

**APPEALS COMMITTEE**  
**19/09/2024 at 9.30 am**



**Present:** Councillors Byrne, Hamblett and J. Hussain

Also in Attendance:  
Andy Wood – Education Services  
Peter Thompson – Constitutional Services

1           **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

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

*Councillor Junaid Hussain in the Chair.*

2           **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Shuttleworth.

3           **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

4           **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

5           **ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS**

**RESOLVED** that the Free School Travel Pass 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           **FREE SCHOOL TRAVEL PASS APPEAL**

The Education Provision Manager presented the case on behalf of the Local Education Authority calling no witnesses in support. The Appellant attended to present their case.

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 GRANTED, as the circumstances detailed by the Appellant, were considered to be exceptional by the Panel, so as to merit a departure from the Authority's policy.

The meeting started at 9.30am and ended at 10.45am

