

MEMBERS HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS PANEL

TUESDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2024

PRESENT: Councillor E.G. Thomas (Chair)

Councillors:

G. Davies

Also Present:

T. Pilarz, Assistant Solicitor

A. Evans, Operations Manager - Passenger Transport

K. Phillips, LINC Project Manager

E. Anthony, Senior School Admissions Officer

K. Evans, Democratic Services Officer

A. Eynon, Simultaneous Translator

Virtual Meeting 10:00am – 10.06am

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. 12 SEPTEMBER 2024 - 10.30AM

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held at 10:30a.m on the 12 September, 2024 be signed as a correct record.

3.2. 12 SEPTEMBER, 2024 - 10.40AM

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held at 10:40a.m on the 12 September, 2024 be signed as a correct record.

3.3. 12 SEPTEMBER, 2024 - 10.50AM

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held at 10:50a.m on the 12 September, 2024 be signed as a correct record.

3.4. 12 SEPTEMBER, 2024 - 11.00AM

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held at 11:00a.m on the 21st August, 2024 be signed as a correct record.

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

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as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007 that the following item was not for publication as the report contained exempt information as defined in Paragraph 12 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.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 AKRJ AGAINST A DECISION OF THE AUTHORITY 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 AKRJ 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.

RESOLVED that the appeal submitted by AKRJ for free Home to School Transport be upheld.

CHAIR

DATE

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