

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