

Notice of Appeals Committee



Date: Tuesday, 14 March 2023 at 10.00 am

Venue: Committee Room, First Floor, BCP Civic Centre Annex, St Stephen's Rd, Bournemouth BH2 6LL

Membership:

Chairman:

Cllr S C Anderson

Vice Chairman:

Cllr A Filer (reserve member)

Cllr M Haines

Cllr N Hedges

Cllr P Hilliard

All Members of the Appeals Committee are summoned to attend this meeting to consider the items of business set out on the agenda below.

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GRAHAM FARRANT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

6 March 2023



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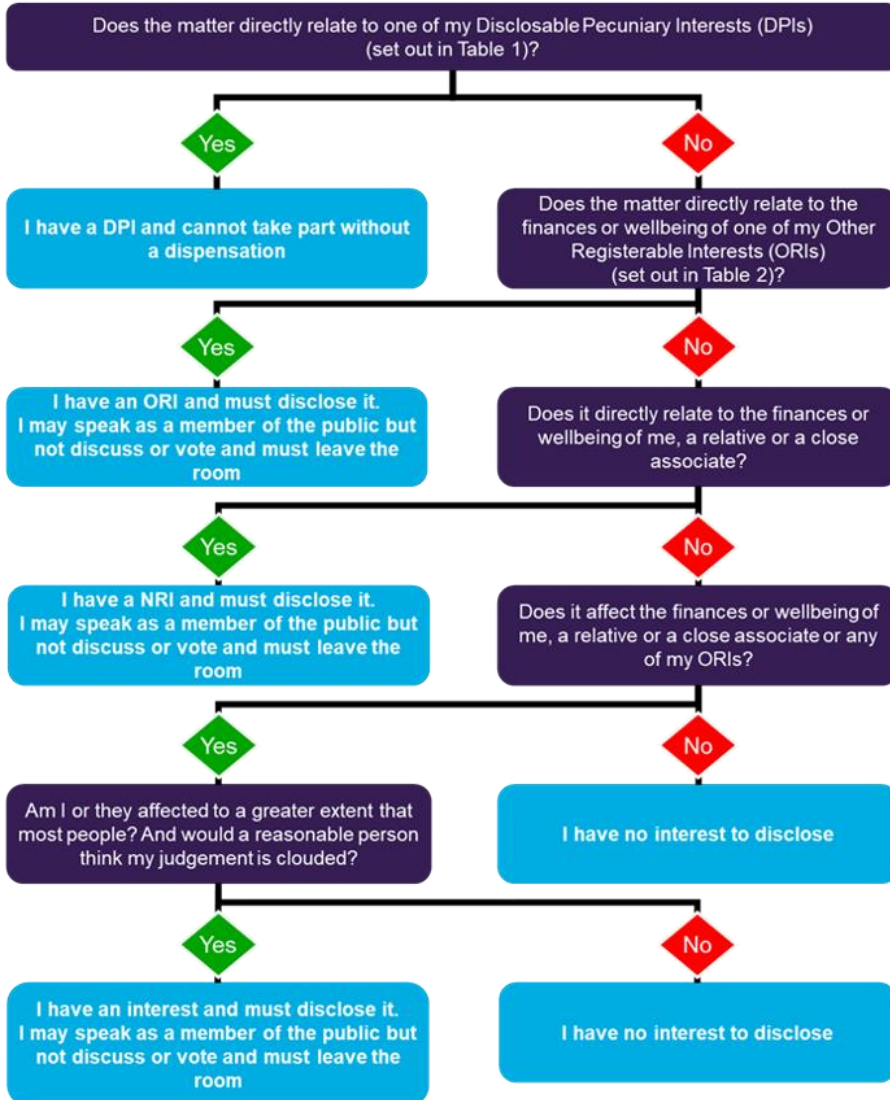


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Bias Test

In all the circumstances, would it lead a fair minded and informed observer to conclude that there was a real possibility or a real danger that the decision maker was biased?

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At the time of making the decision, did the decision maker have a closed mind?

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Selflessness

Councillors should act solely in terms of the public interest

Integrity

Councillors must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in their work. They should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships

Objectivity

Councillors must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias

Accountability

Councillors are accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and must submit themselves to the scrutiny necessary to ensure this

Openness

Councillors should act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for so doing

Honesty & Integrity

Councillors should act with honesty and integrity and should not place themselves in situations where their honesty and integrity may be questioned

Leadership

Councillors should exhibit these principles in their own behaviour. They should actively promote and robustly support the principles and be willing to challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs

AGENDA

Items to be considered while the meeting is open to the public

1. **Apologies**

To receive any apologies for absence from Members.

2. **Substitute Members**

To receive information on any changes in the membership of the Committee.

Note – When a member of a Committee is unable to attend a meeting of a Committee or Sub-Committee, the relevant Political Group Leader (or their nominated representative) may, by notice to the Monitoring Officer (or their nominated representative) prior to the meeting, appoint a substitute member from within the same Political Group. The contact details on the front of this agenda should be used for notifications.

3. **Declarations of Interests**

Councillors are requested to declare any interests on items included in this agenda. Please refer to the workflow on the preceding page for guidance.

Declarations received will be reported at the meeting.

4. **Confirmation of Minutes**

To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting held on 14 February 2023.

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5. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

In relation to the items of business appearing below, the Committee is asked to consider the following resolution: -

'That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 2 in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act and that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs such interest in disclosing the information.'

6. **School Transport Appeal - Case 1**

To consider an appeal against the refusal of Home to School Transport assistance.

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No other items of business can be considered unless the Chairman decides the matter is urgent for reasons that must be specified and recorded in the Minutes.

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BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL
APPEALS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 February 2023 at 10.00 am

Present:-

Cllr S C Anderson – Chairman

Present: Cllr N Hedges, Cllr M Haines and Cllr P Miles

60. Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Hilliard and Councillor Le Poidevin.

61. Substitute Members

Councillor Miles attended as a substitute member.

62. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest received on this occasion.

63. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 12 December 2022 were agreed as true and corrects records.

Voting: unanimous

64. Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED that: The Committee excluded the Press and Public for item 6 of the Agenda under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds of the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 2 in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act, as the public interest in withholding the information outweighs such interest in disclosing the information.

65. 10:00 School Transport Appeal - Case 1

Exempt Report as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 2 in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Committee considered an appeal against the refusal to provide home to school transport assistance in the form of a fuel, wear and tear from home to school as detailed in the report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix A to these minutes in the Minute Book.

DECISION MADE:

In considering the appeal, the Committee had regard to all the supporting information provided by the Local Authority and the appellant, including the verbal submissions made by the Local Authority and the appellant at the meeting.

RESOLVED that having taken careful note of all the evidence presented by all parties, the appeal, in respect of the appellant named in the report, be refused.

The Committee found that the home to school transport policy had been applied correctly and agreed that there were no exceptional circumstances to depart from the home to school transport policy on this occasion.

Voting: unanimous

66. 10:45 School Transport Appeal - Case 2

Exempt Report as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 2 in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Councillor Miles joined the meeting during this item.

The Committee considered an appeal against the refusal to provide home to school transport assistance in the form of a bus pass, as detailed in the report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix B to these minutes in the Minute Book.

DECISION MADE:

In considering the appeal, the Committee had regard to all the supporting information provided by the Local Authority and the appellant, including the verbal submissions made by the Local Authority and the appellant at the meeting.

RESOLVED that having taken careful note of all the evidence presented by all parties, the appeal, in respect of the appellant named in the report, be refused.

The Committee found that the home to school transport policy had been applied correctly and agreed that there were no exceptional circumstances to depart from the home to school transport policy on this occasion.

Voting: unanimous

Councillor Haines left the meeting after the conclusion of this item.

67. 12:00 School Transport Appeal - Case 3

Exempt Reports as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 2 in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Committee considered cases three and four together, as the cases referred to siblings living together. The Committee considered the appeals

against the refusal to provide home to school transport assistance in the form of bus passes, from home to school, as detailed in the reports, a copy of each of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of each of which appears as Appendix C and D to these minutes in the Minute Book.

DECISION MADE:

In considering the appeals, the Committee had regard to all the supporting information provided by the Local Authority and the appellant, including the verbal submissions made by the Local Authority and the appellant at the meeting.

RESOLVED that having taken careful note of all the evidence presented by all parties, the appeal, in respect of the appellants named in the reports, be granted.

The Committee found that the home to school transport policy had been applied correctly and agreed that there were exceptional circumstances to depart from the home to school transport policy on these occasions.

Voting: unanimous

The meeting ended at 12.30 pm

CHAIRMAN

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