

## **APPEALS PANEL (CHILDREN'S SERVICES TRANSPORT)**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2012 at 10.30 am  
in Committee Room 4 at The Council House, Priory Road, Dudley

### **PRESENT:-**

Councillor S Turner (Chair)  
Councillors Casey and Miller

### **Officers**

Tony Wells, Senior Transport Manager, Dave Corbett, Senior Transport Officer (Both Directorate of Children's Services) and Helen Shepherd, Assistant Democratic Services Officer (Directorate of Corporate Resources)

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#### **1      APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence from the meeting was submitted on behalf of Councillor Cotterill.

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#### **2      APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBER**

It was noted that Councillor Casey had been appointed to be substitute member for Councillor Cotterill for this meeting of the Appeals Panel only.

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#### **3      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No member made a Declaration of Interest in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct.

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#### **4      MINUTES**

RESOLVED

That, the minutes of the meeting of the Appeals Panel (Children's Services Transport) held on 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2012, be approved as a correct record and signed.

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#### **5      DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Appeals Panel (Children's Services Transport) would be held on 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2013.

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6      EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED

That 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 Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as indicated below:-

<u>Description of Items</u>	<u>Relevant Paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A</u>
Home to School Transport Appeals	1

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7      HOME TO SCHOOL/COLLEGE TRANSPORT APPEALS – CW

The Appeals Panel considered an appeal relating to Home to School/College Transport.

The Applicants were in attendance at the meeting.

Following introductions by the Chair, the Assistant Democratic Services Officer outlined the procedure to be followed.

The Senior Transport Manager, Directorate of Children's Services, presented the report on behalf of the Local Authority.

Following the presentation, the Applicants and the Panel were given opportunity to ask questions of the Local Authority report.

The Applicants then presented their case.

Following the presentation by the applicants, the Senior Transport Manager, the Senior Transport Officer and the Panel asked questions.

Following final submissions, the parties withdrew from the meeting so that the Appeals Panel could continue its deliberations in respect of the Home to School Transport appeal.

RESOLVED

- (1) That, following careful consideration of the written representations as circulated with the agenda papers and all comments and submissions made at the meeting, the appeal be upheld insofar that some form of transport assistance be provided to CW for the remainder of the 2012/13 Academic Year.

- (2) That the Senior Transport Manager, Directorate of Children's Services, explores the option of collaborative working with South Staffordshire Council to include CW in their current transport arrangements to the School he currently attends.
  - (3) That the Senior Transport Manager, Directorate of Children's Services, investigate the cost of providing transport for CW from his grandparents address to the School he currently attends and return.
  - (4) That if no alternative arrangements are considered to be feasible, that a taxi be provided to transport CW to and from School for the remainder of 2012/13 Academic year.
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The meeting ended at 11.10 am.

CHAIR