

NOTICE OF MOTION**LABOUR GROUP****ACCEPT £9 MILLION FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS**

“This Council notes the non-acceptance by the administration of £9m of Government funding for schools, and their excuse that that they “did not believe that we were in a position to bring forward the funding and spend it in a proper and strategic way in the time we were given”.

This Council believes that this statement, as reported in the Argus, is not acceptable.

This Council supports action to ensure that children will benefit from the £9 million of government funding being brought forward for local investment in education to 2009/10 for better equipment and new building repairs and improvements.

This Council recognises and supports the boost to the local economy that this kind of work will bring to the City, increasing construction jobs and the amount of work available.

This Council asks the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Children and young People to let Brighton and Hove’s children wait no longer; and to reconsider their refusal to claim the £9 million that is waiting to be given to the City; and to reconsider their current position which does not incorporate this additional investment in school building and refurbishment programmes which will boost jobs in the City.”

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