

Minutes of the Appeals Committee (Children's Services Transport Appeals)
Sub-Committee

Wednesday 21st January, 2015 at 10.00 a.m
in Committee Room 3 at the Council House, Dudley

Present:

Councillor J Martin (Chair)
Councillor A Aston (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Mrs Turner

Officers:

T Wells, Senior Transport Manager – (Directorate of People Services) and K Buckle, (Democratic Services Officer) – (Directorate of Resources and Transformation).

1. **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.

2. **Minutes**

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 10th October, 2013, be approved as a correct record and signed.

3. **Exclusion of the Public**

Resolved

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to any individual(s) as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended.

4. **Home To School/College Transport Appeal - ZN**

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

The Applicant, Mrs AB together with her representative NS, 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 People 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's representative NS then presented the case as to why it was imperative that ZN was provided with home to school transport and provided additional verbal evidence in relation to the further diagnosis of muscular dystrophy.

Following the presentation by the Applicant's representative NS, 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 ZN be provided to the Brier school upon receipt of written confirmation of the diagnosis of muscular dystrophy from the Paediatric Consultant of ZN.
- (2) That the Strategic Director of Resources and Transformation advise the applicant of the decision of the Sub-Committee in writing.

The meeting ended at 10.50am

CHAIR