

# **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the **General Appeals Sub Committee**  
held on Tuesday, 10th October, 2023 in the Committee Suite 1,2 & 3,  
Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

## **PRESENT**

Councillors R Bailey, S Edgar (Chairman) and E Gilman.

## **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Sue Keyon, Legal Clerk  
Nikki Bishop, Democratic Services Officer  
Helen Rawlinson, Transport Manager  
Ian Marshall, Operations Support Manager, Transport

### **1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

#### **RESOLVED:**

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

### **2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **4 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION**

There were no members of the public registered to speak.

### **5 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.

### **6 SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS**

Consideration was given to the following school transport appeals.

**7 CASE 1 - 10.05AM**

The Sub-Committee considered an appeal against a decision made by the Council's School Transport Team 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 being provided for a one-year period and to be reviewed once medical assessments were made available.

**8 CASE 2 - 10.50AM**

The Sub-Committee considered an appeal against a decision of the Council's School Transport Team 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.

**9 CASE 3 - 11.35AM**

The Sub-Committee considered an appeal against a decision of the Council's School Transport Team 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.

**10 CASE 4 - 12.20PM**

The Sub-Committee considered an appeal against a decision of the Council's School Transport Team 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.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 13.15pm

Councillor S Edgar (Chair)