BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL

APPEALS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 29 February 2024 at 10.00 am

Present:-

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

Present: Cllr M Le Poidevin and Cllr M Phipps

1. <u>Apologies</u>

There were no apologies for absence.

2. <u>Substitute Members</u>

There were no substitute members.

3. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

4. <u>Confirmation of Minutes</u>

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 January 2024 were agreed as an accurate record for the Chair to sign.

5. Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED that the Press and Public be excluded for the remaining items of business on 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.

6. <u>School Transport Appeal - Case One</u>

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, Democratic Services Michelle Cutler – Democratic Services Support Carly Williams – Admissions and Transport A representative of the appellant was present virtually 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.

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 consideration of the appeal in respect of the child named in the report be deferred until the Committee meeting on (time of appeal to be confirmed) for the reasons set out in the Committee's letter to the appellant dated 6 March 2024.

7. <u>School Transport Appeal - Case Two</u>

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, Democratic Services Michelle Cutler – Democratic Services Support Carly Williams – Admissions and Transport 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 '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 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.

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The meeting ended at 11.30 am

<u>CHAIR</u>