

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