

**APPEALS COMMITTEE (HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT)**  
**19/01/2023 at 1.00 pm**



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

Also in Attendance:

Laila Chowdhury

Alan Evans

Ben Holt

Kaidy McCann

Group Solicitor

Access Service

Constitutional Services

1           **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

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

2           **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

3           **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absences were received from Councillor Hamblett and Councillor Goodwin.

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 Appeal 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 it was considered reasonable to expect parents to walk the child to school.

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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 DISMISSED, as it was considered reasonable to expect parents to walk the child to school.

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**RESOLVED** that consideration of the item be deferred to another meeting.

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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 it was considered parental preference to attend the chosen school.

The meeting started at 1.02 pm and ended at 3.48 pm