

BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL
APPEALS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 September 2023 at 10.00 am

Present:-

Cllr K Rampton – Chairman

Cllr M Dower – Vice-Chairman

Present: Cllr P Miles and Cllr O Brown

27. Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Cllr Phipps.

28. Substitute Members

Cllr Brown substituted for Cllr Phipps.

29. Declarations of Interests

No declarations of interest were received.

30. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 6 June and 13 July 2023 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

31. 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.

32. Stage Two Transport 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).

Present:

Michelle Cutler – Clerk, Democratic Services
Angie Hill – Education Officer
Carly Williams – Admissions Services Team Leader (observing)
Rebekah Rhodes – Democratic Services (observing for training purposes)
Sinead O’Callaghan – Democratic Services (observing for training purposes)

The Committee considered appeals for two siblings against the refusal to provide home to school transport assistance in the form of bus passes 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 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 having taken careful note of all the evidence presented by all parties, the appeals, in respect of the appellants named in the report, be granted to take the appellants from home to school in the morning and from school to home at the end of the school day, in the form of bus passes.

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 meeting ended at 10.55 am

CHAIRMAN