

**EXTRACT FROM THE DRAFT PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON THE 27 JANUARY 2011****BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**

**4.30pm 27th January 2011
COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL**

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Councillors: Wells (Chairman), A. Norman (Deputy Chairman), Alford, Allen, Barnett, Bennett, Brown, Carden, Caulfield, Cobb, Davey, Davis, Deane, Duncan, Elgood, Fallon-Khan, Fryer, Hamilton, Harmer-Strange, Hawkes, Hyde, Janio, Kemble, Kennedy, Kitcat, Lepper, Marsh, McCaffery, Meadows, Mears, Mitchell, Morgan, K. Norman, Older, Oxley, Peltzer Dunn, Phillips, Randall, Rufus, Simpson, Simson, Smith, Steedman, C. Theobald, G. Theobald, Turton, Wakefield-Jarrett, Watkins, West, Wrighton and Young.

PART ONE**65. PETITIONS FOR COUNCIL DEBATE****65. Save School Sports Partnerships in Our City**

65.1 The Mayor noted that under the Council's petition scheme, if a petition contained more than 1,250 signatures it could be debated by the Full Council and such a request had been made in respect of the petition concerning School Sports Partnerships in the City.

65.2 The Mayor invited Councillor Davis to present her petition.

65.3 Councillor Davis stated that a total of 1,273 people had signed either the paper or e-petition version which read as follows:

"We the undersigned petition the council to lobby the Coalition Government for the retention of the Brighton & Hove Schools Sports Partnership. We deplore the action by the government that, without consultation, has removed the funding from this partnership along with the 499 other such partnerships in schools across the country. Since the clubs started in the year 2000, participation rates among all school students has increased from 25% to 95% with 72 individual schools in Brighton and Hove benefiting from the wide range of sporting activities on offer. We support the local teachers and students that have been involved with providing the network of different activities to help young people stay fit and healthy and call on the City Council to maintain this partnership that is doing so much to increase the sporting skills and participation of all of the city's young people."

- 65.4 Councillor Davis stated that she hoped that the petition would be fully supported.
- 65.5 Councillor Brown stated that officers were working with the schools and other bodies such as Brighton & Hove Albion to support activities and to review the levels of provision to have a more co-ordinated approach.
- 65.6 Councillor Fryer suggested that there would be a reduction of opportunities in schools as a result of the proposal to cut sports partnerships.
- 65.7 Councillor Kemble stated that the council would continue to support schools and young people as much as possible however there was a need to look at how this could be achieved.
- 65.8 Councillor Elgood and Watkins indicated their support for the petition and the vital service that was provided which was now threatened by the necessity of making cuts.
- 65.9 Councillor West queried whether the Administration recognised the importance of supporting non competitive sports as well as competitive ones.
- 65.10 Councillor Mears confirmed that all forms and levels of sports were supported and stated that she would provide Councillor west with a written briefing on all aspects of sporting activity in the city after the meeting.
- 65.11 Councillor Hamilton queried how much devolved capital was available to schools.
- 65.12 Councillor Brown stated that she would provide the Councillor with a written answer and reiterated the support for schools which she noted would be looked at as part of the budget deliberations.
- 65.13 The Mayor noted that the recommendation to refer the petition to the Cabinet had been moved and put it to the vote which was carried.
- 65.14 **RESOLVED:** That the petition be referred to the Cabinet for consideration.