

APPEALS PANEL (CHILDREN'S SERVICES TRANSPORT)

Thursday 11th March 2010, at 10.30 am
At Saltwells Education Development Centre,
Bowling Green Road, Netherton, Dudley

PRESENT

Councillors Mrs Dunn, Hanif and Vickers

OFFICERS

Mr T Wells (Senior Transport Manager) (Directorate of Children's Services), Mr S Griffiths and Miss H Shepherd (Directorate of Law, Property and Human Resources)

1 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED

That Councillor Vickers be elected Chairman of the Appeals Panel for the remainder of the 2009/10 Municipal Year.

(Councillor Vickers thereupon took the Chair)

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

3 **APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBER**

It was reported that Councillor Hanif had been appointed as substitute member for Councillor Crumpton for this meeting of the Panel only.

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Member made a declaration of interest in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

5 **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 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as indicated below.

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

6 HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEAL – (MA)

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.

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

The applicant then presented their case to the Appeals Panel.

Following the applicant’s presentation, questions were asked by the members of the Appeals Panel.

The Senior Transport Manager summed up the case for the Council and the applicant summed up their own case.

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 submissions as circulated with the agenda papers and all the comments made at the meeting, the appeal be refused for the reasons set out in the report of the Directorate of Children’s Services;
- (2) That the Director of Corporate Resources advise the applicant of the Panel’s decision in writing.

The meeting ended at 11.20 am

CHAIRMAN

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