

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

CULTURE & TOURISM SUB-COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2005

5.00PM

THE TOWN HALL, BRIGHTON

MINUTES

Present: Councillor John (Chair); Councillors Battle (Deputy Chair), Mrs Brown, Davidson, Hawkes, Morgan, K Norman, Older, Randall, and Mrs Theobald.

PART ONE

ACTION

9. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

A Declarations of Substitutes

9.1	<u>Councillor</u> K Norman	<u>For Councillor</u> Smith
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9B Declarations of Interest

9.2 There were no declarations of interest.

9C Exclusion of Press and Public

9.3 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.

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

10. MINUTES

10.1 **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2005 be approved and signed by the Chair.

11. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Questioner	Subject	Reply by
Mr Christopher Hawtree	Proportion of new books allocated to city libraries	Councillor John

12. PETITION – HANGLETON & PORTSLADE LIBRARIES

12.1 The Sub-Committee considered a petition presented by Councillor Barnett at Council on 21 July 2005 (126 signatures) as follows:

“We, the undersigned, call upon the council to reinstate all services at Hangleton & Portslade libraries with immediate effect.”

12.2 **RESOLVED** – That the petition be noted.

13. PETITION – BRIGHTON LIBRARY: BIOGRAPHY SECTION

13.1 The Sub-Committee considered a petition presented by Councillor Taylor at Council on 21 July 2005 (152 signatures) as follows:

“We, as readers who borrow books from Brighton Library, call upon the council to restore, as a matter of urgency, 920 Biography section so that we can readily find accounts of inspiring, empowering and entertaining lives in all their variety.”

13.2 **RESOLVED** – That the petition be noted.

14. PETITION – BRIGHTON LIBRARY: CRIME FICTION SECTION

14.1 The Sub-Committee considered a petition presented by Councillor Paskins at Council on 21 July 2005 (140 signatures) as follows:

“We urge that the council brings back the Crime Fiction section at Brighton Library so that we can easily find such books, and in the process, discover other authors of such an ilk. We also ask that the council conduct an investigation of its own into the circumstances surrounding the mysterious disappearance of a popular section.”

14.2 **RESOLVED** – That the petition be noted.

15. LIBRARY SERVICE STOCK ARRANGEMENT

15.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Cultural Services explaining the background, rationale and objectives of the Library Service stock arrangement (see minute book).

15.2 It was noted that the report addressed the concerns raised under items 13 and 14 above.

15.3 The Sub-Committee requested a report reviewing the Library Service stock arrangement in a year's time.

15.4 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the Library Service stock arrangement be noted.

**Sally
McMahon**

(2) That the Library Service's efforts to implement good practice in achieving effective stock arrangement and promotion be noted.

16. HOVE LIBRARY

16.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Cultural Services concerning the proposed arrangements for Hove Library and the findings of the Hove Library community survey (see minute book). An analysis of the layout options was appended to the report together with drawings showing the essential differences between the options.

16.2 A member requested that the council should monitor how many non-fiction books were being borrowed when the library re-opened.

16.3 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the results of the community survey be noted.

(2) That it be noted that option 1 is the proposed layout arrangement for Hove Library.

**Sally
McMahon**

17. CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

17.1 The Sub-Committee received a presentation by the Creative Industries Officer concerning her work supporting local creative businesses.

17.2 Councillor Hawkes requested a report to the Children, Families and Schools Committee, and progress reports to the Culture & Tourism Sub-Committee, on the links between schools and local creative businesses.

Paula Murray

17.3 **RESOLVED** – To note the presentation.

18. BRIGHTON & HOVE ARTS COMMISSION *making a difference* programme

18.1 The Sub-Committee received a presentation by the Head of Arts and Creative Industries on the projects being undertaken under the *making a difference* programme. Members received a copy of the latest newsletter and were invited to attend a series of events in October.

Paula Murray

18. **RESOLVED** – To note the presentation.

19. RENAISSANCE IN THE REGIONS UPDATE

19.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Cultural Services concerning the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council's (MLA) scheme for the development of regional museums services, Renaissance in the Regions (see minute book).

19.2 Members noted the liaison taking place between Children, Families and Schools and the Museums Service to address the needs of local schools. It was suggested that members of the Sub-Committee be invited to make a visit to view some of the activities taking place.

Pauline Scott-Garrett

19.3 Members hoped for rapid progress in the development of the Courthouse as a multi-purpose community learning/lecture space. They were advised that, while funding had been secured, planning consent was still being considered by GOSE.

19.4 The Director advised the Sub-Committee that the Chair, Councillor John, has been appointed to the Museums Association council for a three-year period.

19.5 **RESOLVED** – That the information in the report about the Renaissance in the Regions scheme be noted.

20. AMENDMENTS TO SERVICE, AND ADMISSION TARIFFS IN THE ROYAL PAVILION, LIBRARIES AND MUSEUMS DIVISION

20.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Cultural Services setting out proposed changes to service and admission charges in the Royal Pavilion, Libraries and Museums Division where these vary from the rate of inflation (see minute book). Officers explained that the recommended changes were based on comparison with the cost of similar services and admissions in other areas and the need for the council to cover costs.

20.2 The report also advised on the introduction of an audio guide system in the Royal Pavilion.

RESOLVED – (1) That the changes to service/admission tariffs where these vary from the rate of inflation, as listed in Appendix A, be approved.

**Janita
Bagshawe &
Sally
McMahon**

(2) That the proposals for the implementation of the new audio guide system be noted.

The meeting concluded at 6.50 p.m.

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2005