

APPEALS PANEL (CHILDREN'S SERVICES TRANSPORT)

Wednesday 1st May, 2013 at 10.00 am
in Committee Room 4 at The Council House, Priory Road, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Councillor S Turner (Chair)
Councillors Cotterill and Miller

Officers

Tony Wells, Senior Transport Manager (Directorate of Children's Services)
and Helen Shepherd, Assistant Democratic Services Officer (Directorate of
Corporate Resources)

8 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

9 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED

That, the minutes of the meeting of the Appeals Panel (Children's
Services Transport) held on 5th December, 2012, be approved as a
correct record and signed.

10 **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 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A</u>
Home to School Transport Appeals	1

HOME TO SCHOOL/COLLEGE TRANSPORT APPEAL – MS

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

The Applicant, together with a supporter, was in attendance at the meeting.

Following introductions by the Chair, the Assistant Democratic Services Officer outlined the procedure to be followed.

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

Following the presentation, the Applicants and the Panel were given opportunity to ask questions of the Local Authority report.

Both the Applicant and her supporter made representations in relation to the case.

Following the presentation by the Applicant and her supporter, the Senior Transport Manager and the Panel asked questions.

Following a detailed discussion and questioning, both parties were asked to make final submissions and then withdrew from the meeting so that the Appeals Panel 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 comments and submissions made at the meeting, the appeal be upheld and that transport for MS be provided to the Sutton School from September 2013.
- (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 be requested to email Members with regards to the appeals procedure and process for Children with SEN reports and provide reassurance that all of a child's needs are taken into consideration when writing the SEN report.

The meeting ended at 11.20 am.

CHAIR