

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 5a

Brighton & Hove City Council

Universal Free School Meals

In December 2008 Full Council passed a motion calling for universal Free School Meals. There is already evidence to suggest that free school meals for everyone improve behaviour and learning for young people from all backgrounds and greatly reduce health inequalities which as we know are stark in this city.

This is a fantastic opportunity for joint working between Children's Services and the health sector.

Would the CYPOSC work with the PCT to investigate:

- a) action being taken to reduce child health inequalities in the city?
- b) existing barriers to take-up of school meals including both those entitled to free meals and those who aren't
- c) possible sources of funding to trial free-school meal pilot projects at schools in Brighton & Hove?

Yours sincerely,

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