

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Appeals Committee**
held on Thursday, 27th August, 2009 in the East Committee Room - Municipal
Buildings, Earle Steet, Crewe, CW1 2BJ

PRESENT

Councillor S Bentley (Chairman)
Councillor L Gilbert (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors M Asquith, R Fletcher, M Martin, M Simon and D Topping

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor M Asquith declared a personal interest in Case No. 1 on the basis that he had been the Ward Councillor for the appellant when a previous appeal had been considered by the former Cheshire County Council.

7 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

In accordance with Procedure Rules Nos. 11 and 35, a total period of 10 minutes was allocated for members of the public to address the Committee on any matter relevant to its work.

There were no members of the public present and the Committee, therefore, proceeded to its next business.

8 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 30th July 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

9 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item, pursuant to Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, and the public interest would not be served in publishing this information.

10 SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS

The Committee considered three appeals against the decision of the Integrated Transport Service not to allow assisted school transport, in accordance with the Council's Transport Policy.

The appellant in Case 1 was not present, and the appeal was, therefore, heard *in absentia*. The Presenting Officer outlined the Local Authority's case and the Committee considered the appellant's written evidence only.

In Case 2, the appellants and Presenting Officer were in attendance throughout consideration of the appeal. In Case 3, the appellant and Presenting Officer were in attendance throughout consideration of the appeal.

The Committee carefully considered the evidence presented to it both orally and in writing.

RESOLVED:

That

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| (1) | Case 1 | the appeal be upheld; |
| (2) | Case 2 | the appeal be refused; and |
| (3) | Case 3 | the appeal be refused. |

11 FUTURE MEETINGS

It was noted that the meetings for the remainder of the year would be held at Westfields, Sandbach.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 4.00 pm

Councillor S Bentley (Chairman)