

**Minutes of the Appeals Committee
Wednesday, 5th October 2022 at 10.00 am
In Committee Room 4 at the Council House, Dudley**

Present:

Councillor T Westwood (Chair)
Councillor A Goddard and S Henley

Officers:

D Corbett – Senior Transport Officer (Directorate of Children’s Services) and
L Jury – Democratic Services Officer (Directorate of Finance and Legal).

33 An apology for Absence

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor S Greenaway.

34 Declarations of Interest

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

35 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to any individual(s) as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended.



36 **Home to School and Post 16 Home to School/College Transport Appeal – NW**

A report of the Director of Children’s Services was submitted on an appeal relating to Home to School Transport.

Resolved

- (1) That, following careful consideration of the information outlined in the report submitted, the Committee determined that the appeal for NW be refused for the reasons set out in the report submitted.
- (2) That the parties be informed of the decision of the Committee in writing within five working days.

37 **Home to School and Post 16 Home to School/College Transport Appeal – MB**

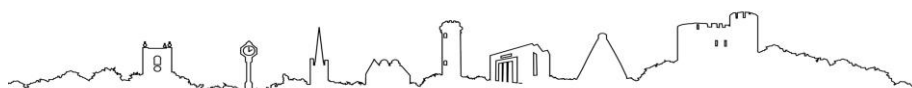
A report of the Director of Children’s Services was submitted on an appeal relating to home to school transport.

Resolved

- (1) That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, the appeal for MB be upheld, and home to school transport be provided for MB up until the end of the 2023/2024 academic year and reviewed thereafter.
- (2) That the parties be informed of the decision of the Committee in writing within five working days.

38 **Home to School and Post 16 Home to School/College Transport Appeal – LS**

A report of the Director of Children’s Services was submitted on an appeal relating to Home to School Transport.



Resolved

- (1) That, following careful consideration of the information and representations made by all parties, the Committee determined that the appeal for LS be refused for the reasons set out in the report submitted.
- (2) That LS be recommended to be assessed for Independent Travel Training.
- (3) That the parties be informed of the decision of the Committee in writing within five working days.

39 **Home to School and Post 16 Home to School/College Transport Appeal – MB**

A report of the Director of Children's Services was submitted on an appeal relating to Home to School Transport.

Resolved

- (1) That, following careful consideration of the information and representations made by all parties, the Committee determined that the appeal for MB be upheld and home to school transport be provided to MB up until the end of the 2022/2023 academic year and reviewed thereafter. The Committee also advised that medical evidence be submitted, in respect of MB's needs, as discussed at the hearing, when reapplying for transport provision next year, if required.
- (2) That the parties be informed of the decision of the Committee in writing within five working days.

40 **Home to School and Post 16 Home to School/College Transport Appeal – ZJD**

A report of the Director of Children's Services was submitted on an appeal relating to Home to School Transport.

Resolved

- (1) That, following careful consideration of the information and representations made by all parties, the Committee determined that the appeal for ZJD be upheld and home to school transport be provided for the remainder of the 2022/2023 academic year and reviewed thereafter. The Committee advised that further medical evidence be submitted, specific to ZJD's difficulties travelling to school alone, as discussed at the hearing, should a further application for transport provision be submitted in the future.
- (2) That ZJD be recommended to be assessed for Independent Travel Training.
- (3) That the parties be informed of the decision of the Committee in writing within five working days.

41 **Home to School and Post 16 Home to School/College Transport Appeal – LS**

A report of the Director of Children's Services was submitted on an appeal relating to Home to School Transport.

Resolved

- (1) That, following careful consideration of the written information submitted and additional information supplied, the Committee determined that they were of the view that they were unable to make a decision based on the written evidence supplied and therefore, deferred the appeal.
- (2) That the parties be informed of the decision of the Committee in writing within five working days.

42 **Home to School and Post 16 Home to School/College Transport Appeal – LH**

It was noted that the application had been withdrawn prior to the meeting.

The meeting ended at 2.25pm.

CHAIR

