

APPEALS COMMITTEE (HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT)
02/03/2023 at 10.00 am



Present: Councillor Hamblett (Chair)
Councillors Byrne and Shuttleworth

Also in Attendance:

Laila Chowdhury	Constitutional Services
Alan Evans	Group Solicitor
Ben Holt	Access Service
Kaidy McCann	Constitutional Services

1 **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

RESOLVED that Councillor Hamblett be elected as 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 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 did not attend 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.

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 parental preference to attend the current school.

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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 GRANTED until the end of the Academic Year, as it was considered unreasonable for the child to be expected to walk to school.

The meeting started at 10.00 am and ended at 11.48 am