BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL APPEALS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 July 2023 at 10.00 am

Present:-

Cllr K Rampton – Chairman Cllr M Dower – Vice-Chairman

Present: Cllr M Le Poidevin and Cllr P Miles

Also in Angie Hill – Education Officer, BCP Council

attendance: Michelle Cutler – Democratic and Overview and Scrutiny Officer,

BCP Council

21. Apologies

There were no apologies for this meeting.

22. Substitute Members

There were no substitute members.

23. <u>Declarations of Interests</u>

There were no declarations of interest received on this occasion.

24. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2023 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

25. 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.

26. Home to School Transport Assistance Stage Two Appeal

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

Exempt information – Category 1 (information relating to any individual) and Category 2 – (information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual).

The Committee considered an appeal against the refusal to provide home to school transport assistance in the form of a taxi 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 granted. Home to school transport assistance is granted in the form of a taxi to take the appellant from home to school in the morning and from school to home at the end of the school day, for the first half of the autumn term of academic year 2023/24 (6th September to 20 October 2023).

The Committee found that the home to school transport policy had been applied correctly but agreed that there were exceptional circumstances to depart from the home to school transport policy on this occasion.

Voting: Unanimous

The meeting ended at 11.06 am

CHAIRMAN