

MONDAY, 14 AUGUST 2023

**TO: MEMBERS HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS
PANEL**

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU TO ATTEND A **VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS PANEL** WHICH WILL BE HELD AT **10.00 AM, ON WEDNESDAY, 23RD AUGUST, 2023** FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA

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**MEMBERS HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT
APPEALS PANEL**

3 OR 4 MEMBERS

CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, WASTE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

1. Councillor **E.G. Thomas**

CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION & WELSH LANGUAGE

1. Councillor **G. Davies**

LOCAL MEMBER(S) FOR THE APPELLANT LEARNER'S WARD

1. Councillor **P. Hughes- Griffiths**
2. Councillor **G. John**
3. Councillor **A Lenny**

NOTE:-

1. THE CHAIR OF THE MEMBERS APPEAL PANEL SHALL BE THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, WASTE AND INFRASTRUCTURE (OR IN HIS OR HER ABSENCE THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION AND WELSH LANGUAGE)
2. NO SUBSTITUTES ARE ALLOWED AT MEETINGS OF THE PANEL

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

3. MINUTES

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4. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

THE REPORT RELATING TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM IS NOT FOR PUBLICATION AS IT CONTAINS EXEMPT INFORMATION AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH 12 OF PART 4 OF SCHEDULE 12A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (VARIATION) (WALES) ORDER 2007.

IF FOLLOWING THE APPLICATION OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST THE PANEL RESOLVES PURSUANT TO THE ACT TO CONSIDER THIS ITEM IN PRIVATE, THE PUBLIC WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING DURING SUCH CONSIDERATION.

5.	TO CONSIDER AN APPEAL BY APPLICANT S.W. AGAINST A DECISION BY OFFICERS FOR THE NON-PROVISION OF FREE SCHOOL TRANSPORT.	21 - 42
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MEMBERS HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS PANEL

WEDNESDAY, 12 JULY 2023

PRESENT: Councillor E.G. Thomas (Chair)

Councillors:

G. Davies

W.T. Evans

M. James

Also Present):

A. Evans, Operations Manager - Passenger Transport;

S. Rossiter, Assistant Solicitor;

S. Williams, Senior School Organisation Officer;

A. Eynon, Principal Translator;

M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer.

Virtual Meeting: 2.30 pm - 2.40 pm

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. 17TH MAY 2023 - 10.00 A.M.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th May 2023 (10.00 a.m.) be signed as a correct record.

3.2. 17TH MAY 2023 - 10.10 A.M.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th May 2023 (10.10 a.m.) be signed as a correct record.

3.3. 17TH MAY 2023 - 10.20 A.M.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th May 2023 (10.20 a.m.) be signed as a correct record.

3.4. 17TH MAY 2023 - 10.30 A.M.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th May 2023 (10.30 a.m.) be signed as a correct record.

3.5. 17TH MAY 2023 - 10.40 A.M.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th May 2023 (10.40 a.m.) be signed as a correct record.

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

3.6. 17TH MAY 2023 - 10.50 A.M.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th May 2023 (10.50 a.m.) be signed as a correct record.

3.7. 17TH MAY 2023 - 11.00 A.M.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th May 2023 (11.00 a.m.) be signed as a correct record.

3.8. 17TH MAY 2023 - 11.10 A.M.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th May 2023 (11.10 a.m.) 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 S.R. 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 S.R. 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 S.R. for free home to school transport be upheld.

CHAIR

DATE

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

MEMBERS HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS PANEL

WEDNESDAY, 12 JULY 2023

PRESENT: Councillor E.G. Thomas (Chair)

Councillors:

G. Davies

S.L. Davies

J.P. Hart

Also Present:

A. Evans, Operations Manager - Passenger Transport

S. Rossiter, Assistant Solicitor

S. Williams, Senior School Organisation Officer

A. Eynon, Principal Translator

M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer

Virtual Meeting: 2.40 pm - 2.45 pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

3. 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.

4. TO CONSIDER AN APPEAL BY APPLICANT J.G. 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 3 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 J.G. free school transport to a school which was within the 3-mile statutory walking distance from the home address and therefore, did not meet the criteria outlined in the Council's policy for the provision of assistance.

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

The Panel considered the individual circumstances of the case, together with the observations of the departmental officers.

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

CHAIR

DATE

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

MEMBERS HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS PANEL

WEDNESDAY, 12 JULY 2023

PRESENT: Councillor E.G. Thomas (Chair)

Councillors:

G. Davies

C.A. Davies

Also Present:

A. Evans, Operations Manager - Passenger Transport

S. Rossiter, Assistant Solicitor

S. Williams, Senior School Organisation Officer

A. Eynon, Principal Translator

M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer

Virtual Meeting: 2.50 pm- 2.55 pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

3. 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.

4. TO CONSIDER AN APPEAL BY APPLICANT O.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 3 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 O.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.

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

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

CHAIR

DATE

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

MEMBERS HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS PANEL

WEDNESDAY, 12 JULY 2023

PRESENT: Councillor E.G. Thomas (Chair)

Councillors:

G. Davies

J. Seward

Also Present:

A. Evans, Operations Manager - Passenger Transport

S. Rossiter, Assistant Solicitor

S. Williams, Senior School Organisation Officer

A. Eynon, Principal Translator

M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer

Virtual Meeting: 3.00 pm - 3.05 pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor G. Jones.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

3. 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.

4. TO CONSIDER AN APPEAL BY APPLICANT H.L.T. 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 3 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 H.L.T. 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.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, in line with the Authority's Home to School Transport Policy, that the appeal be refused on the basis that H.L.T. was not attending the nearest or Local Education Authority designated school for the home address, due to parental preference.

CHAIR

DATE

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

MEMBERS HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS PANEL

WEDNESDAY, 12 JULY 2023

PRESENT: Councillor E.G. Thomas (Chair)

Councillors:

G. Davies

K. Davies

Also Present:

A. Evans, Operations Manager - Passenger Transport

S. Rossiter, Assistant Solicitor

S. Williams, Senior School Organisation Officer

A. Eynon, Principal Translator

M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer

Virtual Meeting: 3.10 pm - 3.20 pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

3. 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.

4. TO CONSIDER AN APPEAL BY APPLICANT J.R. & F.L.R. 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 3 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 J.R. and F.L.R. 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.

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

The Panel considered the individual circumstances of the case, together with the observations of the departmental officers.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, in line with the Authority's Home to School Transport Policy, that the appeal be refused on the basis that J.R. and F.L.R. were not attending the nearest or Local Education Authority designated school for the home address, due to parental preference.

CHAIR

DATE

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

MEMBERS HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS PANEL

WEDNESDAY, 12 JULY 2023

PRESENT: Councillor E.G. Thomas (Chair)

Councillors:

G. Davies

L.D. Evans

Also Present:

A. Evans, Operations Manager - Passenger Transport

S. Rossiter, Assistant Solicitor

S. Williams, Senior School Organisation Officer

A. Eynon, Principal Translator

M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer

Virtual Meeting: 3.20 pm - 3.25 pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

3. 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.

4. TO CONSIDER AN APPEAL BY APPLICANT O.J.J. 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 3 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 O.J.J. 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.

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

The Panel considered the individual circumstances of the case, together with the observations of the departmental officers.

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

CHAIR

DATE

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

MEMBERS HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS PANEL

WEDNESDAY, 12 JULY 2023

PRESENT: Councillor E.G. Thomas (Chair)

Councillors:

G. Davies

Also Present:

A. Evans, Operations Manager - Passenger Transport

S. Rossiter, Assistant Solicitor

S. Williams, Senior School Organisation Officer

A. Eynon, Principal Translator

M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer

Virtual Meeting: 3.30 pm - 3.35 pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor A. Davies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

3. 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.

4. TO CONSIDER AN APPEAL BY APPLICANT S.F. 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 3 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 S.F. 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.

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

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

CHAIR

DATE

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

MEMBERS HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS PANEL

WEDNESDAY, 12 JULY 2023

PRESENT: Councillor E.G. Thomas (Chair)

Councillors:

G. Davies

Also Present:

A. Evans, Operations Manager - Passenger Transport

S. Rossiter, Assistant Solicitor

S. Williams, Senior School Organisation Officer

A. Eynon, Principal Translator

M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer

Virtual Meeting: 3.40 pm - 3.45 pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

3. 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.

4. TO CONSIDER AN APPEAL BY APPLICANT S.C. 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 3 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 S.C. 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.

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

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

CHAIR

DATE

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

Agenda Item 5

By virtue of paragraph(s) 12 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007.

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