

Decision No: CYP14 – 2/3/2009

Forward Plan No: CYP8230

This record relates to Agenda Item 85 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER KEY DECISION

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| DECISION-MAKER: | COUNCILLOR VANESSA BROWN |
| PORTFOLIO AREA: | CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE |
| SUBJECT: | SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS IN BRIGHTON & HOVE FOR 2010/11 |
| AUTHOR: | STEVE HEALEY |

THE DECISION

1. That the proposed admission arrangements and school admission numbers set out in the consultation documents be adopted for the admissions year 2010/11, noting the change in the Patcham High School catchment area previously approved at the Cabinet Member Meeting of 19 January 2009.
2. That the proposed Voluntary Aided School admission arrangements be noted as conforming to the requirements of the Admissions Code.
3. That the co-ordinated schemes of admission be approved.
4. That the City boundary be retained as the relevant area for consultation for school admissions.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

1. The City Council must conform to legislative requirements on the publication of admission arrangements which reflect the requirements of the Admissions Code. The recommendations ensure the City Council's compliance, and reflect the body of debate and consultation which has taken place around admission arrangements in Brighton & Hove this year and in previous years.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. The City Council is required in law to review its school admission arrangements every year, although following the Education and Skills Act 2008 this will change to once every three years if no changes are made. The consultation is intended to identify alternative proposals for admission arrangements. Issues raised by schools will be set out in the tabled addendum to this report.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The decision-maker did not declare a personal or prejudicial interest in the matters set out in the report.

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Date:

02 March 2009

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Councillor Vanessa Brown
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Results of Call-in (*if applicable*)

Decision No: CYP15 – 2/3/2009

Forward Plan No: CYP7786

This record relates to Agenda Item 86 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER KEY DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCILLOR VANESSA BROWN

PORTFOLIO AREA: CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

SUBJECT: CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2009/2010

AUTHOR: GILLIAN CHURCHILL

THE DECISION

1. That the allocation of funding on the basis set out in paragraphs 3.3. to 3.50 of the report be recommended to Cabinet.
2. That, subject to Cabinet approval, the allocation of funding as shown in appendices 2 to 7 of the report be approved.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

1. The proposed capital Investment programme will enable us to work towards meeting the aims of the Primary Strategy for Change. It will also enable us to continue to ensure that we provide school places in areas of the city where they are required

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. The only option available would be not to take up the supported borrowings approvals. This is not recommended as it would limit our ability to maintain, modernise and improve our school buildings property portfolio.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

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Decision No: CYP16 – 2/3/2009

Forward Plan No: CYP7788

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Decision-Making

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| DECISION-MAKER: | COUNCILLOR VANESSA BROWN |
| PORTFOLIO AREA: | CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE |
| SUBJECT: | PROPOSED EXPANSION OF BALFOUR JUNIOR SCHOOL |
| AUTHOR: | GILLIAN CHURCHILL |

THE DECISION

1. That the statutory notice be confirmed.
2. That the recommendation to permanently expand Balfour Junior School by one form of entry from September 2010, and enlarge the premises accordingly, be approved.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

1. It is recommended that the proposal to expand Balfour Junior School by one form of entry are approved as this will resolve the historical anomaly between the size of the junior school and the adjacent infant school.
2. Balfour Junior is a popular and successful school that many parents and carers would choose to send their children to if places were available. The expansion of this school will assist in meeting this aspiration of parents and carers.
3. The school provides a range of extended services to the school community, by expanding the school these services will be available locally to a greater number of people.
4. Brighton & Hove are currently experiencing rising rolls across most part so the city. The additional form of entry proposed at Balfour Junior School will help meet this increased demand.
5. The school is covered by the Councils admissions arrangements which strives to provide a truly local school which serves its most immediate community and assists in the aspirations of the Local Authority in terms of green travel arrangements.
6. Capital is available under the Primary Capital Programme to implement the necessary changes to the school. A scheme has been designed that will enable the school to accommodate the additional pupils and also provides enhancements to disability access, pupil safety and school catering arrangements.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. The alternative option would be to leave Balfour Junior School as a three form entry School.
2. This is not considered as acceptable since it will not address the anomaly in size between Balfour Infant school and Balfour Junior School. It will also not address the need to provide school places where they are needed within the city.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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Decision No: CYP17 – 2/3/2009

Forward Plan No: CYP7790

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Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER KEY DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCILLOR VANESSA BROWN

PORTFOLIO AREA: CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

SUBJECT: ST LUKE'S INFANT AND JUNIOR
SCHOOL PROPOSED MERGER

AUTHOR: GILLIAN CHURCHILL

THE DECISION

1. That the statutory notice be confirmed.
2. That the recommendation to discontinue St Luke's Infant School, extend the age range and expand the premises of St Luke's Junior School from September 2009 be approved.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

1. It is recommended that the proposals to change the age range of St Luke's Junior School and expand the premises accordingly and to close St Luke's Infant School by one form of entry are approved.
2. Both are popular and successful schools that many parents and carers choose for their children. There is no evidence to suggest that the size of a school has any effect on the success of a school.
3. The Council believes the advantages of the creation of all through primary schools are as follows:
 - Greater continuity in teaching, pupil care and development under a single head teacher and teaching staff. It is very important to ensure continuity in planning the curriculum across the stages of education so that pupils make the best possible progress in learning.
 - The school could offer a greater range of teaching skills, including the opportunity to appoint curriculum co-ordinators with the time to oversee the effective teaching of individual subjects across the whole 4–11 age range.
 - Greater flexibility that a 4–11 school has in organising classes, deploying teachers and support staff and using resources, including buildings, more effectively.
 - Closer contact with parents over a longer period of time and covering the full span of the children's primary education.
 - Practical advantages to parents' e.g. same staff development days, the same school policies relating to home links, uniform, codes of conduct etc.
 - Transfer to a different school environment after three years or less of schooling might be seen as an unnecessary disruption to pupil's sense of security and well being. A positive feature of 4–11 schools is the social interaction between younger and older pupils.
4. The public consultation prior to publication of the notices showed that a number of parents and carers of the current infant school were unhappy with the proposal to create an all through primary school as in their opinion this would be to the detriment of early years teaching in the school. This point was considered at that time and on balance it was considered that this would not be the case. This view has not changed. It is considered that the proposed changes will benefit pupil and staff development.
5. The two schools currently provide a range of extended services to the school community; this situation will not change as a result of these proposals.

6. The school is covered by the Council's admissions arrangements which strives to provide a truly local school which serves its most immediate community and assists in the aspirations of the Local Authority in terms of green travel arrangements.
7. The two schools currently occupy different floors of the same building. There is no intention to change this in the immediate future. However, as with all schools in the City, the Council continually monitors the condition and suitability of school premises and it is recognised that some of the infant classrooms are smaller than would ideally be the case. This will be considered in the same way as similar needs at other schools within the City and programmed accordingly.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The alternative option is to leave the schools as separate infant and junior schools.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*

Decision No: CYP18 – 2/3/2009

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 89 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCILLOR VANESSA BROWN

PORTFOLIO AREA: CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE AT 13
HOLLINGBURY PLACE

AUTHOR: PHILIP WARD

THE DECISION

1. That the proposal to take an assignment of the lease for the ground floor of 13 Hollingbury Place be approved.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

1. The YCS have been in occupation of the property since April 2008 and consider it to be the best location for their Connexions Plus Access Point which is now established and successful.
2. The provision of services from this location supports the wider CYPT integrated youth support service strategy.
3. The terms of the lease are considered to be reasonable, affordable and value for money.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. The council could take a sublease from The Trust but this would not have the benefit of security of tenure. In addition communication with the head landlord would be more difficult as the direct landlord would be The Trust and all communication would be via them.
2. The Council could allow the Trust's lease to end and negotiate a new lease directly with the landlord. This is more time consuming than an assignment as the council would have to negotiate new heads of terms and agree the form of lease. As the existing lease terms are acceptable, this would not necessarily provide an additional benefit.
3. The council could seek alternative premises but officers have searched the market and supply is limited in the locality. In addition the subject premises are now established as a community facility.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Opposition Spokesperson declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in Item 89, in so far as she is the Ward councillor for Hillingbury & Stanmer.

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Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*

Decision No: CYP19 – 2/3/2009

Forward Plan No: CYP7171

This record relates to Agenda Item 90 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

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| DECISION-MAKER: | COUNCILLOR VANESSA BROWN |
| PORTFOLIO AREA: | CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE |
| SUBJECT: | RELOCATION OF YOUTH OFFENDING TEAM (YOT) SERVICE FROM SHIP STREET |
| AUTHOR: | GEOFF WILLIAMS, JESSICA HAMILTON |

THE DECISION

1. That the proposal not to renew the lease the council holds on 22 Ship Street be approved.
2. That the taking of a lease of suitable premises, yet to be identified, within the next 6 months, be approved, with terms to be negotiated on behalf of Children Services by Property & Design under general delegations.
3. That the 'fall back' position currently being negotiated be noted, should it not be possible to identify suitable premises prior to the expiry of the current lease, which is to renew the existing lease, but on a short term basis thus allowing more time to source alternative accommodation.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

1. In order to avoid a dispute with the landlord of 22 Ship Street the YOT has ceased client meetings on site and is providing a split site service from Ship Street and Ovest House. Because the building can no longer meet their service requirements and is becoming too small the YOT wish to move to alternative premises when their current lease expires in September 2009.
2. At least one building which was deemed suitable is now no longer available because it was not possible to obtain the necessary approvals in time to secure the lease. A steering group has now been established which is exploring a range of potential premises. By obtaining Cabinet Member approval in principle in advance of any negotiations the YOT will be in a stronger position to negotiate a new lease for suitable premises successfully.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

A steering group has been established which has and is continuing to explore a range of options aimed at ensuring more effective services are delivered by the YOT at the best possible cost. Negotiations are also taking place with the freeholder of the current premises at 22 Ship Street with a view to developing a 'fall back' option, which is to extend the existing lease on a short term basis. Even if this were possible, it is not however the favoured option, as it would involve continuing the current inefficient arrangement of providing a split service from two sites. It is also the case that the current premises are too small in the long term to accommodate the YOT.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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