

Report to:	APPEALS COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Diane Booth, Director of Children's Services
Date of Meeting:	18 January 2021

HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEAL

1.0 Purpose of the report

1.1 To consider an appeal lodged in connection with the provision of assistance for home to school transport.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 The Committee will be asked to determine the appeal.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 Once an application for a review has been received the application and any relevant representation must be considered by the Appeals Committee.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

There are no alternative options as the review must be considered by the Appeals Committee.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priorities are "The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool" and "Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience".

5.0 Background Information

5.1 An appeal has been lodged against the decision made by officers not to provide assistance for home to school transport. Copies of the appeal documents are attached.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

Yes

List of Appendices

Appendices 3(a) to 3(h): Details of Case (Not for Publication).

6.0 Financial considerations:

6.1 Details of the cost of providing transport assistance to the appellant will be provided at the meeting.

7.0 Legal considerations:

7.1 The Head of Corporate Legal will be represented at the meeting to advise the Committee on policy and procedure only and will not have been involved with any of the decisions previously taken.

8.0 Risk management considerations:

8.1 None

9.0 Equalities considerations:

9.1 None

10.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:

10.1 None

11.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

11.1 None

12.0 Background papers:

12.1 Home to School Transport Policy 2018.