

Committee: **Scrutiny Committee for Education**

Date: 13 December 2002

Title: Meeting of the Scrutiny Committee for Education held at
11.00 am at New Horizons, Tile Barn Road, Hastings

Subject: Minutes

Membership: Barnes Field Garvican Kramer Livings Whetstone Woodall

Mr T Campbell (RC Diocese)

Mr J Taylor (C of Diocese)

ALSO PRESENT Councillor Simmons, Lead Cabinet Member
for Education

Chief Officer Denise Stokoe, Director of Education

Scrutiny Lead Officer Roger Howarth

Financial Adviser Greg Roberts, Education Department

25. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

25.1 RESOLVED – to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 13 September 2001.

26. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

26.2 Apologies were received on behalf of Mr Andrew Ogden (Legal Adviser)

27. REPORTS

27.1 Reports on the matters dealt with in the minutes below are contained in the minute book.

28. QUARTERLY MONITORING REPORT (APRIL TO JUNE 2001 AND
BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN 2001/2002

28.1 The Director of Education was present and was able to answer members' questions and it was agreed that in future the monitoring report should be clearly numbered.

28.2 The Committee noted the monitoring report.

29. FINAL YEAR MONITORING REPORTS IN THE ACTION PLANS
ARISING FROM BEST VALUE AND SCRUTINY REVIEWS ALREADY
COMPLETED

Scrutiny Review of Permanently Excluded Primary School Children and Looked After Children in the School Year 1998/1999.

29.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Education.

29.2 RESOLVED – to note the report.

Scrutiny Review of Provision for Highly Able Children

29.3 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Education.

29.4 RESOLVED – to receive and note the report.

30. SIX MONTHLY MONITORING REPORTS ON THE ACTION PLANS ARISING FROM BEST VALUE AND SCRUTINY REVIEWS ALREADY COMPLETED – HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT.

30.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Education.

30.2 RESOLVED – to note the report.

31. THE FORWARD PLAN

31.1 The Committee considered the Forward Plan for the period 1 December 2001 to 31 March 2002. The Committee agreed it was useful to clearly mark items on the plan which were of particular relevance to Education matters.

31.2 RESOLVED – to note the Forward Plan.

32. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE TARGETS SET IN THE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS/INCLUSION STRATEGY

32.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Education. Mr P Weston, Assistant Director for Education was in attendance to answer members questions.

32.2 RESOLVED – to receive the report and note the progress made towards achieving the agreed targets.

33. RECONCILING POLICY AND RESOURCES

33.1 Councillor Simmons, Lead Cabinet member for Education, gave the Scrutiny Committee a clear statement of policy steers and priorities and a presentation on the content of the proformas. The Director of Education was able to respond to members questions.

33.2 The Scrutiny Committee did not wish to make any comments to the Cabinet on planning assumptions or the proposed targets for the service area.

34. SCRUTINY REVIEWS

34.1 The Committee considered a report by the Scrutiny Lead Officer.

34.2 The Director of Education was able to provide the Committee with some feedback from the OfSTED Inspection and it was hoped that this would assist the

Committee in formulating a review they would wish to undertake. The full OfSTED report when published would be available on the OfSTED website.

34.2 It was agreed that a panel consisting of three members from the Scrutiny committee would meet on 8 January 2002 to consider in detail the options for reviews and bring them back for agreement at the next Scrutiny meeting in March 2002. It was agreed the following three members would form the Panel:-

Councillor Livings, Councillor Field and Councillor Kramer.