

Decision No: CYP7 – 4 January 2010

Forward Plan No: CYP13474

This record relates to Agenda Item 37 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER KEY DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCILLOR VANESSA BROWN

PORTFOLIO AREA: CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

SUBJECT: PROPOSED EXPANSION OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS

AUTHOR: GILLIAN CHURCHILL

THE DECISION

1. That it be agreed that the CYPT move to the initial consultation process regarding the proposal to permanently expand Goldstone and Westdene Primary Schools by one form of entry and Queens Park Primary by half a form of entry with effect from September 2011.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

Current and projected pupil numbers for the city as a whole show there is an immediate and ongoing need for additional school places in the city as a whole. This need is most acute in south central hove and on the Brighton / Hove border.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

There are no alternative options.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

It was clarified at the meeting that the recommendations initially published required a slight amendment to indicate that the consultation process in relation to Queens Park Primary School would be to permanently expand the school by half form of entry and not by one form of entry as recommended in the published report. The Cabinet Member noted and agreed to this amendment.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The decision-maker did not declare a personal or prejudicial interest in the matters set out in the report.

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Date:

04 January 2010

Decision Maker:

Councillor Vanessa Brown
Cabinet Member for Children & Young
People

Signed:



Proper Officer:

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Mark Wall, Head of Democratic Services

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Call-In Period

5 – 11 January 2010

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Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*

Decision No: CYP8 – 4 January 2010

Forward Plan No: N/A

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RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCILLOR VANESSA BROWN

PORTFOLIO AREA: CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

SUBJECT: CAPITAL RESOURCES & CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2010/2011

AUTHOR: GILLIAN CHURCHILL

THE DECISION

1. That the level of available capital resources totalling £30.558m for investment relating to education buildings financed from supported borrowing, capital grant, revenue contributions and capital receipts be noted.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

The proposed capital Investment programme will enable us to work towards meeting the aims of the Primary Strategy for Change. It will also enable us to continue to ensure that we provide school places in areas of the city where they are required.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The only option available would be not to take up the supported borrowings approvals. This is not recommended as it would limit our ability to maintain, modernise and improve our school buildings property portfolio.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

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Decision No: CYP9 – 4 January 2010

Forward Plan No: CYP13311

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RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER KEY DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCILLOR VANESSA BROWN

PORTFOLIO AREA: CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

SUBJECT: EARLY YEARS SINGLE FUNDING
FORMULA FROM APRIL 2010

AUTHOR: CAROLINE PARKER

THE DECISION

That, subject to approval by the Early Years Funding Group and the Schools Forum, the Cabinet Member agreed that Brighton and Hove becomes a pathfinder and implements a Single Early Years Funding Formula based on the following factors:

- (i) Three basic hourly rates: private, voluntary and local authority (PVI) group childcare providers; childminders; maintained and independent school nursery classes and schools (includes a quality supplement).
- (ii) A deprivation supplement for children who live in worst 20% Super Output Areas amounting to 5% of the total budget.
- (iii) Quality supplements based on four levels of quality based on achievement of quality assurance programmes and staff qualifications. The formula allows PVI providers to be paid at the same rate as maintained nursery classes if they employ an Early Years Professional.
- (iv) Not to include a supplement for flexibility (to be reviewed for 2011/12).
- (v) Additional funding for children with significant special needs in maintained schools – this is already in place for PVI providers.
- (vi) Additional sustainability funding for maintained nursery schools and small group providers with less than 24 places.
- (vii) To base funding on termly counts of participation and adjust funding for children who leave or join after the head count day.
- (viii) Transitional protection – to reduce any losses for PVI providers and nursery schools by 50% after inflation. Maintained schools with nursery classes will

be protected by the Minimum Funding Guarantee.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

The recommendations follow the guidance published by the Department of Children Families and Schools on the implementation of the Early Years Single Funding Formula. More information on the proposals is included in annex 1 to the report.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. The advantages and disadvantages of becoming a pathfinder have been considered. A large amount of work has been done on constructing the formula and consulting with providers so that Brighton and Hove is ready for implementation. The key advantage of starting the formula in April 2010 is that the four per cent increase in the Dedicated Schools Grant for 2010/11 has been used to minimise the impact on providers who loose under the new system. It is very likely that future increases will be at a much lower rate. Providers are expecting the new system and those with good quality provision and/or disadvantaged children will gain funding. The new formula also introduces increased funding for children with SEN in maintained schools for the first time. However the new formula is more complicated for parents and providers and does not resolve the gap between funding levels and the charges of the more expensive nurseries.
2. The rationale for each of the elements of the formula was considered by the Early Years Funding Group. Highly hourly rates were considered but were not affordable within the existing budget. Different levels of deprivation funding were considered but rejected because they were not consistent with the approach to funding deprivation. Ofsted inspection results were considered as a quality factor but were rejected because they only take place every 3-4 years.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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Decision No: CYP10 – 4 January 2010

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RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCILLOR VANESSA BROWN

PORTFOLIO AREA: CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

SUBJECT: SURE START CAPITAL AND FAIRLIGHT CHILDREN'S CENTRE

AUTHOR: CAROLINE PARKER

THE DECISION

1. That the creation of a new Children's Centre venue at Fairlight School be agreed at a cost of £100,000, by converting an existing classroom and creating a separate entrance to be funded from the reduction in funding for Shenfield Way from £200,000 to £100,000 – Surestart Capital Programme to be amended accordingly.
2. That the change of the status of the Saltdean and Goldstone Children's Centres be agreed so that they are not designated centres that will be inspected by Ofsted. They will continue to be known locally as Children's Centres and offer services in the same way as Bevendean and Coldean Children's Centres.
3. That some changes in the Sure Start capital programme be agreed, which include reducing the funding for Shenfield Way from £200,00 to £100,000 and increasing the funding for Hollingbury Park (from £500,000 to £600,000) from the unallocated balance of Quality and Access Sure Start grant – Sure Start Capital Programme to be amended accordingly.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

1. To meet the sufficiency duty for children's centres and to improve access to children's centres services for families near the Lewes Road.
2. To follow the latest advice on size of the catchment areas for children's centres and their future sustainability.
3. To reflect the latest information from feasibility studies on the costs of capital projects.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. Not developing a children's centre at Fairlight School would mean that Brighton and Hove would not meet its new statutory duty to ensure sufficient children's centres and that families along the Lewes Road would not have easy access to a children's centre.
2. The size and location of the Goldstone and Saltdean children's centres mean that they are unlikely to be sustainable as separate children's centres in the longer term and may not receive positive Ofsted inspections.
3. The original objectives for Shenfield Way can be achieved at a lower cost. If the budget for the Hollingbury Park building is not increased then the building will not be fit for purpose.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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