

**BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL**  
**APPEALS COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 February 2026 at 10.15 am

Present:-

Cllr K Rampton – Chairman

Present: Cllr O Brown and Cllr P Miles

1. Apologies

There were apologies received from Cllr B Dove and Cllr M Phipps.

2. Substitute Members

Cllr P Miles substituted for Cllr M Phipps.

3. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations made.

4. Exclusion of the Press and Public

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.

5. 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

Natalie Linehan – Admissions and Transport

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 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.

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 did find that there were exceptional circumstances to depart from the home to school transport policy on this occasion.

The meeting ended at 11.15 am

CHAIRMAN