

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **General Appeals Sub Committee**
held on Tuesday, 22nd August, 2023 in the Committee Suite 1,2 & 3,
Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor S Edgar (Chair)

Councillors T Dean and E Gilman

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sue Kenyon, Legal Clerk

Ian Marshall, Operations Support Manager, Transport

Helen Rawlinson, Transport Manager

Josie Lloyd, Democratic Services Officer

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Rebecca Airey, Legal (Observer)

47 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED:

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

48 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

49 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

50 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

51 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.

52 SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS

Consideration was given to the following School Transport Appeals.

53 CASE 1 - 10.05AM

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 upheld.

54 CASE 2 - 11.35AM

The case was deferred to a later meeting.

55 CASE 3 - 12.20PM

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 partially upheld with travel assistance awarded until the end of the academic year and a review required for future academic years.

56 CASE 4 - 1.05PM

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.

The meeting commenced at 10.00am and concluded at 1.30pm

Councillor S Edgar