

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 9

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: School Exclusion Scrutiny Panel Report
Date of Meeting: 16 June 2010
Report of: The Director of Strategy and Governance
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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 This report and its appendices detail the findings of the Scrutiny Panel established to examine the issue of School Exclusion.
- 1.2 The Scrutiny Panel's report and its appendices are re-printed as **appendix 1** to this report.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That members:
 - (1) Endorse the School Exclusion Panel report;
 - (2) Agree to refer the report recommendations to the council's Executive and to the appropriate partner organisations.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The review into School Exclusion was instigated at the 17 June 2009 CYPOSC meeting. More information on the formation of the Panel is available in **Appendix 1**.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 No formal consultation was undertaken in preparing this report, although some of the witnesses who gave evidence to the panel were asked for their comments on drafts of the report, and these comments have been used to inform the final draft version.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 CYPOSC's decisions in relation to this report (i.e. whether to endorse the Scrutiny Panel report and refer its recommendations to the council's Executive for consideration) have no direct financial implications.

However, members should bear in mind that the implementation of some of the Scrutiny Panel's recommendations might have significant financial implications for the council, and that any Executive decision in relation to these matters will need to be made with reference to these costs.

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 If CYPOSC endorses the Panel's report and accepts its recommendations, it is required to prepare a formal report and submit it to the Chief Executive for consideration by Cabinet or the relevant Cabinet Member. CYPOSC may also refer the report to partner organisations, highlighting those recommendations relevant to those bodies. Only if one or more recommendations require a departure from or a change to the agreed budget and policy framework would the report need to be considered by Full Council.

If CYPOSC cannot agree on one single final report, up to one minority report may be prepared and submitted, alongside the majority report, for consideration by the Cabinet or Cabinet Member.

Lawyer consulted: Oliver Dixon

Date: 8 June 2010

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 None identified

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 None identified.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

5.5 None identified.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 None identified.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.7 None identified.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Scrutiny Panel report and appendices

Documents in Members' Rooms:

None

Background Documents:

1. None (other than those listed in the Scrutiny Panel report itself)

