

Decision No: CYP20 – 20 April 2009

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 103 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

## **RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION**

**DECISION-MAKER:** COUNCILLOR VANESSA BROWN

**PORTFOLIO AREA:** CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

**SUBJECT:** REVISED ADMISSION FORUM  
MEMBERSHIP AND FUNCTIONS

**AUTHOR:** STEVE HEALEY

### **THE DECISION**

1. That the proposed membership for the Admission Forum be approved.
2. That the changes to the Admission Forum role arising from the Education and Skills Act 2008 be noted.

### **REASON FOR THE DECISION**

1. To ensure that the City Council conforms to the changed legislative requirements as to how an admission forum will operate.

### **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

1. The City Council does not have the option to operate outside the legislative requirements arising from the Education and Skills Act 2008 with regard to the Admission Forum. The options available to change the pattern of school representative membership on the Forum were considered, but it was considered that continuity of that school membership pattern, with the addition of the Falmer Academy representation, would help the stability of the new Forum.
2. The required reduction in Council Member numbers on the Forum allows very by way of alternative membership options.

### **OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

None

## CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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

### CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD:

**We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision**

**Date:**

20 April 2009

**Decision Maker:**

Councillor Vanessa Brown  
Cabinet Member for Children & Young  
People

**Signed:**



**Proper Officer:**

20 April 2009

Mark Wall, Head of Democratic Services

**Signed:**



## SCRUTINY

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*Or: This decision is urgent and not subject to call-in (date of CE's agreement to urgency of decision).*

**Call-In Period**

**N/A**

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*

Decision No: CYP21 – 20 April 2009

Forward Plan No: CYP8680

This record relates to Agenda Item 104 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  
SOMERHILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

**AUTHOR:** GILLIAN CHURCHILL

### **THE DECISION**

1. That the proposal to expand Somerhill Junior School by one form of entry from September 2011 be noted and endorsed.
2. That the publication of the required Statutory Notice to progress this proposal be agreed.
3. That the results from the statutory consultation process be referred to Cabinet Member Meeting in July 2009 for decision.

## **REASON FOR THE DECISION**

1. Brighton and Hove City Council has a legal requirement to provide sufficient school places for all school age children in the city. School places should be provided in such a way that parents and pupils can access a local school wherever possible. This proposal will provide additional places where they are wanted by parents and carers.
2. The views of the parents and carers, staff, governors and pupils of the school expressed during the consultation have been considered. It is not intended to build on the playing field as has been suggested.
3. Consideration has been given to the concerns about the size of the site raised by respondents to the consultation exercise. It is accepted that the combined site does not meet the recommendations within BB99 Briefing Framework for Primary School Projects in respect of a new school. However the combined site is more than double the size shown for a school on a constrained site.
4. The requirements for team games playing surfaces are detailed in the Education (School Premises) regulations 1999. Using the proposed total number of children that will attend Somerhill and Davigdor schools if the proposal is successful this regulation requires 15,000m<sup>2</sup> of team games playing space. This can be either grass, hard porous surface or polymeric surface, with both hard porous surfaces and polymeric surfaces counting as double their actual areas. In the case of Somerhill and Davigdor schools there is a total of 14,900m<sup>2</sup> of team games playing space available. While this does not actually meet the requirement of the regulations the difference is so small that it is not considered a material factor in progressing the proposal.

## **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

1. The alternative option is to leave the school as a three form entry school.

## **OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

None

## **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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**Proper Officer:**

20 April 2009

Mark Wall, Head of Democratic Services

**Signed:**



**SCRUTINY**

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**Call-In Period**

**21 – 27 April 2009**

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*

Decision No: CYP22 – 20 April 2009

Forward Plan No: CYP8678

This record relates to Agenda Item 105 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 LONGHILL SECONDARY SCHOOL

**AUTHOR:** GILLIAN CHURCHILL

### **THE DECISION**

1. That the proposal to expand Longhill School by one form of entry from September 2010 be noted and endorsed.
2. That the publication of the required Statutory Notice to progress this proposal be agreed.
3. That the results from the statutory consultation process be referred to Cabinet Member Meeting on 6 July 2009 for decision.

### **REASON FOR THE DECISION**

1. Brighton & Hove City Council has a legal requirement to provide sufficient school places for all school age children in the city. School places should be provided in such a way that parents and pupils can access a local school wherever possible. This proposal will provide additional places where they are wanted by parents and carers.
2. The views of the parents and carers, staff, governors and pupils of the school expressed during the consultation have been considered. There was no significant educational objection to the proposal expressed during the consultation.

### **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

1. The alternative option is to leave the school as an eight form entry school.

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

None

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*