

APPEALS PANEL (CHILDREN'S SERVICES TRANSPORT)

Wednesday 1st December at 9.30 am
At Saltwells Education Development Centre,
Bowling Green Road, Netherton, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Councillor Vickers (Chairman)
Councillors Crumpton and Mrs Dunn

Officers

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

Also in attendance

Mrs J Ashton (Transport Officer, Directorate of Children's Services)

10. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No member declared a Personal or Prejudicial interest in accordance with the
Members' Code of Conduct.

11. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Appeals Panel held on 14th
October 2010, be approved as a correct record and signed.

12. **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:-

Description of item

Relevant Paragraph of Part 1 of
Schedule 12A

Home to School Transport
Appeals

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13. HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS – LA AND JA

The Appeals Panel considered appeals relating to Home to School Transport.

The applicant was not in attendance at the meeting.

The Senior Transport Manager, Directorate of Children’s Services, presented the report on behalf of the Council.

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

The Senior Transport Manager then left the meeting, at which point the Appeals Panel continued its deliberations in respect of the Home to School Transport appeals.

RESOLVED

- (1) That, following careful consideration of the written submissions as circulated with the agenda papers, the appeals be upheld and that the Directorate of Children’s Services make the appropriate arrangements for transport in consultation with the appellant.
- (2) That in the case of JA, the transport be only provided for the remainder of his attendance at the existing primary school, and in the case of LA, transport be provided for the remainder of her attendance through Year 11.
- (3) That the Director of Corporate Resources advise the applicant of the Panel’s decision in writing.

14. HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEAL – AP

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

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

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 applicant, assisted by her interpreter then presented her to the Appeals Panel.

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

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

15. HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEAL – JN

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

The applicant was in attendance at the meeting, together with his wife.

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.

Members of the Appeals Panel then asked the applicant questions concerning his case.

Following discussions, 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 the comments made at the meeting, the appeal be upheld and that the Directorate of Children's Services make the appropriate arrangements for transport in consultation with the appellant.
- (2) That the Director of Corporate Resources advises the applicant of the Panel's decision in writing.

The meeting ended at 11.50 am.

CHAIRMAN