

Decision No: CMM –

Forward Plan No:

This record relates to Agenda Item 34 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

## RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

**DECISION-MAKER:** COUNCILLOR VANESSA BROWN

**PORTFOLIO AREA:** CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

**SUBJECT:** BRIGHT START NURSERY  
CONSULTATION

**AUTHOR:** CAROLINE PARKER

### 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**

None

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST****CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD:**

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision

**Date:**

11 October 2010

**Decision Maker:**

Councillor Vanessa Brown  
Cabinet Member for Children & Young  
People

**Signed:****Proper Officer:**

11 October 2010

Mark Wall, Head of Democratic Services

**Signed:**

**SCRUTINY**

Note: This decision will come into force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of the meeting at which the decision was taken subject to any requirement for earlier implementation of the decision.

*Or: This decision is urgent and not subject to call-in (date of CE's agreement to urgency of decision).*

**Call-In Period**

**11- 18 October 2010**

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

**13 October 2010**

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*

