## SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION

MINUTES of a meeting of the Scrutiny Committee for Education held at Pelham House, Lewes on 13 March 2002.

35. PRESENT - Councillor Livings (Chairman)

Councillor Barnes, Field (Vice-Chairman) Garvican, Kramer,

Whetstone and Woodall

Mr T Campbell (RC Diocese) Mr J Taylor (C of E Diocese)

Chief Officer Denise Stokoe, Director of Education

Scrutiny Lead Officer Roger Howarth

Financial Adviser Greg Roberts, Education Department

Legal Adviser Jonathan Ruddock-West

## 36 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

36.1 RESOLVED - to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 13 December 2002 subject to the addition of Councillor Waite to the attendance list and the substitution of "New Horizons, Hastings" for Pelham House, Lewes.

## 37 REPORTS

- 37.1 Reports on the matters dealt with in the minutes below are contained in the minute book.
- 38 SCRUTINY REVIEW OF THE ATTAINMENT OF EARLY YEARS PUPILS
- 38.1 With a view to both guiding the Committee and providing a basis for the scope and nature of the Project Board's scrutiny review, the Committee received a presentation from Ruth Szulecki (EYDCP Manager) and Jenny Smith (School Adviser) on the 'Attainment of Early Years Pupils'.
- 38.2 The Committee noted the report.
- 39 BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN: QUARTERLY MONITORING REPORT FOR OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2001
- 39.1 The Director of Education responded to a number of queries raised by members on the progress made against specific targets in the monitoring report.
- 39.2 The Director of Education was requested to provide further information to the next meeting of the Committee in June about the target (as set out in C2.1 ii) of seeking to achieve national accreditation for the Local Healthy School Scheme to meet the National Healthy School Standards.

The Committee noted the report.

40 FOWARD PLAN: I MARCH 2002 - 30 JUNE 2002.

- 40.1 The Committee noted the Forward Plan for the period I March 2002 to 30 June 2002.
- 42 FINAL REPORT ON SCRUTINY REVIEW OF THE RECRUITMENT, RETENTION AND RETIREMENT OF TEACHERS.
- 42.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Education.
- 42.2 It was agreed that the Director of Education would report to the next meeting with details of key statistics in relation to the overall number of teaching vacancies in East Sussex and the adequacy of provision of specialist subject teachers.

The Committee noted the report.