

Children's and Adult Services Appeals Committee

Minutes of a meeting held at County Hall,
Colliton Park, Dorchester on 16 September 2013

Present:

Robin Cook (Chairman)
Ros Kayes (Vice-Chairman), Lesley Dedman and Daryl Turner.

Officers attending:

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

Officers attending for certain items as appropriate:

Tracey Hawkins (Passenger Support Transport), Rick Perry (Project Manager – School Organisation).

Apologies for Absence

38. Apologies for absence were received from Mike Byatt.

Code of Conduct

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

Minutes

40. The minutes of the meeting held on 12 August 2013 were confirmed and signed.

Exempt Business

Exclusion of the Public

Resolved

41. 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 42 to 45 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 – Road Safety/Special Circumstances

42. Further to the postponement of a special circumstances appeal held on 12 August 2013, the Committee gave further consideration of an appeal against the Council's refusal to provide a pupil with transport support on Road Safety and special circumstances grounds

Resolved

43.1 That, as the route was considered safe for a child to walk, accompanied if necessary, and on the grounds of special circumstances the appeal on behalf of JS against the County Council's decision not to provide transport support between their home in Bockhampton and St Mary's Middle School, Puddletown be refused.

School Transport Appeals – Special Circumstances

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

Resolved

45.1 That the appeal on behalf of JA against the County Council's refusal to provide transport support between his home in Portland and The Wey Valley School be refused.

45.2 That the appeal on behalf of CB against the County Council's refusal to provide transport support between her home in Bincombe Down, Weymouth and St Mary's School, Puddletown, be refused. However, a guaranteed Concessionary be offered for a year.

45.3 That the appeal on behalf of KG and LG against the County Council's refusal to provide transport support between their home in Weymouth and The Thomas Hardy School be allowed and transport support will be given for the current school term only.

45.4 That the appeal on behalf of EG against the County Council's refusal to provide transport support between her home in Ferndown and St Peter's School, Bournemouth be refused.

45.5 That the appeal on behalf of RM against the County Council's refusal to provide transport between his home in Godmantone and Manor Park First School be allowed for the duration that he attends Manor Park First School.

45.6 That the appeal on behalf of ML against the County Council's refusal to provide transport between her home in Charminster and The Thomas Hardy School be refused.

45.7 That the appeal on behalf of KP and LP against the County Council's refusal to provide transport between their home in Hurn, Christchurch and Malmesbury Park Primary School be refused.

Meeting Duration: 10.00am – 3.25pm