

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **General Appeals Sub Committee**
held on Tuesday, 7th December, 2021 in the Committee Suite 1,2 & 3,
Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor S Edgar (Chair)
Councillor L Anderson
Councillor H Faddes
Councillor D Murphy

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Neil Roberts, Accessibility Officer, Transport Policy
Nicola Burke, Adults and Education Lawyer
Karen Shuker, Democratic Services

OFFICERS ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Joanne Bowkett, Admissions, Transport and Fair Access Team Manager
(Witness)
Ian Marshall, Operations Support Manager, Transport (Observer)

13 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED

That Councillor S Edgar be appointed as Chair of the meeting.

14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Councillor A Harewood.

15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

16 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

17 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.

18 SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS

Consideration was given to the following transport appeals.

(a) Case 1 - 10:05am

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 meeting, following which the Sub-Committee reached its decision.

RESOLVED

That the appeal be dismissed.

19 CASE 2 - 10.35AM

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 Appellant. Members of the Sub-Committee asked questions by way of clarification.

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

RESOLVED

That the appeal be dismissed.

(a) Case 3 - 11.05am

Case Three

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 and the appellants supporter. Members of the Sub-Committee asked questions by way of clarification.

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

RESOLVED

That the appeal be upheld.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 12.20 pm

Councillor S Edgar (Chair)