

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

**5.00pm 19 JULY 2010**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillors: Brown (Chairman), Bennett, Fryer (Opposition Spokesperson- Green), Kemble and Hawkes (Opposition Spokesperson- Labour)

**Brighton & Hove Primary Care Trust:** Alan McCarthy, Geoff Burgess

**South Downs Health:** Mo Marsh, Andy Painton

**Non-Voting Co-optees:**

David Standing, Community & Voluntary Sector Forum

Gail Gray, Community & Voluntary Sector Forum

Graham Bartlett, Sussex Police Authority

Caroline Parker, Head of Service City Early Years and Childcare

Kim Bolton, Special Community Schools Representative

Dr Phil Harland, Further Education & Sixth Form Colleges

Catherine Keith, Peter Gladwin Primary School

Eleanor Davies, Brighton & Hove Parents Forum

Janet Thacker, Job Centre Plus

**Also in attendance:** Di Smith (Director of Childrens Services), Natasha Watson (Principal Lawyer), John Peel (Democratic Services Officer)

**Apologies:**

Andrew Jeffrey, Parent Forum

Priya Rogers, Youth Council

Simone Button, CAHMS

Lisa Argent, Lead Practice Based Commissioner

Haydn Stride, Longhill Secondary School

Amanda Fadero, NHS Brighton & Hove

**PART ONE**

**1. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS**

**1a Declarations of Substitutes**

- 1.1. Geoff Burgess was in attendance as substitute for Amanda Fadero.

**1b Declarations of Interest**

1.2. There were none.

**1c** In accordance with section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 ('the Act'), the Children & Young People's Trust Board considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during an item of business on the grounds that it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press or public were present during that item, there would be disclosure to them of confidential information (as defined in section 100A(3) of the Act) or exempt information (as defined in section 100I(1) of the Act).

1.3 **RESOLVED-** That the press and public not be excluded from the meeting.

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

2.1 **RESOLVED-** That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 May 2010 be approved and signed as the correct record.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

3.1 The Chairman welcomed the newly constituted Board Members to the meeting and asked that they introduce themselves.

3.2 The Director of Children's Services informed the Board that due to a recent restructuring of Brighton and Hove Council's Directorship, this would be the last Children and Young Person's Trust Board she would be attending. She congratulated the Board on their fantastic achievements and conveyed her thanks and best wishes to her colleagues, team and partners with whom much had been achieved.

3.3 On behalf of herself and the Trust Board, the Chairman conveyed her thanks to the Director of Children's Services for positively transforming the work of Children's Services, her consummate professionalism and for the enjoyment she had from working with her.

3.4 Councillor Hawkes commented her sadness on the departure describing the Director as a true leader of a department that had achieved great things. She wished her well adding that she was sure the Director would do similar wonders elsewhere.

**4. CHILD POVERTY NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

4.1 The Trust Board considered a report of the Assistant Director of Learning, Schools and Skills on the new duties placed upon the council and the partners of the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) under the Child Poverty Act 2010 and the approach for the completion of a Child Poverty Needs Assessment.

- 4.2 A Member commented that the success of Needs Assessment would be helped by the supply of varying data from the council, health services and community voluntary services and the best way to achieve this would be to work together. She enquired on the best means to feedback to Frank Field MP who was leading on the central government independent review into poverty.
- 4.3 The Assistant Director for Learning, Schools and Skills responded that this would be looked into to find out and Board Members would be informed.
- 4.4 A Member praised the inclusion of domestic violence for analysis as this was often overlooked in similar reports and suggested that other links such as mental health and physical disabilities be examined. She also noted her concerns on the suitability of the Intelligent Commissioning structure to maintain responsibility for service providers. Other Members agreed that there is often a multiplicity of issues involved in cases of poverty and as many as possible should be included.
- 4.5 The Assistant Director for learning, Schools and Skills assured the board that there would be a meaningful, engaging and comprehensive analysis.
- 4.6 **RESOLVED-** That the Board agree the approach to complete the local child poverty needs assessment and that the Board oversees the progress on the local child poverty needs assessment and the subsequent development of the joint child poverty strategy through regular updates.

## 5. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- 5.1 The Trust Board considered a report of the Director of Children's Services on CYPT Workforce Development and its development framework, the People Development Strategy. The presenting officer noted that the strategy document could be found on page five of the items appendix.
- 5.2 The Chairman praised the reports thoroughness and asked the Board Members to decide when an additional report might be suitable.
- 5.3 A Member praised the partners' co-operation with the local Universities in developing social workers and a stable, knowledgeable workforce.
- 5.4 Members agreed that a further report should be supplied within twelve months of the date of the current meeting.
- 5.5 **RESOLVED-** The Board noted its role in monitoring the progress and impact of workforce development and agreed that an additional report be timetable for twelve months time.

## 6. JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 The Trust Board considered a report of the Director of Public Health on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. The purpose of the report was to bring the Board up to date on the work undertaken on Strategic Priority 2.

- 6.2 A Member asked if other data profiles such as domestic violence would be considered in addition to the others noted in 3.9 of the agenda.
- 6.3 The presenting officer responded that the profiles were reviewed according to the need of the assessment and domestic violence and others such as mental health would be a part of this. In addition, equality impact officers were included within the JNSA.
- 6.4 A Member enquired on how the Intelligent Commissioning model would impact on the JNSA structure.
- 6.5 The presenting officer answered that the impact of this change and others was currently being collated and a report would be produced for information when available.
- 6.6 **RESOLVED-** That the Board note the progress in respect of Strategic Priority 2 and the matters arising.

## 7. SERVICE REDESIGN AND COMMISSIONING REVIEWS

- 7.1 The Trust Board considered a report of the Director of Children's Services on the progress made concerning the commissioning reviews for Youth Services and Services for Disabled Children. The report also summarised the relevant developments across the local public sector.
- 7.2 A Member requested more information on the type of reports referred to Cabinet Member Meeting. The presenting officer clarified that any significant report would go to the Cabinet Member Meeting but that it was also within the remit of the Trust Board to request reports be referred to the Meeting. The Member requested that this item be brought back to the Board with more detail. The Chairman requested officers to examine this possibility.
- 7.3 **RESOLVED-** That the Board note the report and consider further opportunities to improve commissioning arrangements for services to children, young people and their families.

The meeting concluded at 5.56pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

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