CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Appeals Sub-Committee**held on Tuesday, 4th October, 2016 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor I Faseyi (Chairman)

Councillors S Edgar, A Stott and M J Weatherill

IN ATTENDANCE

Maureen Hills Lawyer and Clerk to the Appeals Sub-Committee

Sarah Tunstall Business & Projects Manager, Transport Service Solutions

(Presenting Officer)

Julie Zientek Democratic Services Officer

13 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED – That Councillor I Faseyi be appointed Chairman.

14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

15 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor I Faseyi declared that she had been a member of the Appeals Sub-Committee when it had considered a previous appeal by the Appellant in Case 1. She had, however, kept an open mind with respect to the present appeal.

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 two appeals against the decision of Transport Service Solutions not to allow assisted school transport in accordance with the School Transport Policy.

(a) Case 1 - 2.00 pm

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

RESOLVED – That the appeal be declined.

(b) Case 2 - 2.45 pm

The Appellant and a Supporter of 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, the Appellant and the Supporter then withdrew from the meeting, following which the Sub-Committee reached its decision.

RESOLVED – That the appeal be upheld in part. Assistance will be provided in the form of a one-off payment of £500 towards the cost of home to school transport.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 3.15 pm

Councillor I Faseyi (Chairman)