

Mr John Barradell
Chief Executive
Brighton & Hove City Council

16th November 2009

Dear John,

Request for call-in of Cabinet decision taken on 12th November in relation to the report 'Three Year Strategic Grants 2010-13: decision on Full Bid Applications'. Refusal of funding for the Whitehawk Crew Club.

We are requesting that this decision is called-in to the Overview and Scrutiny Commission, or relevant Scrutiny Committee, on the basis that it is unclear what advice was given to Cabinet Members for the refusal of this particular grant and the Cabinet's reasons for refusal. The Cabinet report did not give any detail of how decisions were reached in relation to the awarding or otherwise, of the individual grants and no explanation was offered at the Cabinet meeting in respect of questions asked.

At council organised consultation meetings currently underway in Whitehawk on the proposed Co-location project, Senior Council Officers from the Children and Young People's Trust are unable to tell local residents and councillors what, if any, of the existing services run from the present Whitehawk Youth Club building will be retained in the area, following the demolition of that building and subsequent land sale.

It is our understanding that the decision on the grant application for the Crew Club, not to fund in whole or in part, was based on the fact that capital finance was being made available for the nearby Co-location Project and that this would also finance the existing youth services and so the grant for the Crew Club was not needed. This is not the case.

As the future of the Crew Club is now in doubt, we would request that this decision is taken again following the call-in process so that these facts can be clearly established prior to any subsequent decision by Cabinet Members who may then wish to reconsider their original grant allocations.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Gill Mitchell

Councillor Craig Turton