

MEMBERS HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS PANEL

17TH SEPTEMBER 2018

PRESENT: Councillor H.A.L. Evans (Chair)

Councillors: G. Davies and D.M. Jenkins

The following Officers were in attendance:

S. Pilliner, Head of Transportation & Highways;
A. Evans, Operations Manager - Passenger Transport;
S. Williams, Senior School Organisation Officer;
A. John, Assistant Solicitor;
J. Owen, Democratic Services Officer.

Committee Room 2, 3 Spilman Street, Carmarthen – 2:00pm - 2:14pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

3. MINUTES

3.1. 18TH JULY 2018 (2:00 P.M.)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th July 2018 (2:00pm) be signed as a correct record.

3.2. 18TH JULY 2018 (2:15 P.M.)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th July 2018 (2:15pm) be signed as a correct record.

3.3 18TH JULY 2018 (2.30 P.M.)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th July 2018 (2:30pm) be signed as a correct record.

3.4 18TH JULY 2018 (2:45 P.M.)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th July 2018 (2:45pm) be signed as a correct record.

3.5 18TH JULY 2018 (3.00 P.M.)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th July 2018 (3:00pm) be signed as a correct record.

3.6 16TH AUGUST 2018 (10.00 A.M.)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th August 2018 (10:00am) be signed as a correct record.

3.7 16TH AUGUST 2018 (10.15 A.M.)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th August 2018 (10:15am) be signed as a correct record.

3.8 16TH AUGUST 2018 (10:30 A.M.)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th August 2018 (10:30am) be signed as a correct record.

3.9 16TH AUGUST 2018 (10.45 A.M.)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th August 2018 (10:45am) be signed as a correct record.

4. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007 that the following item was not for publication as the report contained exempt information as defined in Paragraph 12 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

5. TO CONSIDER AN APPEAL BY APPLICANT C.M. AGAINST A DECISION BY OFFICERS FOR THE NON-PROVISION OF FREE SCHOOL TRANSPORT.

Following the application of the public interest test it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** pursuant to the Act referred to in minute 4 above, not to publicise the content of the report as it contained exempt information relating to a particular individual. The public interest test in this matter related to the fact that the report included personal information relating to the applicant. Disclosure would support transparency and accountability in the decision making process, however, on balance the public interest in maintaining confidentiality outweighed the public interest in disclosure because of the need to protect the identity of the applicant and the family.

The Chair welcomed officers from Legal, Environment and Education & Children Services to the meeting. The Panel considered the written representations of the appellant in respect of the refusal of the Stage 1 Review Panel to grant C.M. free school transport to the nearest LEA designated school which was located within the statutory walking distance and therefore, did not meet the criteria outlined in the Council's policy for the provision of assistance.

The Panel was informed that since the refusal of the Stage 1 Review Panel and the publication of this meeting's agenda, new information had been received in respect of the appeal to grant C.M. free school transport to a school.

RESOLVED that in view of the new information and in accordance with the Authority's Home to School Transport Procedure, the appeal to grant C.M. free school transport to a school be referred back to the Stage 1 Review Panel to consider all of the available information.

CHAIR

DATE