

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

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2011 at 10.30 am  
At the Council House, Priory Road, Dudley

### **PRESENT:-**

Councillor Mrs Dunn (Chairman)  
Councillor Miller (Vice-Chairman)  
Councillor Crumpton

### **Officers**

Mr T Wells (Senior Transport Manager, Directorate of Children's Services)  
and Mr S Griffiths (Democratic Services Manager, Directorate of Corporate Resources)

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#### 1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

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#### 2. **MINUTES**

##### **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Appeals Panel held on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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#### 3. **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Appeals Panel noted the programmed meetings as follows:-

- 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2011 – 10.00am in Committee Room 4, the Council House, Dudley
- 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2012 – 10.00am in Committee Room 4, the Council House, Dudley

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#### 4. **RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE 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:-

Description of Items

Relevant Paragraph of Part 1 of  
Schedule 12A

Home to School Transport  
Appeals

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5. HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEAL – ZAR

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

The applicant was in attendance at the meeting, together with a family member and a friend who presented the case on her behalf.

Prior to the commencement of the appeal, Members indicated that they knew the applicant's friend in a professional capacity. All parties noted this and raised no objection to the appeal proceeding.

Following introductions, the Chairman and the Democratic Services Manager outlined the procedure to be followed.

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

Following questions to the Senior Transport Manager, the applicant's friend then presented the applicant's case to the Appeals Panel.

Following the presentation, Members of the Appeals Panel asked questions.

Following final submissions, the parties left the meeting, at which point the Appeals Panel continued 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 for ZAR be refused for the reasons set out in the report of the Director of Children's Services.
- (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 contact the applicant further concerning her consideration of the "Travel Buddy" scheme and to discuss possible options to assist ZAR in the future.

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6. HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEAL – EE

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

The applicant was in attendance at the meeting.

Following introductions, the Chairman and the Democratic Services Manager outlined the procedure to be followed.

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

The Appeals Panel and applicant then asked questions on the Directorate of Children's Services case.

The applicant then presented her case.

Following the applicant's presentation, Members of the Appeals Panel asked questions.

Following final submissions, the parties left the meeting at which point the Appeals Panel continued 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 insofar that a bus pass be provided for EE until the end of the current summer school term ending in July, 2011.
- (2) That the Director of Children's Services review the situation prior to the commencement of the September, 2011 school term and that the applicant be contacted with regard to the transport arrangements and any assistance that can be provided in the circumstances.
- (3) That the Director of Corporate Resources advise the applicant of the Panel's decision in writing.

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7. HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEAL – JH

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

The applicant was in attendance at the meeting accompanied by a friend.

Following introductions, the Chairman and the Democratic Services Manager outlined the procedure to be followed.

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

The Appeals Panel and applicant then asked questions on the Directorate of Children's Services case.

The applicant then presented her case.

Following the applicant's presentation, Members of the Appeals Panel asked questions.

Following final submissions, the parties left the meeting at which point the Appeals Panel continued 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 a place on a minibus be provided to transport JH to School.
- (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 contact the applicant with regard to the transport arrangements in this case.

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The meeting ended at 11.50 am.

CHAIRMAN