

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

5.00PM – 5 JUNE 2006

BRIGHTON TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Hawkes (Chair); Councillors McCaffery (Deputy Chair), Brown (OS), Bennett, Hazelgrove, Hyde, John, Kemble, Mallender and Norman.

PART ONE

ACTION

1. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

1A. Declarations of Substitutes

1.1 There were no substitutes.

1B. Declarations of Interest

1.2 There were none.

1C. Exclusion of Press and Public

1.3 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.

1.4 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of item 10.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 FEBRUARY 2006

2.1 **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2006 be approved and signed by the Chair.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 MARCH 2006

- 3.1 **RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2006 be approved and signed by the Chair.

4. CALLOVER

- 4.1 **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.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

- 5.1 There were none.

***6. SCHOOLS' ACCESSIBILITY STRATEGY**

- 6.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Children's Services concerning the new draft Schools' Accessibility Strategy (2006-2009) which is a statutory duty under SENDA 2001.

- 6.2 **RESOLVED** - (1) That the progress made in the last three years regarding accessibility to schools be noted.
(2) That the objectives for the next three years be noted.
(3) That the draft Strategy be approved.

7. SCHOOL GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- 7.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Children's Services setting out the decisions of the consultative meeting for the appointment of LA governors which met on Thursday 9 February 2006.

- 7.2 **RESOLVED** - (1) That the decisions made by the Director of Children, Families & Schools in consultation with the Chair, Deputy Chair and Opposition Spokesperson of the Committee, as set out in Appendix B of the report be noted.
(2) That the changes to governing bodies be noted.

***8. QUARTER 3 BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE REPORT 2005/06**

- 8.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Strategy & Governance providing information on the Quarter 3 Best Value Performance Report 2005/06 and the extract from the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on 1 March 2006.

- 8.2 The Committee noted that part of the appendix was missing

from the papers for the meeting. It was agreed that the Committee Administrator would ensure that all members of the committee were supplied with the additional paperwork.

8.3 **RESOLVED** – That the extract from the report on Quarter 3 Best Value Performance Report 2005/06, which was considered by Policy & Resources Committee on 1st March 2006 be noted.

***9. LAND AT CARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL, HOLLINGBURY – MEDICAL CENTRE PROPOSAL**

9.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Children's Services and the Director of Finance & Property concerning a proposal for development of a medical centre on council land.

9.2 **RESOLVED** - That the Children, Families & Schools Committee recommend Policy & Resources Committee to authorise the Council to complete the following agreement: The grant of a 125 year lease to Ashley House PLC for a premium plus possible overage, subject to negotiations on the final development costs which are ongoing.

11. ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO COUNCIL

11.1 **RESOLVED** - That no items go forward to Council

SUMMARY OF PART 2 ITEMS

***10. LAND AT CARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL, HOLLINGBURY – MEDICAL CENTRE PROPOSAL**

10.1 **RESOLVED** - (1) That the Committee note the reason to grant a 125 year lease and ask officers in the Council's Property Team for clarification that it offers best value to the Council and the local area prior to taking it forward for authorisation to Policy and Resources Committee.

The meeting concluded at 5.50pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2006