

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**  
**CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST BOARD**

**5.00PM – 26 March 2007**

**BRIGHTON TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

Present:

**Brighton & Hove City Council:** Councillor Hawkes (Chair); Councillors Brown, Hamilton, Hazelgrove, Kemble, Mallender, Mitchell and Norman.

**Brighton & Hove Primary Care Trust:** Julian Lee (Deputy Chair), Darren Grayson, Dr L Hulton

**South Downs Health:** Quentin Barry, Anne Caborn and Mo Marsh.

**Non-voting Co-optees:**

Ray Gold (Parent Forum),

Kevin Reeves, Rekha Rogers and Ruby Reynolds (Youth Council)

Imogen Taylor (Universities of Brighton & Sussex)

**Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hyde, Linda Hodgson (Parent's Forum) and Sharon Skinner (Youth Council)**

**PART ONE**

**43. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS**

**43A. Declarations of Substitutes**

43.1 Substitute Councillor      For Councillor

Councillor Hamilton

Councillor John

**43B. Declarations of Interest**

43.2 Councillor Hawkes declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in Item 49 regarding City College, as she was a member of the City College Board.

**43C. Exclusion of Press and Public**

43.3 The Board considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of any items contained in the agenda, having regard to the nature of the business to be transacted and the nature of the proceedings and the likelihood as to whether, if members of the press and public were present, there would be disclosure to them of confidential or exempt information as defined in Section 100A(3) or 100 1 of the Local Government Act 1972.

43.4 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public be not excluded from the meeting during consideration of any of the items on the agenda.

**44. MINUTES**

44.1 **RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 February 2007 be approved and signed by the Chair.

**45 CALLOVER**

45.1 **RESOLVED** - That with the exception of the items reserved (and marked with an asterisk), the recommendations and resolutions contained therein be approved and adopted without debate excepting Notices of Motion, Deputations, Petitions and Letters which are reserved automatically.

**46. CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

46.1 The Chair welcomed Ruby Reynolds and Rekha Rogers, who were both from the Youth Council to the meeting.

**47. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

47.1 There were no public questions.

**\*48. Sure Start Capital Funding 2006-8: Children's Centres, Extended Schools and Childcare Sustainability**

48.1 The Board considered a report of the Director of Children's Services concerning the Sure Start Capital Funding for 2006-2008, which included funding for Children's Centres, extended schools childcare and sustainable early year's childcare provision. The Children's Centres capital funding was agreed by Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2006, the extended schools childcare funding at its meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2006 and the sustainable early years childcare provision element at its meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2006. This

report gave an update on the funding and requested agreement to further projects. (for copy see minute book).

48.2 The Board noted when the Children's Centres capital funding was agreed at the Policy & Resources Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2006, a number of changes were made to the report. These changes were discussed and agreed at the Policy and Resources meeting, However, the Minutes only stated what was agreed at the meeting, not what was discussed. The Board therefore felt that for clarity it would note paragraph 5.2 of this current report (item 48), which set out the changes to the earlier report and agree them. A vote was taken and it was agreed that paragraph 5.2 was correct.

48.3 There was discussion as to whether any possible merger at the Royal Spa and Queens Park Nurseries would affect the level of investment. The Board were informed that any possible merger would not affect the level of the funding, but could affect how any investment would be spent. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the governing bodies of both the nurseries to confirm this.

48.4 The Board noted that paragraph 2.3 of Annex 1 referred to Bevendean and Coldean as 'isolated communities', the Board preferred those areas to be called 'geographically discrete'.

48.5 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the progress made so far be noted.

(2) That the revised allocation of funding between projects be agreed.

(3) That some additional Children's Centre, Extended Schools and Sustainability Projects be agreed.

(4) That the changes to the report which went to the Policy & Resources Committee meeting on 27 July 2006, as outlined in paragraph 5.2 of the report, be noted and agreed.

(5) To reaffirm commitment to putting investment in the nursery provision at both Queens Park and Royal Spa Schools to create space which can be used flexibly, and to send a letter to both governing bodies to that effect.

**\*49. CITY COLLEGE BRIGHTON AND HOVE CAPITAL STRATEGY AND NEW OPTIONS FOR THE WILSON AVENUE SITE**

49.1 The Board considered a report of the Director of Children's Services, which informed the Trust Board members about a recent report that had been considered by the City Council's

Policy & Resources Committee relating to City College Brighton and Hove's capital strategy, their bid for capital funds to the Learning and Skills Council and the impact that this might have on the options for the future of the Wilson Avenue site (for copy see minute book).

49.2 **RESOLVED** – That the recommendations outlined below which were agreed by the Policy and Resources Committee on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2007 be noted:

- (1) Note the growing demand for academic and vocational education for 14-19 year olds and the social and economic regeneration benefits in meeting that demand
- (2) Agree to provide 'in principle' support to City College Brighton and Hove in their Capital Strategy plans to redevelop their existing building stock and express that support in any application City College makes to the Learning and Skills Council for Capital funding
- (3) Note and agree the contents of the proposed letter from the City Council's Chief Executive at Appendix 1 offering 'in principle' support for the City College Capital Strategy.
  
- (4) Agree to the Acting Director of Cultural Services, in consultation with the Director of Finance and Property and Director of Children's Services, instigating negotiations with City College about the possible future use of the Wilson Avenue site, subject to any proposal being agreed by a future Policy & Resources Committee.

**\*50. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN: ANNUAL REVIEW AND PERFORMANCE REPORT UPDATE**

50.1 The Board considered a report of the Director of Children's Services, which summarised the new requirements introduced by the DfES and OfSTED for the review of the Children and Young People's Plans and the Annual Performance Assessment of the Children's Services. The impact these requirements would have on the end of year Children and Young People's Plans performance report was noted. The report summarised the key performance issue identified during Quarter 3, and the actions being taken to address the issues (for report see minute book).

50.2 The Board noted paragraph 4.7 of the report and were informed that a number of other Local Authorities in the South East had been visited. One of the initiatives which the Board thought would be useful to adopt, was to offer the opportunity for young people to shadow people at work to allow them to get a 'taster'

for different occupations. It agreed that with the different partners within the Trust Board, there was a wide variety of jobs, which could offer an interesting and varied selection of different careers for young people.

50.3 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the proposals for the end of year Children and Young People's Plan performance in light of changes introduced by the DfES and OfSTED be agreed.

(2) That the issues identified in the report be noted and the actions being taken to address them be agreed.

**\*51 CLINICAL GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS IN THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST**

51.1 The Board considered a report of the Director of Children's Services, which provided an introduction to the Board about Clinical Governance in the Children and Young People's Trust (for report see minute book).

51.2 The Board were given a presentation by Sarah Healey, Director of Nursing and Governance at South Downs Health on the Healthcare Commission. Terry Baker then gave a presentation on the role of the Commission in Children's Services. A general discussion followed this presentation.

51.3 The Board felt that whilst the presentation and discussion had been useful, the room where this meeting was being held (Council Chamber, Brighton Town Hall), was not conducive to open discussion. It was therefore agreed that it would be useful to have another seminar later this year to introduce new members of the Board to these issues, and to hold the seminar in a different location.

51.4 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the priorities for clinical governance as set out in paragraph 3.4 of the report be noted.

(2) That officers be instructed to report to a future meeting of the Board on the systems required to ensure that Clinical and Corporate Governance is appropriate and the C&YPT is fulfilling its obligations.

(3) That a seminar for Board members be held later this year to discuss Clinical Governance Arrangements.

**52. ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO COUNCIL**

52.1 **RESOLVED** – That no items be referred to council.

The meeting concluded at 6.40 pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2007