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The Panel considered the observations of the departmental officers, together with the individual circumstances of the case. Representations submitted by Councillor Meinir James were also noted.

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

**5. TO CONSIDER AN APPEAL BY APPLICANT J.C. 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 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.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 observations of the departmental officers, together with the individual circumstances of the case. The panel also noted the representations submitted by Councillor Meinir James.

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

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**CHAIR**

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**DATE**

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