

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**

**CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST BOARD**

**5.00pm, 1 DECEMBER 2008**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillors: Mrs Brown (Chairman), Bennett, Fryer, Hawkes (Opposition Spokesperson) and Kemble

**Brighton & Hove Primary Care Trust:** Amanda Fadero

**South Downs Health:** Simon Turpitt and Mo Marsh

**Non-Voting Co-optees:**

David Standing, Community & Voluntary Sector Forum

Gail Gray, Community & Voluntary Sector Forum

**Also in attendance:**

John O'Sullivan, South Downs NHS Health Trust

**Apologies:**

Dr Julian Lee, B&H City Primary Care Trust (Deputy-Chairman)

Dr Louise Hulton, B&H City Primary Care Trust

Andrew Jeffrey, Parent Forum

Eleanor Davies, Parent Forum

Carole Shaves, Sussex Police Authority

**PART ONE**

**33. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS**

**33a Declarations of Substitutes**

33.1 Amanda Fadero, Primary Care Trust, declared she was deputising for Dr Julian Lee and Darren Grayson.

**33b Declarations of Interest**

33.2 There were none.

**33c Exclusion of Press and Public**

33.3 In accordance with section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 ('the Act'), the 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(1) of the Act).

33.4 **RESOLVED** – That the press and public be not excluded from the meeting.

**34. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

34.1 **RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2008 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**35. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

35.1 The Chairman drew the Board's attention to the new meetings timetable for 2009/2010. She explained that it had been agreed that the Children & Young People Cabinet Member meetings would be held quarterly and the Children & Young People's Trust Board meetings would be held every eight weeks rather than the six weeks cycle that was currently in place. She informed Members that there existed the provision of calling additional meetings should there be any urgent business.

35.2 The Chairman also reported on the consultation regarding the wider membership of the Children & Young People's Trust Board. She reminded Members that, at its meeting in June 2008, the Board had agreed to go out to consultation with partners and stakeholders.

35.3 She informed Members that consultation had been taking place with the Primary Care Trust, the South Downs NHS Trust, the Parent Forum, the Youth Council, the Community and Voluntary Sector and Headteachers. However, it seemed appropriate to defer a paper to the Board until there was confirmation of the Government's new statutory guidance around Children's Trust.

35.4 The Chairman advised that as soon as that confirmation was in place, the Director of Children's services would bring any proposals to the Board.

**36. LETTERS FROM COUNCILLORS****36. (i) Letter – Bridge to Attendance**

36.1 A letter was received from Councillor Morgan regarding the Bridge 2 Attendance project.

36.2 The Chairman noted that Councillor Morgan was unable to attend today's meeting. She read out her response to Councillor Morgan's letter and advised that a copy of her response would be sent to Councillor Morgan accordingly.

“After the transfer of students to from East Brighton College of Media Arts in September 04 (first wave) and September 05 there remained a group of students across the secondary age-range who benefited from some localised provision in Whitehawk in addition to being on the role of a secondary school.

These students had poor attendance at their secondary school for a variety of reasons or had additional support needs to maintain their access to the curriculum. They are the pupils who would have benefited from additional funds if they had remained in Comart. The support was essentially for pupils at Varndean, Hove Park and Longhill where most of the pupils transferred.

The Excellence in Cities and EB4U funding was used to support the project until pupils who transferred to other schools had completed their GCSEs.

Bridge to Attendance Project provided additional teaching as well as that which is provided at school. The project had agreed referral criteria and pupils have been expected to attend their school for some of the week. The support provided by this project was organised in partnership with the mainstream school. The team has helped with basic skills and course work. It also has co-ordinated & organised links with work experience/ placement/college, to create progression routes, so that these young people see there is ‘life beyond 16’, which could be work, work & training, college. The team have also to sign-posted to other providers / projects who could offer part of the student’s package e.g. family centre, youth workers

The project has scaled down in each of the three years as there became fewer young people eligible for support. Staffing for this project now consists of two learning mentors and a project manager. Other staff are employed on an occasional basis as need arises.

This has been a highly successful project with significant success for some young people who found it difficult to transfer from COMART school. The purpose is now complete. Some other students (not ex Comart) living in Whitehawk have been given some additional support whilst the funding remains and until the end date of the project. The young people will continue to receive support from their mainstream school and any needed additional support from the Children and Young People’s Trust area team and other specialist support services.

The project will close at Easter with the current premises reverting to use as a caretaker’s cottage. In future the support will be provided through the main stream school. However additional funding has been secured to further support the pupils currently at B2A and will be managed by the schools and Area teams.”

36.5 **RESOLVED** – That the letter be noted and a copy of the response provided be sent to Councillor Morgan.

**37. STRATEGIC COMMISSIONING PLAN**

- 37.1 Amanda Fadero, Primary Care Trust, presented the item 'Improving Health and Developing World Class Healthcare', the Strategic Commissioning Plan for the Brighton & Hove Primary Care Trust.
- 37.2 She explained that this was a high level strategic plan for the PCT, put in place for the next three to five years, aimed at taking on board shared goals in order to deliver shared outcomes. Ms Fadero guided the Board through the four overarching themes of the plan: its vision, its commitment to the city and its people; its commissioning goals and priorities; and the PCT's approach to delivery and development.
- 37.3 Ms Fadero highlighted the focus given to partnership work, by listening to people, carers, partners and patients in order to take this Plan forward. She further highlighted the focus given to keeping the Brighton & Hove population healthy by targeting specific and different groups, such as minority groups, targeted work on teenage pregnancy, promoting a better health consciousness on both women and men, and promoting independence among the elderly population.
- 37.4 Ms Fadero stated that the PCT had had a record of good achievement, though the department recognised that more needed to be done and, as such, officers were concentrating efforts to strengthen some areas of their work.
- 37.5 The Chairman thanked Amanda Fadero, on behalf of the Board, for her presentation on the PCT's Strategic Commissioning Plan. Members requested that a copy of the presentation be made available to all.

37.6 **RESOLVED** – That the presentation and its contents be noted.

**38. 2008/09 TBM 6**

- 38.1 The Board considered the report of the Director of Children's Services regarding the 2008/09 TBM 6 (for copy see minute book).
- 38.2 The Head of Financial Services (CFS) introduced the report and stated that the situation for month 7 had improved further in relation to the situation reported for month 6.
- 38.3 **RESOLVED** – That the total CYPT overspend of £32k be noted.

**39. COMMISSIONING STRATEGY FOR YOUTH AND CONNEXIONS**

- 39.1 The Board considered the report of the Director of Children's Services regarding the Commissioning Strategy for Youth and Connexions, which set out the commissioning strategy for providing an Integrated Youth Support Service in Brighton & Hove (for copy see minute book).
- 39.2 The Board welcomed the report and congratulated officers for its clarity.

- 39.3 Councillor Fryer noted that the Performance Indicators were more positive than all the other indicators utilised to measure results and she hoped that, in future, the 'negatives' would also be improved.
- 39.4 The Assistant Director, West Area and Youth Support confirmed that officers were optimistic that more positives would be achieved through further Performance Indicators measurements.
- 39.5 **RESOLVED** – That the Strategy be noted and approved.

The meeting concluded at 5.45pm.

Signed

Chairman

Dated this

day of

2009

