

APPEALS COMMITTEE (CHILDREN'S SERVICES TRANSPORT APPEALS)
SUB-COMMITTEE

Thursday 10th October, 2013 at 10.00 am
in Committee Room 1 at The Council House, Priory Road, Dudley

PRESENT

Councillor J Martin (Chair)
Councillor Hale (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Mrs Turner

Officers

Tony Wells, Senior Transport Manager, (Directorate of Children's Services) and
Mrs K Buckle, Democratic Services Officer, (Directorate of Corporate
Resources).

6. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No member declared an interest in accordance with the Members' Code of
Conduct, in respect of any matter to be considered at this meeting.

7. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 24th July,
2013, be approved as a correct record and signed.

8. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED

That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of
business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt
information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government
Act, 1972, as indicated below:-

<u>Description of Item</u>	<u>Relevant Paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12A</u>
Home to School/College Transport Appeal	1

9. **HOME TO SCHOOL/COLLEGE TRANSPORT APPEAL - JP**

The Sub-Committee considered an appeal relating to Home to School/College Transport.

The Applicant, Mr IP, was in attendance at the meeting.

Following introductions by the Chair, the 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 Applicant and the Panel were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Local Authority report.

The Applicant then presented his case as to why it was imperative that his child was provided with home to school transport.

Following the presentation by the Applicant, the Panel asked questions on the evidence provided.

Following a detailed discussion and questioning, both parties were asked to make final submissions and then withdrew from the meeting so that the Sub-Committee 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 the comments and submissions made at the meeting, the appeal be upheld and that transport for JP be provided to the Old Park School forthwith.
- (2) That the Director of Corporate Resources advise the applicant of the Panel's decision in writing.
- (3) That the Director of Children's Services be requested to:
 - (a) Expediate the Home to School/College Transport Appeal process in order that the Sub-Committee can determine appeals as soon as practicably possible.
 - (b) Ensure that prior to parents accepting a school place they are advised that although parental preferences for schools will be taken into account they may not automatically be provided with Home to School/College Transport by the Local Authority.

The meeting ended at 10.45am

CHAIR