

BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL
APPEALS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 August 2025 at 10.00 am

Present:-

Cllr K Rampton – Chair

Present: Cllr S Carr-Brown, Cllr M Le Poidevin and Cllr P Miles

14. Election of Vice Chair

RESOLVED that Councillor Marion LePoidevin be elected Vice-Chair for the Municipal year 2025/26.

15. Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Bobbie Dove and Cllr Margrett Phipps.

Attendance Note:

Cllr Sharon Carr-Brown sat as a committee member for the first case and departed the meeting at 11.30am.

Cllr Peter Miles joined the meeting at 11.35am and participated as a committee member from that point onward.

16. Substitute Members

There were no substitute members.

17. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

18. Exclusion of the Press and Public

In relation to the items of business appearing below, the Committee was 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.’

19. 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

Caroline Stanley – Admissions and Transport Services, presenting officer

Natalie Lineham - Admissions and Transport Services, observed for training purposes

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 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 2025/26 or until the family has moved to a new permanent address, whichever occurs first.

20. 10:45 School Transport Appeal - Case Two

To seek a decision on whether to waive the Post 16 contribution payable for 16-18 year olds.

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

Caroline Stanley – Admissions and Transport Services, presenting officer

Natalie Lineham - Admissions and Transport Services, observing for training purposes

The appellant was also present

The Committee considered an appeal to seek a decision on whether to waive the Post 16 contribution payable for 16-18 year olds, 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 request to waive the Post-16 contribution payable for the appellant named in the report be refused. The Committee found that the home to school transport policy had been applied correctly and did not find that there were exceptional circumstances to depart from the policy on this occasion.

The meeting ended at 12.30 pm

CHAIR

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