

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**  
**CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS SUB-COMMITTEE**

**5.00PM – 24 January 2005**

**COMMITTEE ROOMS 2/3**  
**BRIGHTON TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

Present: Councillor Hawkes (Chair); Councillors McCaffery (Deputy Chair), Mrs Brown (OS), Fitch, Giebeler, Hyde, John, Mallender and Norman.

**PART ONE**

**ACTION**

**48. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS**

**48A Declarations of Substitutes**

48.1 There were none

**48B Declarations of Interest**

48.2 There were none

**48C Exclusion of Press and Public**

48.3 The Committee 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.

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

**49. MINUTES**

49.1 **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 29 November 2004 be approved and signed by the Chair.

**50. CALLOVER**

50.1 **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.

**\*51. TO RECEIVE A PETITION PRESENTED BY COUNCILLOR HAZELGROVE TO COUNCIL ON 25 NOVEMBER 2004**

51.1 The Committee received a petition presented by Councillor Hazelgrove to Council on 25 November 2004 with 55 signatures (see minute book).

' To stop the cuts for the Family Services in Moulsecoomb i.e. Hillview After School Clubs etc'

51.2 **RESOLVED** – That the Petition be noted.

**\*52. BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE**

52.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Children, Families & Schools informing of the progress in the Government's Building Schools for the Future initiative and the implications of this initiative for Brighton and Hove (see minute book).

52.2 **RESOLVED** – That the contents of the report be noted.

**\*53. CAPITAL RESOURCES & CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2005/06**

53.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Children, Families & Schools informing of the level of available capital resources allocated to this service for 2005/2006 and to recommend to Policy and Resources Committee a Capital Investment Programme for 2005/2006 (see minute book). The report included the use of revenue contributions to support capital investment and should be read in conjunction with the Revenue Budget 2005/06 report for this service.

53.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the level of available capital resources totalling £8,744,000 be noted.

(2) That it be noted that a capital bid will be made to the Property Improvement Fund as set out in Section 3 of the report.

**\*54. Q2 BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE REPORT 2004/05**

54.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Children, Families & Schools presenting the 2004/05 quarterly

performance indicator (PI) results for all indicators for which Children, Families and schools is the Service Committee for (see minute book). These indicators are taken from the statutory Best Value Performance Indicator (BVPI) suite.

**RESOLVED** – (1) That the Performance Indicator results achieved during the second quarter 2004/05 as detailed in the abridged Q2 Best Value Performance Report 2004/05 be noted.

(2) That it be noted that the 2003/04 year end results have been audited.

**\*55. SCHOOL PLANS BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN**

55.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Children, Families & Schools which sought approval for the draft School Grounds Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) (see minute book). The BAP is an important step in fulfilling the Council's commitment to promote biodiversity in school grounds, as set out in the Sustainability Action Plan.

55.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the draft School Grounds Biodiversity Action Plan be adopted for implementation, dependent on the successful procurement of external funding.

(2) That the adopted School Ground Biodiversity Action Plan be submitted to the Local Strategic Partnership.

**56. RAISING THE LEVEL OF SKILLS ACROSS THE CITY - EQUAL BRIGHTON & HOVE**

56.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Children, Families & Schools that provided a basic outline of the Equal Programme relating to Brighton & Hove and made recommendations relevant to the continued support of the Programme through the Children, Families and Schools directorate (see minute book).

56.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That it is agreed to support the development and implementation of the Equal Programme across the city in order to raise the employability and skills of disadvantaged groups across the city.

(2) That it is agreed to foster links between the Equal Programme and Adult Learning, including the Learning Partnership, so that long-term strategic mainstreaming can be best achieved.

**57. BRIGHTON & HOVE MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS FINANCIAL  
REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS**

57.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Children, Families & Schools that provided possible savings that could be made for the financial year April 2005-March 2006 (see minute book).

57.2 **RESOLVED** – That the proposals to increase fees by 10.5% and to offer 80% remission on fees for families on means tested benefits, and to a range of efficiency savings in order to manage within budget for 2005/06 be agreed.

**58. UPDATE ON PROGRESS WITH THE ADULT LEARNING PLAN**

58.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Children, Families & Schools that provided an update on progress up to January 2005 with the Adult Learning Plan since the last committee (see minute book).

58.2 **RESOLVED** – That the summary of progress with the work that is going on to develop the City's Audit Learning Plan be noted.

**59. ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO COUNCIL**

59.1 **RESOLVED** – That item 55, the School Plans Biodiversity Action Plan be referred to Council.

The meeting concluded at 6.20 pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2005