

**APPEALS COMMITTEE (CHILDREN'S SERVICES TRANSPORT
APPEALS) SUB-COMMITTEE**

Wednesday 24th July, 2013 at 10.00 am
in Committee Room 4 at The Council House, Priory Road, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Councillor J Martin (Chair)
Councillors A Aston and Evans

Officers

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

1 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received on behalf of Councillors Hale and Mrs H Turner.

2 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

It was noted that Councillors A Aston and Evans had been appointed as substitute members for Councillors Hale and Mrs H Turner, respectively, for this meeting of the Sub-Committee only.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

4 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/College Transport Appeals	1

HOME TO SCHOOL/COLLEGE TRANSPORT APPEALS – OH and KH

The Sub-Committee considered an appeal relating to Home to School/College Transport.

The Applicant, Mrs MC, 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 Applicant and the Panel were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Local Authority report.

The Applicant then presented her case as to why it was imperative that her children were provided with home to school transport.

Following the presentation by the Applicant, the Panel asked questions on the evidence provided.

Following a detailed discussion and questioning, both parties were asked to make final submissions and then withdrew from the meeting so that the Sub-Committee 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 the comments and submissions made at the meeting, the appeals for OH and KH be refused for the reasons set out in the report of the Senior Transport Manager, 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 10.30 am.

CHAIR