

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a virtual meeting of the **Appeals Sub-Committee**
held on Tuesday, 5th January, 2021

PRESENT

Councillor S Edgar (Chairman)

Councillors M Beanland, T Fox, D Murphy and M Simon

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sarah Baxter, Democratic Services Officer

Helen Rawlinson, Transport Manager - Education Travel

Neil Roberts, Accessibility and Projects Manager

Shona Waby, Solicitor, Adults and Education, People Team

28 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That Councillor S Edgar be appointed Chairman to the virtual meeting.

29 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

30 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

31 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of public present.

32 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

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

33 SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS

Case One

The Sub-Committee considered an appeal against a decision of the Council not to offer assisted school transport.

The Sub-Committee heard the appeal based on the written and oral evidence of the Presenting Officer, who detailed the local authority's case, and the written and oral evidence of the Appellant. Members of the Sub-Committee asked questions by way of clarification.

The Presenting Officer and the appellant withdrew from the virtual meeting, following which the Sub-Committee reached its decision.

RESOLVED

That the appeal be upheld and that transport be provided until such time as when a spare seat became available.

Case Two

The Sub-Committee considered an appeal against a decision of the Council not to offer assisted school transport.

The Sub-Committee heard the appeal based on the written and oral evidence of the Presenting Officer, who detailed the local authority's case, and the written evidence of the Appellants. During the process information was provided to the parents which confirmed transport was available at a daily rate. The appellants were happy to discuss this further with the Presenting Officer and as a result the appeal was put on hold whilst the parents confirmed formally they were happy to accept the transport which was available at a daily rate.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 3.30 pm

Councillor S Edgar (Chairman)