

APPEALS COMMITTEE (HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT)

08/02/2024 at 9.30 am

Present: Councillors Byrne, Hamblett and Moores

Also in attendance:

Alan Evans (Group Solicitor)

Stuart Edwards (SEND Travel Assistance Manager)

Durga Paul (Constitutional Services)

1 **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

RESOLVED that Councillor Moores 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 SEND Travel Assistance Manager presented the case on behalf of the Local Education Authority calling no witnesses in support. The Appellant did not attend the meeting.

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 REFUSED, as it was reasonable to expect the child to walk to school with parental support as necessary.

The meeting started at 9.30am and ended at 10.20am.