



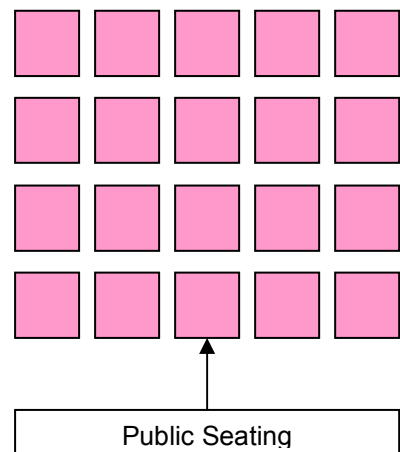
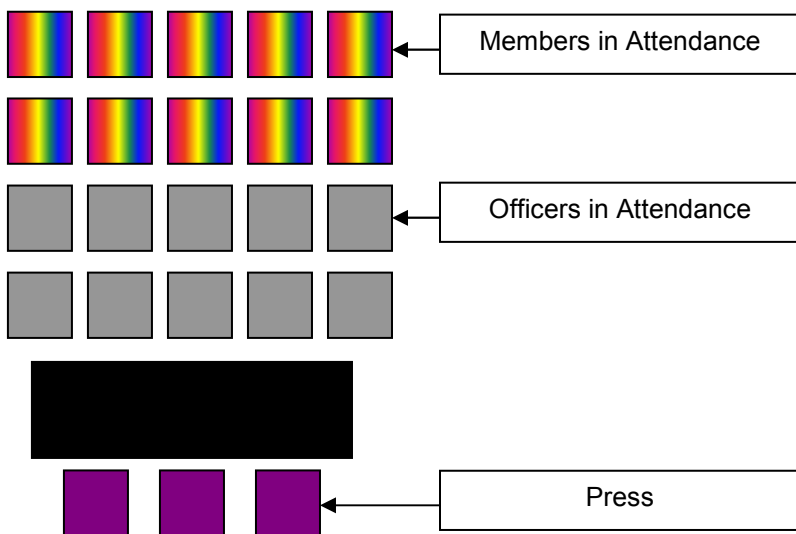
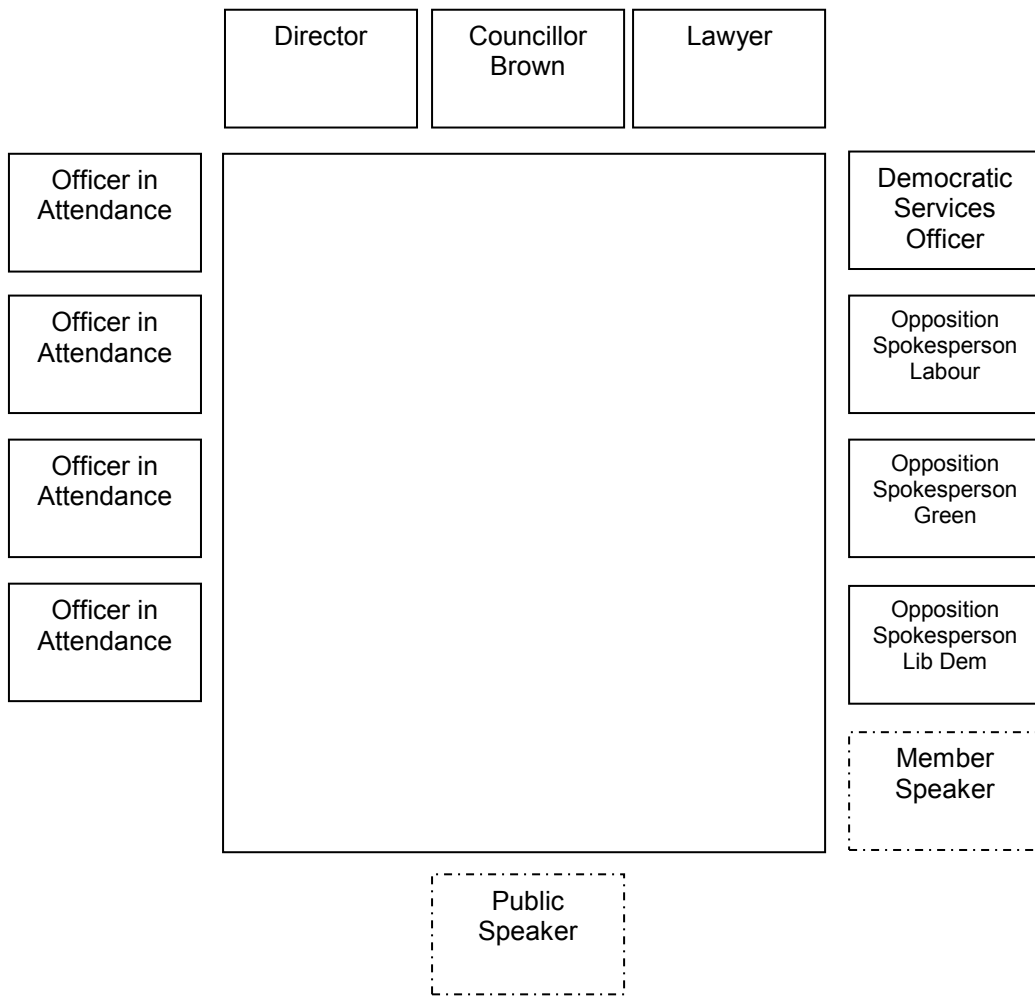
Brighton & Hove  
City Council

# Cabinet Member Meeting

Title:	<b>Children &amp; Young People Cabinet Member Meeting</b>
Date:	<b>5 October 2009</b>
Time:	<b>4.00pm</b>
Venue	<b>Council Chamber, Hove Town Hall</b>
Members:	<b>Councillor:</b> Brown (Cabinet Member)
Contact:	<b>Nara Miranda</b> Democratic Services Officer 01273 291004 (voicemail only) nara.miranda@brighton-hove.gov.uk

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## AGENDA

### 15. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

- (a) Declarations of Interest by all Members present of any personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the Members regard the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct.
- (b) Exclusion of Press and Public - To consider whether, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, or the nature of the proceedings, the press and public should be excluded from the meeting when any of the following items are under consideration.

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### 16. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 July 2009 (copy attached).

### 17. CABINET MEMBER'S COMMUNICATIONS

### 18. ITEMS RESERVED FOR DISCUSSION

- (a) Items reserved by the Cabinet Member
- (b) Items reserved by the Opposition Spokesperson
- (c) Items reserved by Members, with the agreement of the Cabinet Member.

*NOTE: Petitions, Public Questions, Deputations, Letters from Councillors, Written Questions from Councillors and Notices of Motion will be reserved automatically.*

### 19. PETITIONS

7 - 8

Report of the Acting Director of Strategy & Governance (copy attached).

Contact Officer: Nara Miranda

Tel: 29-1004 (Voicemail only)

Ward Affected: All Wards;

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### 20. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

(The closing date for receipt of public questions is 12 noon on 28 September 2009)

No public questions received by date of publication.

### 21. DEPUTATIONS

(The closing date for receipt of deputations is 12 noon on 28 September 2009)

No deputations received by date of publication.

### 22. LETTERS FROM COUNCILLORS

No letters have been received.

### 23. WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

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i) **Update on the progress the administration is making to find more primary school places for BN3 residents in the short, medium and long term** – Question from Councillor Davis (copy attached).

ii) **Increase and quality of free school meals to school children** – Question from Councillor Davis (copy attached).

### 24. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

No Notices of Motion have been referred.

### 25. OPTIONS FOR PROVIDING SCHOOL PLACES

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Report of the Director of Children's Services (copy attached).

*Contact Officer:* Gil Sweetenham *Tel:* 29-3433

*Ward Affected:* All Wards;

### 26. WHITEHAWK COMMUNITY HUB PROJECT

To  
Follow

Report of the Director of Children's Services (copy to follow).

*Contact Officer:* Gillian Churchill *Tel:* 29-3515

*Ward Affected:* East Brighton;

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# **CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE CABINET MEMBER MEETING**

## **Agenda Item 16**

Brighton & Hove City Council

### **BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**

### **CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE CABINET MEMBER MEETING**

**4.00pm, 6 JULY 2009**

**COMMITTEE ROOM 3, HOVE TOWN HALL**

### **MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillor Brown (Cabinet Member)

**Also in attendance:** Councillor Hawkes (Opposition Spokesperson, Labour Group)

**Other Members present:** Councillors Kemble

### **PART ONE**

#### **1. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS**

##### **1a Declarations of Interest**

1.1 There were none.

##### **1b. Exclusion of Press and Public**

1.2 In accordance with section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 ('the Act'), the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People 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).

1.3 **RESOLVED** – That the Press and the Public be not excluded from the meeting.

#### **2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

2.1 **RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 April 2009 be approved and signed by the Cabinet Member as a correct record.

#### **3. CABINET MEMBER'S COMMUNICATIONS**

3.1 There were none.

**4. ITEMS RESERVED FOR DISCUSSION**

4.1 **RESOLVED** – All items were reserved for discussion by the Cabinet Member.

**5. PETITIONS**

5.1 No petitions had been received.

**6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

6. No public questions had been received.

**7. DEPUTATIONS**

7.1 No deputations had been received.

**8. LETTERS FROM COUNCILLORS****8 (i) Letter – Early Years Capital Grant**

8.1 A letter was received from Councillor Carden regarding the Early Years Capital Grant.

8.2 Councillor Carden did not attend the meeting to present the letter. The Cabinet Member agreed to send a written response to Councillor Carden.

8.3 **RESOLVED** – That the letter be noted and a copy of the response be sent to Councillor Carden and to the Opposition Spokesperson, Labour Group.

**9. WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

9.1 No Written Questions from Councillors had been received.

**10. NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

10.1 No Notices of Motion had been received.

**11. EARLY YEARS CAPITAL GRANT**

11.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Director of Children's Services regarding the Early Years Capital Grant, which sought agreement for allocating the Sure Start Early Years Capital Grant from the Department of Children, Schools and Families (for copy see minute book).

11.2 Officers briefly explained that this was the final phase of the distribution and the report proposed how the funds should be spent. It was also explained that the grant, which was to be spent over a 3 years period, would also be utilised to improve existing building and facilities.

11.3 The Cabinet Member indicated that she was aware of the poor conditions of the sports pavilions premises and was pleased to see the site included in these proposals. She



further indicated that she was also mindful of the initial difficulties encountered with the Environment department and the issues around joint ownership. She indicated that officers had reassured her that negotiations were taking place and the process was moving forward. She requested that officers kept her up to date with any further developments.

- 11.4 The Opposition Spokesperson noted the proposed funds for each designated area and noted that the benefits for the most disadvantaged areas from this proposal would be visible.
- 11.5 The report was welcomed by the Cabinet Member and the Opposition Spokesperson. Members thanked the officers involved with this work and congratulated the team of officers for the enthusiasm shown in relation to it.
- 11.6 The Head of Service, City Early Years & Childcare, recorded a special mention to her colleague, Jewell Powell, who had been involved with the day to day negotiations of the process.
- 11.7 **RESOLVED** – That, having considered the information and the reasons set out in the report, the Cabinet Member accepted the following recommendations:
- (1) That the development of the Preston Park Children’s Centre at the Fiveways Pre School Playgroup, off Florence Road, be agreed as per the proposals set out in the report.
  - (2) That the following allocations for the Early Years Capital Grant (full details as set out in annex 1 to the report, all subject to further local consultation) be agreed:
    - Stringer Playgroup, Surrenden Campus – up to £160,000
    - St Joseph’s Playgroup, Hollingdean- up to £50,000
    - Little Ducklings, Hangleton – up to £70,000
    - Roundabout Nursery – up to £200,000
    - Brighton Unemployed Centre – up to £90,000
    - Village Under Fives, Portslade – up to £300,000
    - Refurbishment and/or rebuilding of sport pavilions housing early years providers including Dolphins in Nevill Park, Hollingbury Park Playgroup and Westdene Playgroup subject to further assessments and local consultation – up to £790,000.

## **12. PROVISION OF FREE CHILD CARE PLACES FOR TWO YEAR-OLDS IN THE MOST DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES**

- 12.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Director of Children’s Services regarding the provision of free childcare places for two year olds in the most disadvantaged communities. The report sought agreement to offer free childcare places to 15 per cent of the most disadvantaged two year olds in the city from September 2009, as part of the city’s Sure Start early years revenue grant received from the Department of Children, Schools and Families (for copy see minute book).

- 12.2 The Early Years & Childcare Strategy Manager highlighted that the proposal was targeted to children living in the 10% most disadvantaged areas in the city and that providers had to meet both national and local criteria. She indicated that children's centres currently offered approximately 100 two year olds free childcare and that this initiative will approximately double that number.
- 12.3 The Opposition Spokesperson enquired what the situation was in relation to Windsor Street and what would happen with that facility. She considered that teenage parents should not be left out of this initiative.
- 12.4 The Assistant Director, Area/Locality Working, indicated that officers were in dialog with the housing department as to where to place the young mothers. He clarified, however, that some of fund received would be redirected to what is called a preventative budget and would be utilised to take account of such provisions.
- 12.5 The Cabinet Member welcomed the report and congratulated the officers involved for the work carried out.
- 12.6 **RESOLVED** – That, having considered the information and the reasons set out in the report, the Cabinet Member accepted the following recommendations:
- (1) That free childcare places be offered to the most disadvantaged two year olds in Brighton & Hove from September 2009.
  - (2) That the following eligibility criteria for children's participation in the scheme be agreed:
    - (i) Lives in one of the 10% most disadvantaged areas according to the Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI), and
    - (ii) Lives in a family dependent on workless benefits, and
    - (iii) Is targeted to receive additional health visiting support, and
    - (iv) There is a suitable place available in the scheme
  - (3) That it be agreed that providers participating in the scheme must meet appropriate quality standards, including having a good or outstanding Ofsted grading.

### **13. EXPANSION OF DAVIGDOR INFANT SCHOOL AND SOMERHILL JUNIOR SCHOOL**

- 13.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Director of Children's Services which informed the Cabinet Member of the outcome of the statutory consultation on the proposed permanent expansion of Davigdor Infant and Somerhill Junior schools by one form of entry from September 2010 and 2011 respectively, and the resultant enlargement of the premises (for copy see minute book).
- 13.2 The Schools Futures Project Director summarised that the proposal had resulted from the recognition for the need for more school places in the Hove central area. He reported that, following consultation, no responses had been received either for or against the proposal, or any formal representations.

- 13.3 In answer to questions, the Director clarified that officers had been in communication with the governors at both schools. He indicated that initial discussions had taken place in relation to the proposal to merging both schools, in view of the forthcoming retirement of the Headteacher at the infant school. However, both governing bodies had expressed the preference to pursue a more combined way of working at this stage rather than agreeing to an all through primary school.
- 13.4 The Cabinet Member noted the concerns previously raised in terms of the consultation process and the wish expressed by Members that all the right people were consulted. The Cabinet Member enquired whether this had been adhered to and whether the planning application process had also incorporated that request.
- 13.5 The Head of Capital Strategy and Development reassured the Cabinet Member that request had been adhered to. She further indicated that both schools had been very engaged in the process. She explained that, in terms of the proposed development at Somerhill, two options were given to the governors and they were more inclined to pursue the option to construct over the car park area at the front of the building and this was the option being developed. She informed the Cabinet Member that the plans were still at design level and the proposal was likely to go Planning Committee towards the end of September.
- 13.6 The Cabinet Member welcomed the report and requested that the plans be shown to her and the Opposition Spokesperson in due course.
- 13.7 **RESOLVED** - That, having considered the information and the reasons set out in the report, the Cabinet Member accepted the following recommendations:
- (1) That the permanent expansion of Davigdor Infant school by one form of entry with effect from September 2010, and the subsequent enlargement of the premises, be agreed.
  - (2) That the permanent expansion of Somerhill Junior school by one form of entry with effect from September 2011, and the subsequent enlargement of the premises, be agreed.
  - (3) That the statutory notices in relation to points (1) and (2) above be confirmed.

#### 14. EXPANSION OF LONGHILL SCHOOL

- 14.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Director of Children's Services regarding the proposed expansion of Longhill School, which informed the Member of the outcome of the statutory consultation on the proposed permanent expansion of the school by one form of entry from September 2010, and the resultant enlargement of the premises (for copy see minute book).
- 14.2 The Schools Future Project Director indicated that the proposal had been supported by all parties concerned.
- 14.3 The Cabinet Member welcomed the report.

14.5 **RESOLVED** - That, having considered the information and the reasons set out in the report, the Cabinet Member accepted the following recommendations:

- (1) That the permanent expansion of Longhill School by one form of entry with effect from September 2010, and the subsequent enlargement of the premises, be agreed.
- (2) That the statutory notice in relation to (1) above be confirmed.

The meeting concluded at 4.20pm

Signed

Cabinet Member

Dated this      day of

# CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE CABINET MEMBER MEETING

## Agenda Item 19

Brighton & Hove City Council

**Subject:** Petitions  
**Date of Meeting:** 5 October 2009  
**Report of:** Acting Director of Strategy & Governance  
**Contact Officer:** Name: Nara Miranda Tel: 29-1004  
E-mail: nara.miranda@brighton-hove.gov.uk  
**Key Decision:** No Forward Plan No. N/A  
**Wards Affected:** All

### FOR GENERAL RELEASE

#### 1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 To receive the following petitions presented at Council on 16 July 2009 and any petitions presented directly to the Children & Young People's Cabinet Member Meeting.

(i) To receive the following petition presented at Council on 16 July 2009 by Councillor Davis and signed by 971 people:

#### ***More Primary School Places in Hove***

**"We the undersigned ask the Council to build a new primary school for the children of Goldsmid and Hove as a matter of utmost urgency"**

**"We the undersigned ask the conservative administration of Brighton & Hove Council to:**

- **Urgently provide more school places for families in Hove for this coming year**
- **Build a new school for local families**
- **The Government is currently spending £4.5 billion on school buildings and the Council should be bidding for funding for new school places in Hove."**

(ii) To receive the following petition presented at Council on 16 July 2009 by Councillor Davey and signed by 184 people:

**"We the undersigned ask the council to create more primary school places in the BN3 area, and to build 1 secondary school in the city centre. In addition to this, we would like to see the council call on all faith schools to increase their number of community places, and for the council to seek to use private school buildings for state school provision, in the event of private school closures."**

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the petitions presented at the Council meeting as detailed above, and any petitions presented directly to the Children & Young People's Cabinet Member Meeting, be noted and any subsequent action resulting from the nature of each petition be determined.

# **CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE CABINET MEMBER MEETING**

## **Agenda Item 23**

Brighton & Hove City Council

Children & Young People Cabinet Member Meeting – 5 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).

### **Questions from Councillor Davis**

- i) Could the Cabinet Member update us on the progress the administration is making to find more primary school places for BN3 residents in the short, medium and long term.
  
- ii) Could the Cabinet Member tell us what aspirations the BHCC has for increasing the number and the quality of free school meals to school children, and how the expansion of Davigdor and Somerhill schools and the new shared catering facilities will achieve these?





# CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE CABINET MEMBER MEETING

## Agenda Item 25

Brighton & Hove City Council

**Subject:** Options for Providing Primary School Places  
**Date of Meeting:** 5 October 2009  
**Report of:** Director of Children's Services  
**Contact Officer:** Name: Gill Sweetenham Tel: 29-3474  
E-mail: [Gil.sweetenham@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:Gil.sweetenham@brighton-hove.gov.uk)  
**Key Decision:** Yes Forward Plan No: CYP12452  
**Wards Affected:** All

### FOR GENERAL RELEASE

#### 1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 Current and projected pupil numbers for the city as a whole show there is an immediate and ongoing need for additional school places in the city as a whole. This need is most acute in south central Hove and on the Brighton / Hove border.
- 1.2 The most immediate need for places has been partially addressed by providing one permanent additional form of entry at Davigdor Infant and Somerhill Junior Schools and one temporary additional form of entry at West Blatchington Primary School.
- 1.3 To meet the projected future growth in pupil numbers we should be looking to provide a minimum of 135 additional primary school places which equates to 4.5 forms of entry by 2011.
- 1.3 This report sets out the options available to meet the increase in demand for pupil places in the primary sector in Hove and on the Brighton-Hove border where the need is most acute and immediate.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Cabinet Member notes the possible options for additional primary places within the City.
- 2.2 That the Cabinet Member agrees that the CYPT will pursue the option of providing a new two form entry Primary School by further considering the top 4 scoring sites in Appendix 2: Hove Park depot, Hove Park Upper School, BHASVIC and Leicester Villas.
- 2.3 That the cabinet member agrees that should a new primary school be developed, the LA would either enter the competition open to those who would wish to operate the new school or be assured that those competing would offer places to local children.

2.4 That the Cabinet Member agrees that the CYPT will consult with schools and their communities on the proposal to expand the following schools.

- Goldstone Primary School (1 new form of entry)
- Westdene primary School (1 new form of entry)
- Queens Park Primary School (0.5 new form of entry)

2.5 Should the creation of a new school not be possible in the necessary timeframe, then the Cabinet Member agrees that the CYPT will consult with the following schools regarding proposals to expand by one form of entry:

- West Blatchington Primary School
- Aldrington or St Andrews VA Primary Schools

2.6 That the Cabinet Member agrees to urgent discussions with Westdene and Goldstone Primary Schools with a view to providing one extra form of entry at each school for September 2010, accommodated in temporary buildings, in order to help meet the immediate demand for places.

### **3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:**

3.1 Pupil numbers across the city are rising generally and the rise in south central Hove is greater than the city generally and already causing a pressure on school places that cannot be met locally.

3.2 The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People has already agreed proposals to expand Davigdor Infant and Somerhill Junior Schools by one form of entry from September 2010 and 2011 respectively. However this will still leave a demand for a further 4.5 forms of entry by September 2011 based on the current GP registration data.

3.3 Consideration has been given as to how best to accommodate the additional pupils that are now looking for a maintained school place. The options available are to expand existing schools, to build a new school or a combination of both. Attached at Appendix 1 is a technical analysis which outlines relevant technical detail.

3.4 The size of a school site also has to be considered when proposing expansions of existing schools since increasing the intake of a school is likely to affect the size of the outside facilities required.

### **3.5 The options considered for a new school site are as follows:**

- Connaught Road School
- Holy Trinity Church, Blatchington Road
- Playing fields between Cardinal Newman School and BHASVIC
- Site 1 Development site on the Brighton / Hove border
- Site 2 Potential development site in central Hove
- Park depot adjacent to Hove Park
- Co locating a school on the site of Hove Park Upper School
- Playing field accessed from Leicester Villas

3.5.1 Each of these proposals has its own issues and challenges. These are shown in the spreadsheet attached as Appendix 2.

3.5.2 Analysis of the options detailed in Appendix 2 identifies two sites where the Council owns the land and a further two options where the land is in private ownership.

3.5.3 In proposing a new school there are a number of factors that need to be considered. Owing to recent changes in School Organisation legislation it is now necessary to carry out a competition when proposing a new school. This competition is open to anyone who wishes to operate a school not just the local authority or existing faith groups etc.

3.5.4 In most circumstances the Local Authority (LA) will act as the decision maker in the competition. However if the LA decides that it wishes to enter the competition itself the decision is made by the Schools Adjudicator.

3.5.5 In the case of the need for additional places within the Hove area it is very clear that the need is for places available in particular community areas. If a faith group or a group with a particular ethos entered the competition it is possible that they will set admission criteria that will be based participation in their faith group or agreement with a particular ethos. This will not in itself assist in the provision of local community places as pupils could be drawn from a wide area, although it might be possible to negotiate with faith or other outside bodies on criteria that would support local attendance.

3.5.6 For this reason if it is decided that a new school will provide part of the solution to the current issue it will be important that the LA either submits an entry to the competition or is assured that other providers will make places available to children living in the locality of the new school.

3.5.7 The time needed to undertake a competition has to be added to the time it takes to identify a site and prepare a design for the new school. Consequently providing a new school is not a solution that can be implemented quickly.

3.5.8 The cost of providing a new 2 Form Entry (2FE) all through primary school is in the order of £7 - £7.5 million, not including site acquisition costs. The cost of providing a new school falls to the LA regardless of whether they win the competition or not. At the present time there is no funding specifically allocated for meeting this cost. It would be necessary to identify the funding from within the existing capital funding allocated.

**3.6 The initial options considered for expanding existing schools are as follows:**

- Goldstone Primary School by one form of entry
- Queens Park Primary School by 0.5 form of entry
- Westdene Primary School by one form of entry

Further option considered were

- West Blatchington Primary school by one form of entry
- St Andrews or Aldrington Church of England Primary Schools by one form of entry

Whichever of these options is taken forward it is important to note that the site size recommended by BB99 is not met at the majority of schools within Brighton & Hove.

3.6.1 Each of these proposals has its own issues and challenges. These are shown in the spreadsheet attached as Appendix 2.

3.6.2 Analysis of the options detailed in Appendix 2 identifies Goldstone, Westdene and Queens Park, Primary Schools as the best options for the provision of a new community primary school places within the next four years. It may also be possible to expand West Blatchington and St Andrews or Aldrington Primary Schools.

3.7 In addition to longer term solutions arising from school expansion or new build, the growth in potential pupil numbers (see Appendix 1) suggests that the Council should be considering the provision of extra Reception places for the 2010 admission round. Clearly places in the short term cannot be housed in permanent build. It is therefore suggested that if proceeding with the longer term provision of extra places at Westdene and Goldstone Primary Schools, temporary accommodation is located at those sites as soon as possible to allow an additional form of entry at both for September 2010. This will go some way towards relieving the immediate pressure on places in Hove and on the Brighton/Hove border.

3.8 If places are to be provided for 2010, then there is a need to consult the Schools Adjudicator as his permission is necessary for any changes to admission arrangements already published. It is also reasonable to ensure that any such changes are made known to parents and carers whose children will be in the 2010 admission round so that they can express school preferences made on the basis of full information. Practical arrangements for the procurement and installation of temporary accommodation will also require as long as possible lead in time.

3.9 Owing to the commitments we already have for projects to increase pupil numbers there is not sufficient funding to be able to house any of the pupil numbers in permanent accommodation before 2011.

#### **4. CONSULTATION**

- 4.1 Discussions will be held with Head Teachers and their chairs of governors at the schools potentially affected by the proposed options within this report.
- 4.2 Once it is agreed how best to progress with the provision of additional primary places within the city our formal consultation with schools, governors and the community will be carried out prior to changes being agreed.
- 4.3 City Planning has been consulted in relation to the potential sites for a new school and believes that the Depot site adjacent to Hove Park would appear in principle to present the fewest planning challenges.

#### **5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

##### Financial Implications:

- 5.1 The cost of providing the required additional primary school places will need to be met from within the resources allocated by the DCSF. This funding is notified to us on a three year rolling period to match Government spending review periods. We know the indicative allocations until March 2011 but not beyond. The funding between 2008/9 and 2010/11 is committed to providing the additional places at Balfour Junior, Davigdor Infant and Somerhill Junior Schools. There is currently £1million not committed to these existing projects. This £1million will be allocated to the new projects proposed in this paper.

The funding that will be available for providing additional school places going forward from March 2011 will come from the New Deal for Schools, Primary Capital Programme and New Pupil Places funding. Using the current allocations as a basis for forecasting future settlements it is likely that there will be approximately £4.5 - £5million available each from 2011/12 year to meet the costs of these projects. This would mean that there was no funding for any other projects of any nature (apart from some very limited legislative works) until at least April 2014.

The Local Authority have submitted a bid to the DCSF to the Basic Need Safety Valve to help meet the costs associated with providing additional school places. Details of this bid are included in Appendix 1.

Further details and their financial implications will be reported in due course as the individual projects are proposed and developed.

*Finance Officer Consulted:* Michelle Herington

*Date:* 14/09/2009

##### Legal Implications:

- 5.2 Given that the report sets out that there is a projected future growth in pupil numbers and an anticipated shortfall in places in both the academic years 2010-11 and 2011-12, Members should be mindful that the Council has a statutory duty under section 14 Education Act 1996 to ensure the provision of sufficient schools for the provision of primary and secondary education in its area. Once decisions have been taken as to how the proposed increase in places will be achieved, the Council will need to comply with the provisions of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 which sets out the procedures to be complied with

when proposing a new school or making changes to an existing mainstream school.

*Lawyer Consulted: Serena Kynaston*

*Date: 21/09/2009*

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 Planning and provision of school places is conducted in such a way as to avoid potentially discriminatory admissions priorities or planning processes. The city council and voluntary aided school governing bodies must be mindful of best practice as described in the Admission Code of Practice.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 All new extensions to Brighton and Hove Schools utilise, where ever possible, environmental and sustainable principles such as higher than minimum insulation levels, the use of efficient gas condensing boilers, under floor heating, solar shading and natural ventilation. Materials are sourced from sustainable sources where ever possible.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 Throughout the development of the proposals consultation will be undertaken with community groups and the Community Safety team and police liaison officers. It is anticipated that by including the community in the development and use of the facilities at the schools that crime and disorder in the local area will be reduced. This will be further improved by offering extended use of the facilities to the community outside of the school day

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 It is important that this opportunity is taken to ensure the future provision of learning and teaching, and continuing improvement in standards of education in the city.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.7 To meet the projected future growth in pupil numbers we should be looking to provide a minimum of 135 additional primary school places which equates to 4.5 forms of entry.

**6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):**

- 6.1 This paper presents the range of options available to address the need for future primary places within the City.

**7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 Current and projected pupil numbers for the city as a whole show there is an immediate and ongoing need for additional school places in the city as a whole. This need is most acute in south central hove and on the Brighton / Hove border.
- 7.2 To meet the projected future growth in pupil numbers we should be looking to provide a minimum of 135 additional primary school places which equates to 4.5 forms of entry.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

### **Appendices:**

1. Technical analysis
2. Options Analysis

### **Documents In Members' Rooms**

1. None

### **Background Documents**

1. None





## Brighton &amp; Hove

## Providing Primary School Places – Technical analysis

- To predict pupil numbers Brighton & Hove use GP registration data as this has been the most reliable form of data in recent years. Generally across the city as a whole approximately 88% of children registered with GP's look for a reception place in the maintained sector. This percentage is likely to alter slightly between different areas but we do not have the data to determine slight variations. In the current economic climate it is entirely possible that this percentage may increase.
- The table below shows the increase in numbers of children being registered with GP surgeries and is based on the home postal addresses of the children registered.

Birth Year	GP Data Total for B&H	Jan 09 School Census Total (or forecast from 09/05-08/06)	% in school (or forecast from 09/05-08/06)	Current School Year
09/99 – 08/00	2543	2244	88.2	5
09/00 – 08/01	2660	2351	88.4	4
09/01 – 08/02	2607	2327	89.2	3
09/02 – 08/03	2734	2394	87.5	2
09/03 – 08/04	2828	2450	86.6	1
09/04 – 08/05	2858	2521*	88.2*	R
09/05 – 08/06	2905	2556	88	-
09/06 – 08/07	3163	2783	88	-
09/07 – 08/08	3181	2799	88	-

\*Actual places allocated/percentage as of 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2009

The percentage column shows the proportion of children registered with a GP who enrolled at a maintained Brighton & Hove school. On the basis of the previous several years data the figure of 88% has been used to forecast likely future numbers.

- If proposed developments such as the Gala Bingo Hall in Portland Road, the Caffyns site on Kingsway, the redevelopment of the Sackville trading estate and numerous developments along Church Road all come to fruition the numbers of pupils requiring a primary school place in this part of the city be significantly worsened.

- Added to these developments is the potential regeneration of Shoreham Harbour. It is anticipated that the development of the Harbour will in itself provide sufficient school places to render the development 'self sufficient in terms of school places. Consequently it has been omitted from the projection in pupil numbers.
- A major issue to consider in relation to providing a new school is the capacity of the school required and the availability of a suitably sized site. Schools are extremely land hungry establishments; a 2 form entry all through primary school requires a site of approximately 17,000m<sup>2</sup> if it is to comply with the recommendations within the DCSF publication BB99, A Briefing Framework for Primary Schools. BB99 is a guidance document and is seen as good practice, however in exceptional circumstances it is possible to depart from the area guidelines within the document. BB99 also includes a recommendation in site size for schools on confined sites. The guidance makes it clear that this is not the preferred model and that off site team games playing facilities should be available.
- In addition to the guidance within BB99 there are legislative requirements for the size of team games playing space set out in the Education (School Premises) Regulations 1999. A two form entry all through primary school requires a minimum of 5,000m<sup>2</sup> of team games playing space. If an all weather surface is provided this counts as twice its size. The recommendations within BB99 for schools on confined sites assume that a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) is provided and gives a site size requirement of approximately 5,000m<sup>2</sup>.
- The increase in pupil numbers in the last few years is not a problem peculiar to Brighton & Hove. It is happening up and down the country to greater and lesser degrees. In July this year the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) recognised this by allocating £200 million to providing additional pupil places from September 2011. Authorities were given the opportunity to bid for this funding by submitting a bid to the Basic Need Safety Valve. An example of the pressure on primary school places can be seen in Manchester where they are predicting a shortfall of 60 forms of entry by 2011
- Brighton & Hove submitted a bid on the basis that we need to provide a minimum of five forms of entry from September 2011. Unfortunately the bidding criteria was extremely restrictive and the funding being offered was reduced by 50% of the formulaic funding provided to authorities for the spending review period from 2008 to 2011. On this basis the application indicated that we could receive a maximum of £2.6million. Owing to the limited funding available and the tight criteria for eligibility it is not at all certain that we would receive even this level of funding.
- The DCSF have recently indicated that they may be prepared to consider further funding for additional pupil places in the next spending review period but this is unlikely to be before April 2011.

	Current forms of entry	Current Ofsted outcome	Proposed forms of entry	Minimum size of site required by BB99 for proposed school size	Actual size of site	Difference between BB99 and actual site size	Minimum team games playing space required by regulation	can minimum team games space required by regulation be provided?	Estimated cost of providing permanent accommodation	Provisional time for delivery of permanent accommodation based on funding availability	Planning view
<b>Possible Expansions</b>											
Aldrington Church of England Primary school	1	Good	2	17,300	6,758	10,542	5,000	No	£2.5 - £3million	By Sept 2013	Possible
Goldstone Primary School	2	Good	3	24,000	17,600	6,400	10,000	Yes	£2.5 - £3million	By Sept 2012	Possible
St Andrews Church of England Primary School	2	Outstanding	3	24,000	8,550	15,450	10,000	No	£2.5 - £3million	By Sept 2013	Possible
West Blatchington Primary School	2	Good	3	24,000	38,800	14,800	10,000	Yes	£2.5 - £3million	By Sept 2012	Possible
Westdene Primary School	2	Outstanding	3	24,000	18,317	5,683	10,000	Yes	£3 - £3.5million	By Sept 2013	Possible
Queens Park Primary	1.5	Good	2	17,300	4,662	12,638	5,000	No	£1.5 - £2million	By Sept 2012	Possible

**Options for a new school**

Connaught Road school			2	17,300	2,970	14,330	5,000	No	£7.5million plus site acquisition costs	By Sept 2015	Unlikely
Holy Trinity Church Blatchington Road			2	17,300	2,949	14,351	5,000	No	£7.5million plus site acquisition costs	By Sept 2015	Unlikely
Between BHASVIC and Cardinal Newman			2	17,300		17,300	5,000	Yes	£7million plus site acquisition costs	By Sept 2015	Unlikely
Site 1			2	17,300	7238*	10,062	5,000	No	£7million plus site acquisition costs	By Sept 2015	Possible
Site 2			2	17,300	40,123*	22,823	5,000	Yes	£7million plus site acquisition costs	By Sept 2015	Unknown
Hove Park Depot site			2	17,300	7,329	9,971	5,000	Yes	£7million	By Sept 2014	Possible
Hove Park School Upper			2	17,300	49,160	31,860	5,000	Yes	£7million	By Sept 2015	Possible
Playing field off Leicester Villas Hove			2	17,300	7,060	10,240	5,000	Yes	£7.5million plus site acquisition costs	By Sept 2015	Unknown

\* Actual area available for school likely to be less than that shown once development proposals are finalised

**Scoring rationale**

Can minimum size required by regulation be accommodated?	Yes = +1	No = -1	
Time for delivery	Before 2012 = +1	2013 - 2014 = 0	After 2014 = -1
Costs	£0 - £3million = +1	£3 - £6million = 0	£6million plus = -1
Delivery	Possible = +1	Unknown = 0	Unlikely = -1
Access	Good = +1	Adequate = 0	Poor = -1

	Possible Expansions						Options for New School			Site 1	Site 2	Hove Park depot	Hove Park School	Leicester Villas
	Aldrington	Goldstone	St Andrews	West Blatch	Westdene	Queens Park	Connaught Rd	Holy Trinity	BHASVIC					
Site Size	-1	1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	1	-1	-1	1	1	1
Time	0	1	0	0	0	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	-1
Cost	1	1	1	1	0	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
Delivery	1	1	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	1	0	1	1	0
Access	0	1	1	-1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	-1	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-1</b>

