

11 March 2013

This record relates to Agenda Item 59

RECORD OF CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE COMMITTEE

COUNCIL DECISION

SUBJECT: EXPANDING THE PREMISES OF
ALDRINGTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND
SCHOOL – FINAL DECISION

AUTHOR: GILLIAN CHURCHILL

THE DECISION

RESOLVED – (1) That the Children and Young People Committee endorse the decision to proceed with the proposal subject to securing planning consent necessary for the extension by 31 August 2013;

(2) That the Children and Young People Committee recommend that on 28 March 2013 Council confirms the statutory notice and resolves to expand the premises of Aldrington Voluntary Aided Church of England Primary School from September 2013 subject to securing the necessary planning consent by 31 August 2013.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

The Council has a statutory duty to provide a school place for any child that wants one. Current and projected pupil numbers for the city as a whole show there is an immediate and ongoing need for additional school places in the city.

It is recommended that the proposals to expand the premises of Aldrington CE Primary School are approved subject to securing the necessary planning consent as this will provide an additional form of entry for primary age children in Hove. .

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.

- 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.

The initial public consultation on options for in respect of this proposal showed that the majority of parents and carers of children at the current schools were happy with the proposal. A few parents and carers were unhappy with the proposal. Subsequent consultation has shown that the number of parents and carers who do not support the proposals has further diminished.

The schools currently provide a range of extended services to the school community; this situation will not change as a result of these proposals.

The schools are covered by the admissions arrangements which strives to provide truly local schools which serves its most immediate community and assists in the aspirations of the Local Authority in terms of green travel arrangements.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

A paper to the Children and Young People Committee in October 2012 presented the full range of options available to address the need for future places in the city. The proposal within this report is part of the preferred option for addressing this need

Proper Officer:

Date: 12 March 2013

Mark Wall, Head of Democratic Services

Signed:



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RECORD OF CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE COMMITTEE DECISION

SUBJECT: YOUTH JUSTICE STRATEGY 2013-14

AUTHOR: ANNA GIANFRANCESCO

THE DECISION

RESOLVED – (1) That the Youth Justice Strategy set out in Appendix 1 to the report be agreed; and

(2) That the Children and Young People Committee authorise the Interim Director of Children's Services to proceed with the Youth Justice Strategy 2013-14.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

To meet the council's statutory requirements to produce a Youth Justice Strategy.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

There are no alternative options

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RECORD OF CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE COMMITTEE DECISION

SUBJECT: SECTION 75 AGREEMENTS
CHILDREN'S SERVICES

AUTHOR: ALISON NUTTALL

THE DECISION

RESOLVED – (1) That the Children and Young People Committee notes the dissolution of the PCT from 31st March 2013 and the creation of the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) pursuant to the Health and Social Care Act 2012;

(2) Authorises the Director of Children's Services, after consultation with the Director of Finance and Head of Law, to finalise and agree a new s75 Partnership Agreement between the Council and the CCG in relation to jointly commissioned children's services, such agreement to take effect from 1st April 2013 with a two year term;

(3) Notes that the Council's existing S75 Agreement with Sussex Community NHS Trust in relation to the integrated provision of children's services remains in place until 1st April 2015 and that the Director of Children's Services is authorised to negotiate and agree any variations or amendments considered necessary within the term of that Agreement; and

(4) Authorises the Director of Children's Services, after consultation with the Director of Finance and Head of Law, to agree a revised contract between the Council and Sussex Community NHS Trust for the provision of children's community health services for a period of one year from 1st April 2013 with the option to extend for a further year

REASON FOR THE DECISION

Changes in NHS structures and commissioning arrangements

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Not Applicable.

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RECORD OF CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE COMMITTEE DECISION

SUBJECT: CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2013/14

AUTHOR: GIL SWEETENHAM

THE DECISION

That Committee approve the allocation of funding as shown in Appendices 2 and 3

REASON FOR THE DECISION

The proposed capital investment programme will enable us to continue to ensure that we provide school places in areas of the city where they are required and to improve the condition of our education property portfolio.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The only option available would be to not make use of this funding to improve / extend the education property portfolio. This is not recommended as it would limit our ability to maintain, modernise and improve our school buildings property portfolio

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RECORD OF CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE COMMITTEE

COUNCIL DECISION

SUBJECT: ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS FOR
BRIGHTON & HOVE SCHOOLS 2014/15

AUTHOR: GIL SWEETENHAM

THE DECISION

That the Committee recommends the following to full Council for approval:-

That the proposed school admission numbers set out in the consultation document be adopted for the admissions year 2014/15, with the exception of Stanford Infant School which will remain at 90 rather than increasing to 120 as proposed.

That the admission priorities for Community Schools set out in the Consultation documents be adopted for all age groups.

That the Council should review the final version of the Cardinal Newman Roman Catholic Secondary School and King's Church of England Free School admission arrangements (as amended in light of the Diocesan response and parental and school responses) to decide whether it should comment further.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

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 and Hove this year and in previous years.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The City Council is required in law to review its school admission arrangements every year, although the School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) Regulations 2012 now provide that if an admissions authority does not propose any change to admission arrangements the duty to consult on arrangements has been increased from every three to every seven. The consultation is intended to identify alternative proposals for admission arrangements. Issues raised by schools and parents will be set out in the appendices to this report.

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RECORD OF CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE COMMITTEE DECISION

SUBJECT: SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS
ANNUAL REPORT 2011/2012

AUTHOR: DAVID COOPER

THE DECISION

That the Committee agrees to the publication of the final draft of the new SEN Annual Report 2011/2012

REASON FOR THE DECISION

To provide the Annual Special Educational needs (SEN) report for 20211/12.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Not applicable.

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