

Brighton & Hove City Council

Council

Agenda Item 88

Subject: Provision for children and young people

Date of meeting: 1 February 2024

Proposer: Councillor Jacqui Simon

Seconder: Councillor Maureen Winder

Ward(s) affected: All

Notice of Motion

Labour Group Amendment

That deletions are made as shown with ~~strike through~~ below and additional recommendations are added as shown in ***bold italics*** below:

This council notes:

- 1) The crucial role child and youth provision, including by the community and voluntary sector, plays in the physical, mental, and social development of young people in Brighton & Hove
- 2) The impact of ~~school and~~ nursery closures in the context of a nationwide crisis in early years, which has caused concern among local authorities about the ability to deliver the extension of the Government's 30 hours free childcare scheme
- 3) The fragile state of ***central government*** funding for youth services, and in national funding for children's social care, impacting on the life chances of young people, care leavers, and those needing extra support from 0-25
- 4) ***the success and hardwork of the council's Family Hubs in supporting children, young people and families across the city***

Therefore, resolves to:

- 1) Request a report to the Children, Families, and Schools Committee detailing:
 - a. ~~our support for the work of~~ ***the full list of*** CVS organisations in the city ***in receipt of council funding, so the administration can consider how best to*** ~~we can look to protect these services~~ ***commission them to deliver the policies and priorities of the council plan*** ~~champion their values, and;~~
 - b. how this council can work more closely with young people, children and families, in particular to ***review*** ~~guarantee a~~ ***the current***

minimum consultation period of **six weeks** ahead of any future **on** proposals to close or move any early years childcare, schools, or child and youth provision;

- e. how our communications can more effectively reach all children and young people **to ensure minimal impact to their education and wellbeing during periods of change**, and how their voices can be heard when budget cuts affecting their services are being considered;
- d. **sets out the principles the administration adopted** how we can work with educators to establish a clear framework **for deciding which schools or nurseries should close, and how this would be applied** in a way that is **if more closures are considered in future.**

Recommendations to read if carried:

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- c. how our communications can more effectively reach all children and young people to ensure minimal impact to their education and wellbeing during periods of change
- d. sets out the principles the administration adopted for deciding which schools should close, and how this would be applied if more closures are considered in future.

