

**BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL**  
**APPEALS COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 April 2023 at 10.00 am

Present:-

Cllr S C Anderson – Chairman

Cllr A Filer – Vice-Chairman

Present: Cllr M Haines and Cllr N Hedges

74. Apologies

There were no apologies for this meeting.

75. Substitute Members

There were no substitute members

76. Declarations of Interests

None

77. 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.

Voting: Unanimous

78. 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 bus pass 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. All parties agreed that Case 1 and Case 2 be heard concurrently as the appellants were siblings. The Committee made a decision for each case.

The Chair made introductions and explained the procedure for the hearing which was agreed by all parties. Each party presented their case to the committee. The Committee asked various questions to the parties present and was grateful for the responses received. Each party had the opportunity to ask questions and were invited to sum up before the Committee retired to make its decision.

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**

79. 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.

The Committee considered an appeal against the refusal to provide home to school transport assistance in the form of a bus pass 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. All parties agreed that Case 1 and Case 2 be heard concurrently as the appellants were siblings. The Committee made a decision for each case.

The Chair made introductions and explained the procedure for the hearing which was agreed by all parties. Each party presented their case to the committee. The Committee asked various questions to the parties present and was grateful for the responses received. Each party had the opportunity to ask questions and were invited to sum up before the Committee retired to make its decision.

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**

The meeting ended at 11.00 am

CHAIRMAN