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CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **General Appeals Sub Committee**
held on Monday, 3rd February, 2025 in the Council Chamber, Municipal
Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe, CW1 2BJ

PRESENT

Councillors E Gilman (Chair)

Councillors S Bennett-Wake and R Moreton

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Rebecca Dearden, Legal Clerk
Helen Rawlinson, School Transport Manager
Ian Marshall, Operations Support Manager
Frances Handley, Democratic Services Officer
Lucy-Anna Jones, Legal (Observer)

30 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

That Councillor Gilman be appointed as Chair of the meeting.

31 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Edgar.
Councillor Moreton attended as a substitute.

32 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

33 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no public speakers.

34 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The reports relating to the remaining items on the agenda have been withheld from public circulation and deposit pursuant to Section 100(B)(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended on the grounds that the matters may be determined with the press and public excluded.

The Committee may decide that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items pursuant to Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in

Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 and public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

35 SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS

Consideration was given to the following school transport appeals.

36 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 partially upheld with travel assistance awarded in the form of a Personal Travel Budget.

37 CASE 2 - 10.50AM

The Sub-Committee considered an appeal against a decision of the Council's School Transport Team not to offer travel assistance. 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 with travel assistance awarded in the form of a bus pass.

The meeting commenced at 10.00am and concluded at 12.08pm

Councillor E Gilman