

Decision No: CMM –

Forward Plan No: 16439

This record relates to Agenda Item 11 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	COUNCILLOR VANESSA BROWN
PORTFOLIO AREA:	CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE
SUBJECT:	DECISION OF STATUTORY PROPOSALS FOR THE EXPANSIONS OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS
AUTHOR:	GILLIAN CHURCHILL

THE DECISION

1. That the Cabinet Member confirms the statutory notice and resolves to permanently expand Goldstone Primary School by one form of entry from September 2011 subject to the grant of planning permission under Part 3 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. This condition must be met by September 1st 2010.
2. That the Cabinet Member confirms the statutory notice and resolves to permanently expand Westdene Primary School by one form of entry from September 2011 subject to the grant of planning permission under Part 3 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. This condition must be met by September 1st 2010.
3. That the Cabinet Member confirms the statutory notice and resolves to permanently expand Queens Park Primary School by half a form of entry from September 2011 subject to the grant of planning permission under Part 3 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. This condition must be met by December 1st 2010.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

Over the last few years there has been year on year growth in the number of pre-school age children registered with General Practice (GP) Surgeries in the city. This increase exists city wide but is most acute in Hove. It is anticipated that this situation is going to continue. Information on GP registration data shows that the number of children registered in the city is continuing to rise although the rate of the rise is slowing down.

The Council has a statutory duty to provide a maintained school place for any child that wants one. We are committed to working with schools to make them centres for community learning, and supporting them in meeting the wider needs of the community by engaging social services, health, the police, and the voluntary sector. For this to be successful it is important that children can access a primary school that is local to their home.

Expanding these schools will ensure that more families can access their local school. This means that children will be able to attend school with friends that they have made prior to starting school, parents will not have to travel long distances to deliver their children to school and extended services offered by the schools can be tailored to meet the needs of the whole community.

The schools are covered by the Councils admissions arrangements which strives to provide truly local schools which serves its most immediate community and assists in the aspirations of the Local Authority in terms of green travel arrangements.

The capital costs of the proposals will be funded from existing resources such as the Basic Need Safety Valve Funding, Primary Capital Programme, NDS modernisation and a contribution from the schools Devolved Formula Capital. Schemes have been designed for each school that will enable the school to accommodate the additional pupils and also provide enhancements to disability access, pupil safety and school catering arrangements. In the case of Queens Park Primary School the proposal also includes additional space for extended services.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The alternative option would be to leave Goldstone Primary and Westdene Primary Schools as 2 form entry schools and Queens Park primary as a one and a half form entry School.

This is not considered as acceptable since it will not address the statutory requirement to provide local school places where they are needed within the city.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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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:

12 July 2010

Decision Maker:

Councillor Vanessa Brown
Cabinet Member for Children & Young
People

Signed:

Proper Officer:

12 July 2010

Mark Wall, Head of Democratic Services

Signed:

SCRUTINY

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

Call-In Period

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

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*

Decision No: CMM –

Forward Plan No:16441

This record relates to Agenda Item 12 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCILLOR VANESSA BROWN

PORTFOLIO AREA: CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

SUBJECT: PROPOSED CREATION OF A NEW ALL THROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL TO REPLACE BALFOUR INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS

AUTHOR: GILLIAN CHURCHILL

THE DECISION

1. To note and endorse the proposal to amalgamate Balfour Infant and Junior Schools.
2. To agree to the publication of the required Statutory Notices to progress this proposal.
3. That the results from the statutory consultation process are referred to Cabinet Member Meeting on 11th October 2010 for decision.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

The Council produced their Primary Strategy for Change in June 2008. This document reflected Brighton and Hove City Council's policy of supporting the amalgamation of infant and junior schools where appropriate.

The Council believes the advantages of the creation of all through primary schools are as follows:

- Greater continuity in teaching, pupil care and development under a single head teacher and teaching staff. It is very important to ensure continuity in planning the curriculum across the stages of education so that pupils make the best possible progress in learning.
- The school could offer a greater range of teaching skills, including the opportunity to appoint curriculum co-ordinators with the time to oversee the effective teaching of individual subjects across the whole 4–11 age range.
- Greater flexibility that a 4–11 school has in organising classes, deploying teachers and support staff and using resources, including buildings, more effectively.
- Closer contact with parents over a longer period of time and covering the full span of the children's primary education.
- Practical advantages to parents' e.g. same staff development days, the same school policies relating to home links, uniform, codes of conduct etc.
- Transfer to a different school environment after three years or less of schooling might be seen as an unnecessary disruption to pupil's sense of security and well being. A positive feature of 4–11 schools is the social interaction between younger and older pupils.

The proposal will create one larger school from two.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The alternative option is to leave the schools as separate infant and junior schools.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*

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Forward Plan No: 16453

This record relates to Agenda Item 13 on the agenda for the
Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:

COUNCILLOR VANESSA BROWN

PORTFOLIO AREA:

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

SUBJECT: PROPOSED NEW SCHOOL FOR HOVE
INTERIM MEASURE

AUTHOR: GIL SWEETENHAM

THE DECISION

1. To establish in Hove a 3 form entry temporary school expansion taking 90 Reception age children, opening in September 2011
2. To base this temporary expansion at the Connaught Centre site or another site subject to further negotiation.
3. To make arrangements for the management of the additional places by a Hove primary phase school for a period of up to two years.
4. On 11 October to present the Cabinet Member with proposals identifying the site and governance of the temporary provision.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

The Council has a statutory duty to provide a school place for any child that wants one. 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.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

This paper presents proposals to address the need for additional primary places within the City.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*

Decision No: CMM – 17091

Forward Plan No:

This record relates to Agenda Item 14 on the agenda for the
Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:

COUNCILLOR VANESSA BROWN

PORTFOLIO AREA:

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

SUBJECT: PROPOSED EXTENDING OF THE AGE RANGE OF BENFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL

AUTHOR: GILLIAN CHURCHILL

THE DECISION

1. To note and endorse the proposal to create an all through primary school by changing the age range of Benfield Junior School from 7 – 11 as at present to 4 to 11 from September 2011.
2. That the results from the initial consultation exercise are referred to Cabinet Member Meeting on 11th October 2010 for decision.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

The Council has a statutory duty to provide a school place for any child that wants one. 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.

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.

We are committed to working with schools to make them centres for community learning, and supporting them in meeting the wider needs of the community by engaging social services, health, the police, and the voluntary sector. For this to be successful it is important that children can access a primary school that is local to their home.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The alternative option is to leave the school as a junior school.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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