

Children's and Adult Services Appeals Committee

Minutes of a meeting held at County Hall,
Colliton Park, Dorchester on 29 July 2013

Present:

Robin Cook (Chairman)
Susan Jefferies, Mike Byatt, Lesley Dedman and Daryl Turner

Officers attending:

Kate Goodwin (Solicitor) and Jo-Anna Matthews (Clerk).

Officers attending for certain items as appropriate:

Rob Clark (Passenger Support Transport), Rick Perry (Project Manager – School Organisation).

Apologies for Absence

24. Apologies for absence were received from Ros Kayes.

Code of Conduct

25. There were no declarations by members of any disclosable pecuniary interests under the Code of Conduct.

Minutes

26. The minutes of the meeting held on 3 June 2013 were confirmed and signed.

Exempt Business

Exclusion of the Public

Resolved

27. That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the business specified in minutes 28 to 31 because it was likely that if members of the public were present there would be a disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and the public interest in withholding the information outweighed the public interest in disclosing that information.

School Transport Appeals – Special Circumstances

28. Further to the postponement of two special circumstances appeals held on 3 June 2013, the Committee gave further consideration of the appeals against the Council's refusal to provide pupils with transport support.

Resolved

29.1 That the appeal on behalf of KG and KG against the County Council's refusal to provide transport support between their home in Portland and the Isle of Portland Aldridge Community Academy (Southwell Campus) be refused.

29.2 That the appeal on behalf of OM against the County Council's refusal to provide transport support between his home in Weymouth and Budmouth College be allowed, however this will be reviewed at the end of the next academic year.

School Transport Appeals – Special Circumstances

30. The Committee considered a number of appeals against the County Council's refusal to provide pupils with transport support.

Resolved

31.1 That the appeal on behalf of JH against the County Council's refusal to provide transport support between his home in Overcompton and Trent Young's Endowed Primary School be refused.

31.2 That the appeal on behalf of JH against the County Council's refusal to provide transport support between her home in Preston, Weymouth and The Wey Valley School be allowed for the duration she attends the school.

31.3 That the appeal on behalf of LH against the County Council's refusal to provide transport support between her home in Broadoak, Bridport and Symondsburry Primary School be allowed, however this will be reviewed at the end of the academic year in July 2016.

31.4 That the appeal on behalf of ES against the County Council's refusal to provide transport support between her home in Crossways and Dorchester Middle School be refused. However, a guaranteed concessionary ticket be offered to the parent at the standard ticket price of £450 pounds per year.

31.5 That the appeal on behalf of JS against the County Council's refusal to provide transport between his home in Bockhampton and St Mary's Middle School, Puddletown be deferred pending a safety audit to be carried out on the safest walking route.

Meeting Duration: 10.00am – 3.20pm