

Decision No: CMM –

Forward Plan No:

This record relates to Agenda Item 28 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCILLOR VANESSA BROWN

PORTFOLIO AREA: CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

SUBJECT: ANNUAL FOSTERING SERVICE REPORT

AUTHOR: SHARON DONNELLY

THE DECISION

1. That the Annual Fostering Service Report and the progress of the Fostering & Adoption Service in relation to fostering activity is noted.
2. That the revised Fostering Statement of Purpose (Appendix 2) is endorsed

REASON FOR THE DECISION

Required by fostering regulations

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Not applicable

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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Decision Maker:

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DECISION-MAKER:

COUNCILLOR VANESSA BROWN

PORTFOLIO AREA: CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE
SUBJECT: ANNUAL ADOPTION SERVICE REPORT
AUTHOR: SHARON DONNELLY

THE DECISION

1. That the Annual Adoption Agency Report and the progress of the Agency in relation to adoption and permanence activity is noted.
2. That the six month Adoption and Permanence panel activity report for April 2010 – September 2010 is noted.
3. That the revised Adoption Agency Statement of Purpose is endorsed.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

Required by adoption regulations

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Not applicable.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCILLOR VANESSA BROWN

PORTFOLIO AREA: CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

SUBJECT: PROPOSED EXTENDING OF THE AGE RANGE OF BENFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL. PROPOSAL TO MOVE TO STATUTORY NOTICE.

AUTHOR: GILLIAN CHURCHILL

THE DECISION

1. To note and endorse the proposal to create an all through primary school by

changing the age range of Benfield Junior School from 7-11 as at present to 4 to 11 from September 2011.

2. To agree to the publication of the required Statutory Notices to progress this proposal.
3. That the results from the publication of the Statutory Notice are referred to the Cabinet Member meeting on 10th December 2010 for decision,

REASON FOR THE DECISION

1. The Council has a statutory duty to provide a school place for any child that wants one. 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.

The Council believes the advantages of the creation of all through primary schools are as follows:

- Greater continuity in teaching, pupil care and development under a single head teacher and teaching staff. It is very important to ensure continuity in planning the curriculum across the stages of education so that pupils make the best possible progress in learning.
 - The school could offer a greater range of teaching skills, including the opportunity to appoint curriculum co-ordinators with the time to oversee the effective teaching of individual subjects across the whole 4–11 age range.
 - Greater flexibility that a 4–11 school has in organising classes, deploying teachers and support staff and using resources, including buildings, more effectively.
 - Closer contact with parents over a longer period of time and covering the full span of the children's primary education.
 - Practical advantages to parents' e.g. same staff development days, the same school policies relating to home links, uniform, codes of conduct etc.
 - Transfer to a different school environment after three years or less of schooling might be seen as an unnecessary disruption to pupil's sense of security and well being. A positive feature of 4–11 schools is the social interaction between younger and older pupils.
2. We are committed to working with schools to make them centres for community learning, and supporting them in meeting the wider needs of the community by engaging social services, health, the police, and the voluntary sector. For this to be successful it is important that children can access a primary school that is local to their home.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. The alternative option is to leave the school as a junior school.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

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| DECISION-MAKER: | COUNCILLOR VANESSA BROWN |
| PORTFOLIO AREA: | CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE |
| SUBJECT: | PROPOSED CREATION OF AN ALL THROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL TO REPLACE BALFOUR INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS. FINAL DECISION. |
| AUTHOR: | GILLIAN CHURCHILL |

THE DECISION

1. That the Cabinet Member confirms the statutory notice and resolves to discontinue Balfour Junior School and extend the age range and expand the premises of Balfour Infant School from September 2011.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

1. The Council produced their Primary Strategy for Change in June 2008. This document reflected Brighton and Hove City Council's policy of supporting the amalgamation of infant and junior schools where appropriate.
2. It is recommended that the proposals to change the age range of Balfour Infant School and expand the premises accordingly and to Balfour Junior School by one form of entry are approved.
3. Both are popular and successful schools that many parents and carers choose for their children. There is no evidence to suggest that the size of a school has any effect on the success of a school.
4. The Council believes the advantages of the creation of all through primary schools are as follows:
 - Greater continuity in teaching, pupil care and development under a single head teacher and teaching staff. It is very important to ensure continuity in planning the curriculum across the stages of education so that pupils make the best possible progress in learning.
 - The school could offer a greater range of teaching skills, including the opportunity to appoint curriculum co-ordinators with the time to oversee the effective teaching of individual subjects across the whole 4–11 age range.
 - Greater flexibility that a 4–11 school has in organising classes, deploying teachers and support staff and using resources, including buildings, more effectively.
 - Closer contact with parents over a longer period of time and covering the full span of the children's primary education.
 - Practical advantages to parents' e.g. same staff development days, the same school policies relating to home links, uniform, codes of conduct etc.
 - Transfer to a different school environment after three years or less of schooling might be seen as an unnecessary disruption to pupil's sense of security and well being. A positive feature of 4–11 schools is the social interaction between younger and older pupils.
5. The public consultation prior to publication of the notices showed that a number of parents and carers of the current infant school were unhappy with the proposal to create an all through primary school as in their opinion this would be to the detriment of early years teaching in the school. This point was considered at that time and on balance it was considered that this would not be the case. This view has not changed. It is considered that the proposed changes will benefit pupil and staff development.
6. The two schools currently provide a range of extended services to the school community; this situation will not change as a result of these proposals.
7. The school is covered by the Council's admissions arrangements which strives to provide a truly local school which serves its most immediate community and assists in the aspirations of the Local Authority in terms of green travel arrangements.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. The alternative option is to leave the schools as separate infant and junior schools.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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| DECISION-MAKER: | COUNCILLOR VANESSA BROWN |
| PORTFOLIO AREA: | CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE |
| SUBJECT: | CONTRACT FOR PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES BETWEEN SOUTHDOWNS NHS TRUST AND BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL |
| AUTHOR: | STEVE BARTON |

THE DECISION

1. That a contract for up to 1 year with a possible extension of up to 1 year with a value of £9.847 million per annum be entered into with South Downs Health NHS Trust for the provision of children's health care services. This period may coincide with changes emanating from the government white paper, 'Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS', which is likely to lead to changes in the structure of health services and associated bodies. Changes of this nature have been made in previous years, e.g. the replacement of Health Authorities with PCTs, and it will be necessary to review the contractual arrangements with any successor bodies.
2. That the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People authorises the Acting Director of Children's Services, after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, to finalise the detailed terms of the contract and to take all steps necessary or incidental to completing the contract.
3. That the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People authorises the Council's Head of Law to prepare and execute the contract.
4. That the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People authorises the Head of Law to make any necessary or consequential changes to the s75 agreements to ensure consistency with the contract, in particular in relation to

payment arrangements.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

1. This is a key decision and authority from a cabinet member is needed in order to proceed.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. Not applicable

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

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| DECISION-MAKER: | COUNCILLOR VANESSA BROWN |
| PORTFOLIO AREA: | CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE |
| SUBJECT: | RESPONSE TO THE REPORT OF THE CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE SCHOOL EXCLUSION REPORT |
| AUTHOR: | LINDA ELLIS |

THE DECISION

1. That the Cabinet member
 - (a) Notes the recommendations of the report from CYPOSC and acknowledge the work of that committee.
 - (b) Implement the actions within the response.
 - (c) Ensure that the monitoring procedures are followed

REASON FOR THE DECISION

To address the recommendations of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Commission School Exclusion Report..

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Not applicable.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCILLOR VANESSA BROWN

PORTFOLIO AREA: CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

SUBJECT: BRIGHT START NURSERY
CONSULTATION

AUTHOR:

THE DECISION

1. That the Children and Young People Cabinet Member agrees to a consultation with Bright Start nursery staff and parents of children who use the nursery on the closure of the nursery by April 2011.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

1. The reason is to help achieve the savings the Council needs to make in 2010/11. At present a small number of children are receiving a substantial subsidy towards their childcare costs. Most of these children do not have identified needs.
2. The report is also recommending that where there is some spare capacity in Children's centre nurseries then the number of spaces should be increased and staff redeployed to these nurseries where possible.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. The other option which has been considered is to increase the fees in order to remove the subsidy. There are currently two charging rates. Council employees (M10 and below) pay £35 per day and Council employees (M8 and above) and community users pay £40 per day. Based on March 2010 occupancy rates it is estimated that these would need to increase by 31.43 % to £46 a day for employees (M10 and below) and 27.5% to £51 a day for employees (M8 and above) and community users. These are substantial increases and it is considered likely that they would actually lead to a drop in occupancy that would prevent the savings target being reached. The table below shows how the average cost of a daycare place in Brighton and Hove in October 2009. Many nurseries provide hot meals and nappies in these costs which Bright Start does not.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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