

# **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the **General Appeals Sub Committee**  
held on Tuesday, 5th November, 2024 in the Committee Suite 1,2 & 3,  
Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

## **PRESENT**

Councillor S Edgar (Chair)

Councillors E Gilman and B Puddicombe

## **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Rebecca Dearden, Legal Clerk

Nicola Hyde, School Transport Lead

Helen Rawlinson, School Transport Manager

Josie Lloyd, Democratic Services Officer

Lucy-Anna Jones, Legal (Observer)

Frances Handley, Democratic Services Officer (Observer)

## **22 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

### **RESOLVED:**

That Councillor Edgar be appointed as Chair of the meeting.

## **23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

## **24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Edgar declared, in the interest of openness, that the appellant for case 1 was a resident of his ward. The appellant was not known to Cllr Edgar and he had not discussed the case.

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

There were no public speakers.

## **26 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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.

## **27 SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS**

Consideration was given to the following school transport appeals.

### **28 CASE 1 - 10.05AM**

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 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 awarded in the form of an enhanced Personal Travel Budget.

### **29 CASE 2 - 10.50AM**

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 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 awarded in the form of an enhanced Personal Travel Budget.

The meeting commenced at 10:00 and concluded at 12:00

Councillor S Edgar