# MEMBERS HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS PANEL

# WEDNESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2023

**PRESENT:** Councillor E.G. Thomas (Chair)

## Councillors:

G. Davies D. Price

#### Also Present:

A. Evans, Operations Manager - Passenger Transport

- S. Williams, Senior School Organisation Officer
- S. Rossiter, Assistant Solicitor
- J. Owens, Democratic Services Officer
- L. Davies, Simultaneous Translator

#### Virtual Meeting - 10.00 - 10.08 am

## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor A. Vaughan-Owen.

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

#### 3. MINUTES

#### 3.1. 19 SEPTEMBER 2023 - 09:00AM

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (9:00a.m.) be signed as a correct record.

#### 3.2. 19 SEPTEMBER 2023 - 09:10AM

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (9:10a.m.) be signed as a correct record.

## 3.3. 19 SEPTEMBER 2023 - 09:20AM

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (9:20a.m.) be signed as a correct record.

Note: These minutes are subject to confirmation at the next meeting.



# 3.4. 19 SEPTEMBER 2023 - 09:30AM

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (9:30a.m.) be signed as a correct record.

# 3.5. 19 SEPTEMBER 2023 - 09:40AM

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (9:40a.m.) be signed as a correct record.

# 3.6. 19 SEPTEMBER 2023 - 09:50AM

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (9:50a.m.) be signed as a correct record.

# 3.7. 19 SEPTEMBER 2023 - 10:00AM

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (10:00a.m.) be signed as a correct record.

# 3.8. 19 SEPTEMBER 2023 - 10:10AM

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (10:10a.m.) be signed as a correct record.

## 3.9. 19 SEPTEMBER 2023 - 3.00PM

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (3:00p.m.) be signed as a correct record.

## 3.10. 19 SEPTEMBER 2023 - 3.10PM

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (3:10p.m.) be signed as a correct record.

## 3.11. 19 SEPTEMBER 2023 - 3.20PM

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (3:20p.m.) be signed as a correct record.

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# 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 E.H. 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 Panel considered the written representations of the appellant in respect of the refusal of the Stage 1 Review Panel to grant E.H. free school transport to a school which was not the nearest or LEA designated school for the home address and therefore, did not meet the criteria outlined in the Council's policy for the provision of assistance. The Panel considered the individual circumstances of the case, together with the observations of the departmental officers.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the appeal submitted by E.H. for free home to school transport be upheld.

CHAIR

DATE

Note: These minutes are subject to confirmation at the next meeting.

