

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Appeals Sub-Committee**
held on Tuesday, 19th November, 2013 at Committee Suite 1 & 2, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor G Wait (Chairman)

Councillors A Harewood, B Murphy, J Saunders and P Whiteley

IN ATTENDANCE

Maureen Hills Lawyer and Clerk to the Appeals Sub-Committee
Janet Mills Cheshire East Transport
Sarah Tunstall Cheshire East Transport
Julie Zientek Democratic Services Officer

13 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED – That Councillor G Wait be appointed Chairman.

14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

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 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 Paragraphs 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.

18 SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS

The Sub-Committee considered three appeals against decisions of the Cheshire East Transport Service not to allow assisted school transport in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy.

Case 1

The Appellant attended the hearing. The Sub-Committee heard the appeal based on the oral and written evidence of the Presenting Officers, who detailed the Local Authority's case, and the oral and written evidence of the Appellant. Members of the Sub-Committee asked questions by way of clarification.

The Presenting Officers and the Appellant withdrew from the meeting following which the Sub-Committee reached its decision.

RESOLVED – That consideration of the appeal be deferred for further information.

Case 2

The Appellant attended the hearing. The Sub-Committee heard the appeal based on the oral and written evidence of the Presenting Officer, who detailed the Local Authority's case, and the oral and written 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.

Case 3

The Appellants and their local Ward Councillor attended the hearing. The Sub-Committee heard the appeal based on the oral and written evidence of the Presenting Officer, who detailed the Local Authority's case, and the oral and written evidence of the Appellants and their local Ward Councillor. Members of the Sub-Committee asked questions by way of clarification.

The Presenting Officer, the Appellants and their local Ward Councillor withdrew from the meeting following which the Sub-Committee reached its decision.

RESOLVED – That the appeal be upheld.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 4.30 pm

Councillor G Wait (Chairman)