1	<u>Councillor</u>	<u>For Councillor</u>
	Forester	Hawkes

34B Declarations of Interest

34.2 There were no declarations of interest.

34C Exclusion of Press and Public

34.3 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.

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

35 MINUTES

35.1 **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2007 be approved and signed by the Chair, subject to noting in paragraph 27.2 that Councillor Mrs Theobald had requested that opening hours at Patcham Library should be extended.

36 CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS

36.1 The Chair informed the Sub-Committee that the Jubilee Library had received its fourteenth award. This was a prestigious award from the Civic Trust.

36.2 The Chair reported the Best Value Performance Indicator survey findings for the city's Cultural Services. The sub-committee was pleased to note improved satisfaction in respect of libraries, museums & galleries, concert halls and parks & open spaces.

37 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

37.1 There were none.

38 BRIGHTON TOWN HALL - POLICE MUSEUM

38.1 The Sub-Committee considered a joint report of the Acting Director of Cultural Services and the Director of Finance and Property informing members of the status of the governance of the Police Museum as an independent organization which has been granted a Licence with the council for the use of the basement of Brighton Town Hall as a museum (see minute book). Councillor Mrs Drake reported on recent progress. The Sub-Committee congratulated Councillor Mrs Drake on the establishment of the Police Museum.

38.2 **RESOLVED** – That the contents of the report be noted.

39 NEW HISTORICAL RECORD OFFICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE PROJECT WITH EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

39.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Cultural Services informing members of the opportunity for the city council to work in partnership with East Sussex County Council in developing a new Historical Record Office and Resource Centre (see minute book).

39.2 The Sub-Committee was informed that this project will provide the city council with the opportunity to overcome a number of issues around storage and access to collections. Members were concerned about the proposal for mixed-use on Woollards Field and that this might prevent future expansion of the Records Office. The Acting Director stated that East Sussex County Council, who own this large site, would not allow inappropriate uses and that the potential for expansion would be borne in mind. If a complementary use was permitted, it would not be allowed to detract from the Records Office. He added that, at the current time, there is a need to retain flexibility.

**Janita
Bagshawe**

39.3 The Head of Museums and Royal Pavilion agreed to request an executive summary of the recommendations contained in the Audience Development Plan when it is ready and to send a copy to members.

39.4 Councillor Mrs Theobald suggested that Brighton & Hove Albion should be allowed to use the car parking spaces when not required by the Records Office.

39.5 The Head of Museums and Royal Pavilion confirmed that she was aware that there were issues involved in the storage of electronic documents and data, and that they were being addressed nationally.

39.6 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the contents of the report and the summary of the feasibility study and work completed to date by East Sussex County Council be noted.

(2) That the city council join the county council's New Record Office Project Board and nominate the Acting Director of Cultural Services and the Chair of Culture & Tourism Sub-Committee to the Board.

(3) That officers further investigate and pursue the county council's preferred site at Woollards Field for the location of the New Record Office in the application to the Heritage Lottery Foundation.

(4) That the Acting Director of Cultural Services work with the county council on developing and agreeing a mixed-use regeneration scheme for Woollards Field and the surrounding area that complements the new proposed developments in the area as detailed in section 6 of the report.

(5) That the Acting Director of Cultural Services produce a business case with service impact and financial risk assessment on co-locating collections from the Museums and Library Services in the proposed New Record Office.

(6) That progress reports on the project are provided to this sub-committee and that the council's future financial commitments are considered by this sub-committee prior to them being presented to the Policy & Resources Committee.

40 REVIEW OF FEES & CHARGES 2007/08 - VENUES

40.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Cultural Services concerning the proposed fees and charges for 2007/08 for the Brighton Centre and Hove Town Hall (see minute book).

40.2 Councillor Mrs Theobald stated that smaller organisations could not afford the cost of hiring rooms at Hove Town Hall. The Chair

replied that the charges reflected the findings of a Scrutiny Review.

40.3 **RESOLVED** – That the fees and charges be approved as shown in Appendix B and C in order that they can be incorporated into the 2007/08 Revenue Budget and Venues Business Plan.

41 EXPRESS, THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S ARTS STRATEGY FOR BRIGHTON & HOVE

41.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Cultural Services concerning the development of *Express*, the Children and Young People's Arts Strategy for Brighton & Hove (see minute book). The strategy document was circulated at the meeting.

41.2 A member commented on the proposal that every child in the city should have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument and the Arts Development Manager informed members about the Soundmakers fundraising campaign, which had been launched to buy musical instruments.

41.3 **RESOLVED** – That the publication of the strategy be noted.

The meeting concluded at 5.35 pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2007