#### APPEALS COMMITTEE (HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT) 10/12/2020 at 10.30 am



Present:	Councillor McLaren (Chair)
	Councillors H. Gloster and Shuttleworth

Also in Attendance: Alan Evans Ben Holt Kaidy McCann Appellants

Group Solicitor Access Service Constitutional Services

# 1 ELECTION OF CHAIR

**RESOLVED** that Councillor McLaren be elected Chair for the duration of the meeting.

# 2 URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business received.

## 3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received.

## 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

## 5 HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEAL PROCEDURE

**RESOLVED** that the Home to School Transport Procedure be noted.

#### 6 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

**RESOLVED** that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they contain exempt information under paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and it would not, on balance, be in the public interest to disclose the reports.

## 7 HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEAL

The Senior Transport Officer presented the case on behalf of the Local Education Authority calling no witnesses in support. The Appellants attended to present their case.

A Group Solicitor was in attendance who advised on matters of policy and procedure at the Committee. The Committee asked questions of the Local Education Authority and the Appellant, and both parties were given the opportunity to ask questions of each other. Both parties were given the opportunity to sum up their case. The Committee adjourned whilst deliberations took place.



**RESOLVED** that the Appeal be DISMISSED, as the circumstances detailed by the Appellant were not so exceptional as to merit a departure from the Authority's policy.

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**RESOLVED** that the Appeal be GRANTED until the child reached Secondary school age, as the circumstances detailed by the Appellant were so exceptional as to merit a departure from the Authority's policy.

#### 9 HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEAL

The Senior Transport Officer presented the case on behalf of the Local Education Authority calling no witnesses in support. The Appellants did not attend to present their case.

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The Local Education Authority was given the opportunity to sum up their case. The Committee adjourned whilst deliberations took place.

**RESOLVED** that the Appeal be DEFERRED, pending confirmation of low income.

The meeting started at 10.30 am and ended at 12.26 pm