

Notice of Appeals Committee



Date: Tuesday, 13 May 2025 at 10.00 am

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

Membership:

Chairman:

To be elected

Vice Chairman:

To be elected

Membership of the Appeals Committee to be appointed at the full Council meeting on 6 May 2025.

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

Please note that meetings of the Appeals Committee are not livestreamed or recorded for publication on the Council's website as the substantive items of business considered are held in exempt session.

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If you would like any further information on the items to be considered at the meeting please contact: Sinead O'Callaghan on 01202 096660 or email sinead.ocallaghan@bcpCouncil.gov.uk

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

2 May 2025

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Declaring interests at meetings

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.

For more information or advice please contact the Monitoring Officer
(janie.berry@bcpcouncil.gov.uk)

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. Election of Chair

To elect a Chair of the Appeals Committee, until the first meeting of the 2026/27 municipal year.

2. Election of Vice-Chair

To elect a Vice-Chair of the Appeals Committee, until the first meeting of the 2026/27 municipal year.

3. Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence from Members.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 11 February 2025 and 22 April 2025.

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No other items of business can be considered unless the Chair 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 11 February 2025 at 10.00 am

Present:-

Cllr K Rampton – Chair

Present: Cllr O Brown, Cllr M Le Poidevin and Cllr C Rigby

1. Apologies

There were no apologies received.

2. Substitute Members

There were no substitute members.

3. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Appeals Committee held on 1 October 2024 were approved as a correct record.

5. 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 with holding the information outweighs such interest in disclosing the information.

6. School Transport Appeal

7. 10.00 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

Caroline Stanley – Admissions and Transport (observed)

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 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.

8. 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:

Sinead O'Callaghan – Clerk

Carly Williams – Admissions and Transport

Caroline Stanley – Admissions and Transport (observed)

The appellant was also present

The Committee considered an appeal against the refusal to provide home to school transport assistance in the form of fuel, wear and tear payments, 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.

9. 11.45 School Transport Appeal - Case Three

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

Caroline Stanley – Admissions and Transport (observed)

The appellant was also present virtually

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.

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 until the end of the academic year 2024/25 or until the family had moved to a new permanent address, whichever occurred first.

The meeting ended at 12.11 pm

CHAIR

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BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL
APPEALS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 April 2025 at 10.00 am

Present:-

Cllr K Rampton – Chairman

Present: Cllr P Miles and Cllr C Rigby

10. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Michelle Dower.

11. Substitute Members

There were no substitute members.

12. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

13. 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.’

14. 10:00 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:

Name – Rebekah Rhodes

Name – Angie Hill and Caroline Stanley.

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 at the meeting. The appellant chose not to attend the appeal.

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.

15. 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:

Name – Rebekah Rhodes

Name – Angie Hill and Caroline Stanley

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 taxi, 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 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 taxi one-way to school until the end of the academic year.

The meeting ended at 12.00 pm

CHAIRMAN

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