

Children's and Adult Services Appeals Committee

Minutes of a meeting held at County Hall,
Colliton Park, Dorchester on 14 October 2013

Present:

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

Officers attending:

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

Officers attending for certain items as appropriate:

Kendall Jones (Passenger Support Transport), Rick Perry (Project Manager – School Organisation).

Apologies for Absence

25. Apologies for absence were received from Mike Byatt.

Code of Conduct

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

Minutes

27. The minutes of the meeting held on 16 September were confirmed and signed.

Exempt Business

Exclusion of the Public

Resolved

28. 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 29 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

29. Further to a re-appeal of a special circumstances appeal held on 16 September, the Committee gave further consideration of the appeal against the Council's refusal to provide the pupil with transport support on financial grounds.

Resolved

30.1 That the appeal on behalf of CB against the County Council's refusal to provide transport support between their home in Bincombe Down, Weymouth and St Mary's Middle School, Puddletown be refused.

School Transport Appeals – Special Circumstances

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

Resolved

32.1 That the appeal on behalf of HB against the County Council's refusal to provide transport support between her home in Dorchester and The Thomas Hardy School be allowed.

32.2 That the appeal on behalf of JC against the County Council's refusal to provide transport support between his home Owermoigne, Dorchester and St Osmund's Middle School be refused.

32.3 That the appeal on behalf of DI against the County Council's refusal to provide transport support between her home in Godmanstone, Dorchester and Manor Park First School be refused.

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

32.5 That the appeal on behalf of PR and AR against the County Council's refusal to provide transport between their home in Sherborne and Sherborne Abbey Primary School be allowed for the next 2 academic years.

32.6 That the appeal on behalf of NS against the County Council's refusal to provide transport between her home in Wareham and Lytchett Minster School be refused.

Meeting Duration: 10.00am – 2.20pm