

CENTRAL SERVICES CABINET MEMBER MEETING	Agenda Item 24 Brighton & Hove City Council
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Central Services Cabinet Member Meeting – 12 October 2009

Note:

Councillors' written questions, as detailed, will be taken as read at the meeting. The Councillor asking the question may ask one relevant supplementary question, which shall be put and answered without discussion. One other supplementary question may be asked by any other Member of the Council, which shall also be put and answered without discussion.

(A separate addendum with the written answers will be circulated at the meeting).

EXTRACT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT & MAJOR PROJECTS CABINET MEMBER MEETING HELD ON THE 10 JUNE 2009

Written questions from Councillors – Eco apprenticeships (paragraphs 9.9 to 9.10)

ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT & MAJOR PROJECTS CABINET MEMBER MEETING

4.00PM 10 JUNE 2009

COMMITTEE ROOM 1, HOVE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Kemble (Cabinet Member)

Also in attendance: Councillor Turton (Opposition Spokesperson - Labour)

9 WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

9.1 The Cabinet Member considered the following written question from Councillor Turton:

“Given that the Learning and Skills Council will be abolished in 2010 and responsibilities for 14-19 education and learning will be transferred to local authorities and two new agencies, (Skills Funding Agency and Young People Learning Agency), could the Cabinet Member explain (a) What preparations the City Council has made for this transfer and (b) What preparatory discussions have taken place with relevant agencies at national and/or regional level for links to be forged with these two agencies?”

9.2 The Cabinet Member replied to state that a) The City Council was well prepared for the transfer of responsibility for the commissioning of 16-18 education from April 2010. Children & Young Peoples Trust staff began working in a virtual team with Learning & Skills Learning staff 18 months before these announcements were made as both organisations saw the value of working more closely.

9.3 A Transition group, chaired by the Assistant Director for Learning, Schools and Skills in the Children & Young Peoples Trust, containing representatives from other CYPT Teams (Secondary and Special Schools, Quality & Performance, Finance and the Learning Partnership), Economic Development, Human Resources and representatives from the Learning & Skills Council and 14-19 Partnership Board had been meeting regularly since the announcement of changes in October 2008.

- 9.4 A two stage process submitting the city's vision of transition arrangements and outlining how the CYPT would engage and work in partnership with neighbouring Local Authorities had been completed and shared with TMT/Cabinet. It proposed that the three Local Authorities needed to work together and plan and commission provision within the local travel to learn area that stretches out to Worthing in the west, Eastbourne in the east and Crawley in the north.
- 9.5 National announcements had been made on staff transfer under TUPE arrangements and a total of seven Learning & Skills Council staff would be absorbed into the Children & Young Peoples Trust from April 2010. The additional posts were being included in the current CYPT restructure of Tier 3 and 4 posts.
- 9.6 b) The Skills Funding Agency would have a regional satellite office in the city and once transference of staff to the SFA began further preparatory work would take place.
- 9.7 The National Apprenticeship Service (NAS) which would have overall responsibility for all Apprenticeships in England was operational and the City Council was currently working on a Memorandum of Understanding with NAS to clarify both parties roles and responsibilities.
- 9.8 The Young People's Learning Agency (YPLA) would have oversight of the transition phase of 16-18 commissioning. The YPLA would have a small base in the city and further preparatory work was ongoing with both the YPLA and GOSE.
- 9.9 Councillor Turton thanked the Cabinet Member for his response and asked if any of the new eco apprenticeships were behind the council's agenda? Would the opportunities of the Memorandum of Understanding (between the City Council and the National Apprenticeship Service) enable the active encouragement of eco apprenticeships?
- 9.10 The Cabinet Member replied to say that this question was appropriate to the remit of the Cabinet Member for Central Services and it would therefore be submitted to the Central Services Cabinet Member Meeting.

