

APPEALS PANEL (CHILDREN'S SERVICES TRANSPORT)

Friday 13th January, 2012 at 2.00 pm
in Committee Room 4 at The Council House, Priory Road, Dudley

PRESENT:-

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

Officers

Dave Corbett, Acting Transport Manager (Directorate of Children's Services);
Steve Griffiths, Democratic Services Manager and Helen Shepherd, Assistant
Democratic Services Officer (Directorate of Corporate Resources)

21 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

22 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED

That, the minutes of the meeting of the Appeals Panel held on 2nd November, 2011, be approved as a correct record and signed.

23 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Appeals Panel (Children's Services Transport) would be held on Tuesday 21st February, 2012.

24 **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:-

Description of Items

Relevant Paragraph of Part 1 of
Schedule 12A

Home to School Transport
Appeals

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25 HOME TO SCHOOL/COLLEGE 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 Acting Transport Manager, Directorate of Children's Services, presented the report on behalf of the Council. Following the presentation, the provision of independent travel training to OC was discussed.

Following a discussion it was

RESOLVED

- (1) That the appeal submitted on behalf of OC be withdrawn.
- (2) That the Panel note that OC will undertake Independent Travel Training and that charges for transport will be waived by the Local Authority whilst this training is undertaken.
- (3) That the Director of Corporate Resources confirm the decision in writing.

26 HOME TO SCHOOL/COLLEGE TRANSPORT APPEAL - AM

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

The Applicant, together with an interpreter, was in attendance at the meeting.

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

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

Following the presentation, the Applicant confirmed that she fully understood the reasons for refusal, however she outlined the reasons why her child was attending and wanted to remain at his current School.

Members of the Appeals Panel then asked questions on the applicant's case.

Following discussions, the parties left the meeting at which point the Appeals Panel continued its deliberations in respect of the Home to School/College 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 AM be refused for the reasons set out in the report of the Acting Director of Children's Services.
- (2) That the Director of Corporate Resources advise the applicant of the Panel's decision in writing.

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COMMENTS OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman referred to the absence of Tony Wells, Senior Transport Manager, all present sent best wishes and wished him a speedy recovery.

The meeting ended at 2.40 pm

CHAIRMAN