

# **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the **General Appeals Sub Committee**  
held on Tuesday, 20th August, 2024 in the Committee Suite 1,2 & 3,  
Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

## **PRESENT**

Councillors S Bennett-Wake, T Dean and L Smetham

## **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Sue Kenyon, Legal Clerk  
Ian Marshall, Operations Support Manager, Transport  
Helen Rawlinson, Transport Manager  
Josie Lloyd, Democratic Services Officer  
Nicola Hyde, Transport Lead (observer)  
Lucy-Anna Jones, Legal Clerk (observer)

## **7 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

### **RESOLVED:**

That Councillor Dean be appointed as Chair of the meeting.

## **8 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Gilman. Councillor Smetham attended as a substitute.

## **9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Bennett-Wake declared that she was a Teaching Assistant at a school in Macclesfield which was part of the Aspire Trust but that the school was not mentioned in any of the cases at this meeting.

## **10 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION**

There were no public speakers.

## **11 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 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.

## **12 SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS**

Consideration was given to the following school transport appeals.

### **13 CASE 1 - 10.05AM**

The Sub-Committee considered an appeal against a decision of the Council's School Transport Team 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.

### **14 CASE 2 - 10.50AM**

The Sub-Committee considered an appeal against a decision of the Council's School Transport Team 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.

### **15 CASE 3 - 11.35AM**

The Sub-Committee considered an appeal against a decision of the Council's School Transport Team 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.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 and concluded at 13.00

Councillor T Dean