CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 5

Brighton & Hove City Council

Letter to Tom Hook- Head of Scrutiny

Primary School Admissions

I would like this letter to be placed on the agenda of the next CYPOSC meeting for the 16th June and to attend to speak to it.

As the Committee will be aware, there is a growing problem with providing sufficient Primary School places in the city, most particularly in the West Hove and Portslade areas. Reports have already been produced for Children, Families and Schools Cabinet Member Meetings that have demonstrated where the LEA will be seeking to provide extra capacity to accommodate the increased numbers of children but what has been lacking is a full overview of the situation.

I would request that the Committee, using its 'Overview' responsibility, give consideration to calling for a report that will include a three-year timeline from September 2010 – September 2013 that demonstrates clearly the numbers of children in the city entering primary education, the areas in the city that they will be coming from, the planned additional capacity being identified by the LEA and when that additional capacity will come on stream.

Yours sincerely,

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