

Notice of Appeals Committee



Date: Tuesday, 15 October 2024 at 10.00 am

Venue: Royal Hampshire Committee Room, BCP Civic Centre, Bournemouth
BH2 6DY

Membership:

Chairman:

Cllr K Rampton

Vice Chairman:

Cllr M Dower

Cllr O Brown

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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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

7 October 2024

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Familiarise yourself with the Councillor Code of Conduct which can be found in Part 6 of the Council's Constitution.

Before the meeting, read the agenda and reports to see if the matters to be discussed at the meeting concern your interests



What are the principles of bias and pre-determination and how do they affect my participation in the meeting?

Bias and predetermination are common law concepts. If they affect you, your participation in the meeting may call into question the decision arrived at on the item.

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?

Predetermination Test

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

If a councillor appears to be biased or to have predetermined their decision, they must NOT participate in the meeting.

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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**

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To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting held on 6 August, 20 August, 3 September and 18 September 2024.

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. **10:00 School Transport Appeal - Case One**

21 - 58

To seek a decision on whether or not transport should be provided for the appellant named above outside of usual policy.

7. **10:45 School Transport Appeal - Case Two**

59 - 88

To seek a decision on whether or not transport assistance should be provided for the appellant named above outside of usual policy.

8. **11:45 School Transport Appeal - Case Three**

89 - 120

To seek a decision on whether or not transport assistance should be provided for the appellant named above outside of usual policy.

9. 12:30 School Transport Appeal - Case Four

121 - 184

To seek a decision on whether or not transport assistance in the form of a taxi should be provided for the appellant named above outside of usual policy.

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.

BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL
APPEALS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 06 August 2024 at 10.00 am

Present:-

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

Present: Cllr O Brown and Cllr C Rigby

Also in
attendance:

14. Apologies

There were no apologies received.

15. Substitute Members

There were no substitute members.

16. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

17. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Appeals Committee held on 26 June 2024 were approved as a correct record.

18. Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED - 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.

19. School Transport Appeal - Case One

This item was restricted by virtue of paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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

Present:

Rebekah Rhodes – Clerk

Angie Hill – Admissions and Transport

The appellant was also present

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 'A' to these minutes in the Minute Book.

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. 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.

The assistance was granted in the form of a bus pass through the More Bus app for 1 academic year.

The meeting ended at 11.00 am

CHAIRMAN

By virtue of paragraph(s) 1, 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
of the Local Government Act 1972.

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BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL
APPEALS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 August 2024 at 10.00 am

Present:-

Cllr K Rampton – Chairman

Cllr M Dower – Vice-Chairman

Present: Cllr P Miles and Cllr M Le Poidevin

The meeting commenced with a moment of silent contemplation in memory of Cllr Castle, who had recently passed away.

20. Apologies

There were no apologies received.

21. Substitute Members

There were no substitute members.

22. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations.

23. 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.’

24. School Transport Appeal - Case One

This item was restricted by virtue of paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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

Present:

Sinead O’Callaghan – Clerk

Carly Williams – Admissions and Transport

The appellant was also present online

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 'A' to these minutes in the Minute Book.

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. 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. The assistance was granted in the form of a bus pass for the next academic year, 2024/25.

The meeting ended at 10.40 am

CHAIRMAN

BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL
APPEALS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 03 September 2024 at 10.00 am

Present:-

Cllr K Rampton – Chairman

Cllr M Dower – Vice-Chairman

Present: Cllr M Phipps and Cllr C Rigby

25. Apologies

There were no apologies received.

26. Substitute Members

There were no substitute members.

27. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

28. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Appeals Committee held on 10 July 2024 were approved as a correct record.

29. 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.’

30. Post 16 Transport Appeal - Case 1

This item was restricted by virtue of paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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

Present:

Sinead O’Callaghan – Clerk

Nicky Hooley – Democratic Services

Angie Hill – Admissions and Transport
The appellant was not present

The Committee considered an appeal against the refusal to waive the parental contribution required for Post 16 transport assistance, 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.

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 Post 16 transport policy had been applied correctly and did not find that there were exceptional circumstances to depart from the Post 16 transport policy on this occasion.

The meeting ended at 10.55 am

CHAIR

BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL
APPEALS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 September 2024 at 10.00 am

Present:-

Cllr K Rampton – Chairman

Present: Cllr M Le Poidevin and Cllr P Miles

1. Apologies

There were no apologies received.

2. Substitute Members

There were no substitute members.

3. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations.

4. 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.’

5. 10:00 School Transport Appeal - Case One - WITHDRAWN

This item was restricted by virtue of paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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

Present:

Rebekah Rhodes – Clerk

The Appellant was not present

The Committee considered an appeal against the refusal to provide home to school transport assistance in the form of a taxi, 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.

The Chair sought confirmation from the Committee that they were happy for Case One to be withdrawn due to the parent no longer wanting the appeal to be heard. Written confirmation was provided to Democratic Services from the parent confirming she wished her appeal to be withdrawn.

RESOLVED that the appeal was withdrawn in line with the parents request.

6. 10:45 School Transport Appeal - Case Two

This item was restricted by virtue of paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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

Present:

Rebekah Rhodes – Clerk

Carly Williams – Admissions and Transport

The appellant was also present

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.

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 but did not find that there were exceptional circumstances to depart from the home to school transport policy on this occasion.

7. 13:00 School Transport Appeal - Case Three - DEFERRED

This item was restricted by virtue of paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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

Present:

Rebekah Rhodes – Clerk

The appellant was not present.

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 'C' to these minutes in the Minute Book.

The Chair requested that the Committee to confirm that consideration of the appeal in respect of the child named in the report be deferred until the Committee meeting on 1 October due to exceptional circumstances.

RESOLVED that, the appeal is deferred until 1st October due to exceptional circumstances.

The meeting ended at 11.15 am

CHAIRMAN

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