

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF EDUCATION OVERVIEW &  
SCRUTINY PANEL**

**5.30PM – 25 MAY 2005**

**BRIGHTON TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

Present: Councillor Meegan (Chair); Councillors Hamilton, Morgan, Mr Norman, Smith, Willows, Wrighton and Young.

Non-Voting Non-Statutory Co-optees: Mrs A Antonio – National Union of Teachers; Reverend S Terry – Brighton and Hove Governors Network; Ms S Messenger – NASUWT.

**PART ONE**

**ACTION**

**1. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS**

**1A. Declarations of Substitutes**

1.1 Councillor Ken Norman substituted for Councillor Ann Norman.  
Councillor Young substituted for Councillor Simson.

**1B. Declarations of Interest**

1.2 There were none.

**1C. Exclusion of Press and Public**

1.2 The Panel 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.

1.3 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public be not excluded from the meeting during consideration of the item on the agenda.

**2. TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL ON  
COMART'S INCLUSION IN THE PFI**

2.1 The Panel considered the report of the Scrutiny Panel on COMART's inclusion in the PFI (for copy, see minute book).

2.2 The Chair of the COMART Panel introduced the report and gave some context to its findings. She also thanked everyone involved, including the officers, teachers and the Panel itself for the hard work put in to create the report. The Scrutiny Support Officer gave details of the goals and objectives of the COMART Scrutiny Panel.

2.3 The Panel then discussed the findings and recommendations in detail. It was noted in connection with recommendation 6, that the structures which had been set up for more recent projects, such as the Library PFI and Black Rock, included advisory forums, which appeared to have worked well. With Central Government proposing further PFI initiatives, it was hoped that this report along with the examples of those other projects' structures would be referenced and used as learning tools for future projects.

2.3 **RESOLVED** – That the report of the COMART PFI Scrutiny Panel be agreed for submission to the Children, Families and Schools Committee and subsequently to full Council.

**3. ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO COUNCIL**

3.1 **RESOLVED** – The COMART PFI Scrutiny Report.

**PART TWO**

**4. ITEMS TO REMAIN EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE TO THE PRESS AND  
PUBLIC**

4.1 **RESOLVED** – That the above item does not remain exempt from disclosure to the press and public.

The meeting concluded at 6:20pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this                      day of                      2005