

APPEALS PANEL (CHILDREN'S SERVICES TRANSPORT)

Wednesday 5th October, 2011 at 10.00 am
In Committee Room 3 at the Council House, Priory Road, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Councillor Mrs Dunn (Chairman)
Councillor Miller (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Ms Harris

Officers

Mr T Wells (Senior Transport Manager, Directorate of Children's Services)
and Miss H Shepherd (Assistant Democratic Services Officer, Directorate of Corporate Resources)

8. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

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

9. APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBER

It was reported that Councillor Ms Harris had been appointed as a substitute member for Councillor Crumpton for this meeting only.

10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

11. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Appeals Panel held on 8th June, 2011, be approved as a correct record and signed.

12. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Appeals Panel agreed and noted the programmed meetings as follows:-

- 2nd November, 2011 – 10.00 am in Committee Room 4, the Council House, Dudley
- 5th December, 2011 – 10.00 am in Committee Room 4, the Council House, Dudley
- 13th January, 2012 – 10.00 am in Committee Room 4, the Council House, Dudley
- 21st February, 2012 – 10.00 am in Committee Room 4, the Council House, Dudley
- 9th March, 2012 – 10.00 am in Committee Room 4, the Council House, Dudley
- 2nd April, 2012 – 10.00 am in Committee Room 4, the Council House, Dudley
- 4th May, 2012 – 10.00 am in Committee Room 4, the Council House, Dudley

13. 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:-

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

14. HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEAL – OC

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

The applicant was in attendance at the meeting.

Following introductions, the Chairman 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 then presented their case to the Appeals Panel.

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

Following a discussion it was

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Appeal submitted on behalf of OC be deferred to a future meeting of the Appeals Panel (Children's Services Transport).
- (2) That the Director of Corporate Resources contact the applicant with a future date of the Appeals Panel (Children's Services Transport) at which the appeal will be determined.
- (3) That OC continue to be provided with transport until the Appeal is determined.

15. HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEAL – JB

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

The applicants were in attendance at the meeting, together with Councillor Crumpton who assisted in the presentation of their case.

Following introductions, the Chairman 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 applicants then presented their 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 JB to School for the remainder of the 2011/12 Academic year.

- (2) That the Director of Corporate Resources advise the applicants of the Panel's decision in writing.

The meeting ended at 11.15 am.

CHAIRMAN