

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & SKILLS COMMITTEE

4.00pm 11 JANUARY 2016

FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, SHIP STREET, BRIGHTON

DECISION LIST

Part One

55 CHILDREN'S SERVICES FEES AND CHARGES 2016/17

55.1 **RESOLVED:** The Committee agreed that:

- (1) The position on fees charged for nurseries as detailed in section 3.3 of the report be agreed.
- (2) The position on fees charges for Childcare Workforce Development as detailed in section 3.4 of the report be agreed.
- (3) The position on fees and charges for the Music and Arts Service as detailed in section 3.5 of the report be agreed.
- (4) The position on the charges for school meals as detailed in section 3.6 of the report be noted.
- (5) The position on fees and charges for the accommodation of Children under Section 20 of the 1989 Children Act as detailed in section 3.7 of the report be agreed.

56 THE ALIGNMENT OF INSET DAYS AND THE PATTERN OF SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

56.1 **RESOLVED:** That the Committee agreed:

- (1) That schools and governing bodies are consulted on the proposal to co-ordinate a proportion of INSET days in an academic year.
- (2) To consult schools and governing bodies on the possibility to align the INSET days to straddle a weekend outside of term dates to provide a

potential week's holiday for families when holidays are less expensive.

- (3) To consult with all relevant stakeholders on a proposal to set annual term dates for 2017-18, which would create an additional week of holiday during the academic year.
- (4) To include one proposal of changing the pattern of existing school holidays as a way of creating an additional week of holiday whilst maintaining 190 days of statutory education.
- (5) To consult with stakeholders on the establishment of an additional 'stand-alone' holiday of a week's length outside of term dates to provide a potential week's holiday for families when holidays are less expensive.

57 CHILDREN'S CENTRE REVIEW

57.1 **RESOLVED:** That the Committee agreed:

- (1) That the committee notes the results of the public consultation and the attached Equalities Impact Assessment.
- (2) That the committee agrees that the following seven children's centres should continue to be designated and provide a reduced range of children's centres services from 1 April 2016: Roundabout (Whitehawk), Moulsecomb, Tarner, Hollingdean, Hangleton Park, Conway Court and Portslade.
- (3) That the committee agrees that the following children's centres should no longer be designated but will continue to be used as venues for limited services: The Deans, West Hove, Hollingbury and Patcham and City View.
- (4) That the committee agrees that the Cornerstone Community Centre (which is not a council building) will no longer be a designated children's centre.
- (5) That the committee agrees to a revised core offer of both universal and targeted services from 1 April 2016. The revised offer is described in Appendix 2 and includes the following:
 - The Healthy Child Programme delivered by health visitors;
 - Open access baby groups in venues across the city;
 - One drop-in stay and play group in each of eleven venues across the city with priority for families with identified needs and children under two;
 - Offering more parenting talks and discussion groups to reach more parents at an earlier stage and fewer longer parenting courses;
 - Promoting volunteering and community/parent run groups to

run from children's centres including those which are no longer designated;

- Evidence-based interventions delivered in groups and home visits for families most in need and least likely to attend the centres.
- Improved support for families with young children facing multiple disadvantage as part of the city's Stronger Families Stronger Communities Programme;
- More focus on support for training and employment and less on parental involvement of advisory groups in children's centre services

(6) That the committee agrees children's centres should be developed as hubs for a wider range of services including services for older children, and services delivered by parent run and community groups as part of the City Neighbourhoods Programme.

(7) That the committee agrees that, following the consultation and discussions with the children's centre review groups, further work should be done to explore new funding and business models including:

- A hiring policy for children's centres so that external groups could use the space and possibly charge
- Options for using volunteers to provide home visits, whether this could be developed by the voluntary sector and how it could be funded
- A ring-fenced fund based on contributions from parents and others that could be used to pay for additional stay and play groups or to develop options for using volunteers to provide home visits

(8) To note that, should any additional funding be available, the Children's Centre Review Group's priorities would be to maintain the same number of stay and play groups in Tarner, to maintain the Stories and Play group in Rottingdean and to increase home visiting including exploring the options described in 2.7.

58 SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY REVIEW - UPDATE ON PROPOSALS TO REORGANISE SPECIAL PROVISION

58.1 **RERSOLVED:** That the Committee approved the proposed timeline for securing the proposed changes and noted that the consultation process would begin in January 2016.

59 SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2017/18

59.1 **RESOLVED:** The Committee agreed –

- (1) That the proposed school admission numbers set out in the consultation documents (as set out in appendix 2 to the report - with the exception of Brackenbury Primary School where the Published Admission Number be amended from 60 to 30), be adopted for the admissions year 2017/18.
- (2) That the admission priorities for Community Schools set out in the Consultation documents be adopted for all age groups.
- (3) That the co-ordinated schemes of admission be approved.
- (4) That the City boundary be retained as the relevant area for consultation for school admissions.

NB The above decisions will be implemented after close of business on 18 January 2016 unless they are called in.