

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Appeals Sub-Committee**
held on Tuesday, 9th January, 2018 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor S Edgar (Chairman)

Councillors I Faseyi, A Stott and M J Weatherill

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Chris Broadhurst-SEND Assessment and Monitoring Team Leader
Maureen Hills-Lawyer and Clerk to the Appeals Sub-Committee
Neil Roberts-Accessibility Officer

23 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That Councillor S Edgar be appointed Chairman for the meeting.

24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

26 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

27 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

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 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.

28 SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS

29 CASE 1 2.00 PM

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 Officers, who detailed the local authority's case, and the written and oral evidence of the Appellant and her supporter. Members of the Sub-Committee asked questions by way of clarification.

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

RESOLVED

That the appeal be allowed and that transport be provided for the rest of the academic year with a review to be undertaken on an annual basis.

30 CASE 2 2.30 PM

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

RESOLVED

That the appeal be refused.

(During the appeal the meeting was adjourned for ten minutes as one of the appellants began to feel unwell).

31 CASE 3 3.00 PM

The Sub-Committee considered an appeal against the decision of the Transport Service Solutions not to allow assisted school transport in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy.

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 written evidence of the Appellant. Members of the Sub-Committee asked questions by way of clarification.

The Presenting Officer withdrew from the meeting, following which the Sub-Committee reached its decision.

RESOLVED

That the appeal be refused.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 4.00 pm

Councillor S Edgar (Chairman)