

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **General Appeals Sub Committee**
held on Tuesday, 20th August, 2024 in the Committee Suite 1,2 & 3,
Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillors S Bennett-Wake, T Dean and L Smetham

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sue Kenyon, Legal Clerk
Ian Marshall, Operations Support Manager, Transport
Helen Rawlinson, Transport Manager
Josie Lloyd, Democratic Services Officer
Nicola Hyde, Transport Lead (observer)
Lucy-Anna Jones, Legal Clerk (observer)

7 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Dean be appointed as Chair of the meeting.

8 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Gilman. Councillor Smetham attended as a substitute.

9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Bennett-Wake declared that she was a Teaching Assistant at a school in Macclesfield which was part of the Aspire Trust but that the school was not mentioned in any of the cases at this meeting.

10 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no public speakers.

11 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.

12 SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS

Consideration was given to the following school transport appeals.

13 CASE 1 - 10.05AM

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.

14 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.

15 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.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 and concluded at 13.00

Councillor T Dean