

Geoff Raw
Chief Executive Office
Brighton and Hove City Council
Hove Town Hall
Norton Road
Hove, BN3 3BQ

19/12/2019

LETTER TO Children, Young People and Skills committee

Dear Geoff;

We are submitting the following letter under Council Procedure Rule 23.3 to be included on the agenda for the Children, Young People and Skills committee meeting of 13/01/2020.

As a parent and an ex-student of Dorothy Stringer High school, we have had meetings with the school about both the students and staff's concerns about the school's environmental impact. There is a strong desire for the school to do all they can to limit their carbon footprint and their waste.

As councillors we were inspired to hear from students as young as Year 7 about their initiatives to tackle littering and their campaigning to make Dorothy Stringer the first plastic-free school in Brighton and Hove.

No doubt, this is a very challenging thing to take on as well as very expensive. We have been discussing what would need to happen in order to be plastic free - which includes installing multiple new water dispensers around the school site to allow the canteen to stop selling plastic bottles.

The school are already planning fundraising activities to generate money for the large costs of these initiatives, but we are asking the Council to support them.

Can the Chair of the Children, Young People and Skills committee request some guidelines or a report for schools in Brighton and Hove with advice on how to proceed. This should outline the most cost-effective way, in terms of procurement and securing funding, for a school to become free of single-use plastics.

Please can the chair also advise on whether providing water dispensers and reusable bottles can be considered a basic need, and therefore be eligible for funding from the basic needs fund?

Kind regards,

**CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE &
SKILLS COMMITTEE**

Agenda Item 46(b)

Brighton & Hove City Council

Cllr Amy Heley and Cllr Clare Rainey