

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST BOARD

5.00pm 30 JANUARY 2012

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillors: Shanks (Chair), Buckley, Marsh and Wealls

NHS Brighton & Hove: Denise Stokoe (Deputy Chair)

Sussex Community NHS Trust: Simon Turpitt

Non-Voting Co-optees: Graham Bartlett, Sussex Police; Eleanor Davies, Brighton & Hove Parents Forum; Helen O'Dell, Brighton & Sussex, University Hospital NHS Trust; Hayyan Asif, Youth Council; Rob Scoble, Youth Council; Bethan Prosser, Community & Voluntary Sector Forum; Simone Button, CAMHS, Sussex Partnership NHS, Trust

Apologies:

Amanda Fadero, NHS Brighton & Hove

Andy Painton, Sussex Community NHS Trust

Dr Lisa Argent, Lead Practice Based Commissioner

Allan McColgan, Job Centre Plus

Dr Phil Harland, Further Education & Sixth Form Colleges

PART ONE

11. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

11a Declaration of Substitutes

11.1 There were none.

11b Declarations of Interest

11.2 There were none.

11c Exclusion of the Press and Public

11.3 In accordance with section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 ('the Act'), the Children & Young People's Trust Board considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during an item of business on the grounds that it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press or public were present during that item, there

would be disclosure to them of confidential information (as defined in section 100A(3) of the Act) or exempt information (as defined in section 100I of the Act).

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

12. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

12. **RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting of the Children & Young People's Trust Board held on 17 October 2012 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

13. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

- 13.1 There were none.

14. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST BOARD: FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS

Note: The special circumstances for non-compliance with Council Procedure Rule 3, Access to Information Procedure Rule 5 and Section 100B (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (items not to be considered unless the agenda is open to inspection at least five days in advance of the meeting) were that: the proposals in relation to the new decision making arrangements are still at a formative stage and the first meeting of the cross party Members Group took place on 19 January 2012. The Governance Committee took place on 10 January 2012 and the outcome of these meetings needed to be taken into account in drafting the report.

- 14.1 The Trust Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, People detailing proposals in relation to future arrangements for the Children's and Young People's Trust Board.
- 14.2 Councillor Marsh stated that she welcomed the return to a Committee system. She felt however, that great care needed to be taken to ensure that some issues were re-allocated appropriately and sensitively. For instance in relation to corporate parenting issues some of the issues which arose were not appropriate for discussion in public, careful consideration needed to be given to where how these issues would be discussed. As scrutiny would no longer perform the same function it was important for that role to continue but not be duplicated. Councillor Wealls concurred in that view. The Overview and Scrutiny function had played a significant role and had provided a valuable input. It was very important to ensure that role and input was retained. There were some areas of work which benefitted from being challenged in a collaborative and non-political environment.
- 14.3 Denise Stokoe, the Deputy Chair and Simon Turpitt whilst generally accepting the proposals and the thought process which underpinned the recommendations made in the report were nonetheless of the view that however the responsibilities of the Trust Board were re-aligned it was important to ensure that membership of whatever bodies replaced it needed to have a membership which whilst streamlined continued to ensure that they were representative. For instance, although there were currently a number of non-voting representatives, they were able to feed into the consultation process on a

number of matters. Whilst it was important to avoid duplication the need for partners to feed into the consultation process at a number of levels was important .

- 14.4 The Chair, Councillor Shanks stated that the points made were valid and would be taken on board. The Terms of Reference of the Shadow Health and Well Being Board were set out as was its proposed membership which would include seven elected Members and a range of other members as required by the Health and Social Care Bill. The Lead Commissioner, Children confirmed that detailed discussions would continue with partners, some amendments to membership could also be made if that was considered necessary.
- 14.5 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the Children & Young People’s Trust Board recommends to Governance Committee and Full Council that the role of the Children and Young People’s Trust Board be incorporated into the remit of the new council committee responsible for children and young people from May 2012; and
- (2) That the Children and Young People’s Trust Board recommends to Governance Committee and full Council to co-opt a range of non voting members to the committee responsible for children and young people and that the co-optees should represent the bodies outlined at Appendix 1 to the report.

15. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN SUMMARY UPDATE

Note: The special circumstances for non-compliance with Council Procedure Rule 3, Access to Information Procedure Rule 5 and Section 100B (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (items not considered unless the agenda is open to inspection at least five days in advance of the meeting) were that: there was insufficient capacity within the council’s services for children, young people and families to provide all of the information necessary to complete this report within the usual timescales.

- 15.1 The Children and Young People’s Trust Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, People referring to the Children and Young People’s Plan 2009-12 and providing a summary update. The Brighton and Hove Children and Young People’s Plan had been published in 2009 and would conclude in April 2012. This brief overview was intended to provide the context for Board Members discussion of progress on key service areas and identification of key priorities for future partnership arrangements in respect of services to children, young people and families.
- 15.2 **RESOLVED** - That the Board noted the information provided in the report.

16. SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE : JOINT COMMISSIONING STRATEGY 2012-2015

- 16.1 The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, People setting out the “Services for Young People: Joint Commissioning Strategy 2012-15.” The Lead Commissioner, Children, Families and Youth explained that statutory guidance on Section 507B of the Education Act 1996 set a requirement for all local authorities to provide sufficient

positive leisure time activities for its young people which promoted their well being and were delivered using youth work methods and approaches.

16.2 The Lead Commissioner Children, Families and Youth explained that Statutory Guidance on Section 507B of the Education Act 1996 had set a requirement for all local authorities to provide sufficient positive leisure time activities for its young people which promote their wellbeing and are being delivered using youth work methods and approaches. He went on to explain that Section 1 summarised the Youth Review Process and Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. The assessment had found positive youth services but had also identified areas for further work. Section 2 of the report had sought to describe the outcomes for young people identified during the review and assessment process. Section 3 of the report set out a strategy for achieving the desired outcomes.

16.3 **RESOLVED** - That the content of the report and attached strategy be noted.

17. BRIGHTON AND HOVE CHILD POVERTY STRATEGY 2012-2015

17.1 The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, People setting out the Brighton and Hove Child Poverty Strategy 2012-2015.

17.2 The Commissioner Children, Families and Youth explained that the council with partners was required to produce a Local Child Poverty Needs Assessment and Child Poverty Strategy under the Child Poverty Act 2010. A city wide needs assessment had been completed in June 2011. The Child Poverty Strategy responded to both the findings of the Needs Assessment (approved by the Public Service Board, June 2011) and the subsequent public consultation on the Child Poverty Strategy. Based on the findings of the needs assessment and subsequent public consultation the strategy recommended a focus on:

- Lone parents because this is the majority family type living in poverty
- Children and families with disabilities because they have a high risk of living in poverty and a greater risk of reduced income as a result of recent benefit changes
- Families with a complex range of problems because the impact on children's life chances is great as is the cost of intervening to support those families
- Investigating further the extent to which Black and Minority Ethnic families are living in disadvantage in Brighton and Hove.

17.3 An action plan accompanied the strategy and this contained existing good practice and strategies/plans contributing to reducing child poverty as well as new activity required to make a difference.

17.4 **RESOLVED** - (1) That the Children and Young People's Trust Board approves the Child Poverty Strategy as presented at Appendix 1 to the report; and

(2) That the Children and Young People's Trust Board approves the progress of the Child Poverty Strategy to Cabinet.

The meeting concluded at 6.30pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of