

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Appeals Committee**
held on Thursday, 13th January, 2011 at Committee Suite 1 & 2, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor S Bentley (Chairman)
Councillor J Crockatt (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors R Fletcher, L Gilbert and M J Simon

IN ATTENDANCE

Anita Barnett	Solicitor and Clerk to the Appeals Committee
Sarah Baxter	Democratic Services Officer
Jackie Speakman	Principal Transport Officer – Integrated Transport Service (Presenting Officer)

20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors M Asquith and M A Martin.

21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor M J Simon declared a personal interest in Case No. 1 on the basis that she was a Governor at the school which was referred to in the appeal.

No other declarations of interest were made.

22 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

In accordance with Procedure Rule No 35, a total period of 10 minutes was allocated for members of the public to address the Committee on any matters relevant to its work, or to ask a question.

There were no members of the public in attendance and the Committee proceeded to its next item of business.

23 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2010 be approved as a correct record.

24 EXCLUSION OF THE 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 Paragraph 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and the public interest would not be served in publishing this information.

25 SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS

The Committee considered an appeal against the decision of the Integrated Transport Service not to allow assisted school transport, in accordance with Council's Post-16 Transport Policy.

The appellant was in attendance throughout consideration of his appeal. The Principal Transport Officer detailed the Local Authority's case.

The appellant spoke in support of his appeal and submitted further written evidence which was also considered by the Committee.

Members of the Committee asked questions of both parties by way of clarification. The appellant and the Present Officers were also able to ask questions by way of clarification.

At this point in the proceedings, the appellant and the Presenting Officer withdrew from the meeting, following which the Committee reached its decision.

RESOLVED:

That the Appeal be refused.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 3.09 pm

Councillor S Bentley (Chairman)