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MINUTES OF APPEALS COMMITTEE MEETING - MONDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2022

Present:

Councillor Benson (in the Chair)

Councillors

R Scott

T Williams

Hunter

In Attendance:

Dawn Goodall, Head of Legal Services

Jenni Cook, Democratic Governance Senior Adviser

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 13 DECEMBER 2021

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2021 are approved as a correct record.

3 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Resolved: That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the whole of the items including the decision referred to at Agenda Item 4 on the grounds that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

4 HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEAL

The Committee considered a request to review the decision of the Council to not provide assistance with home to school transport.

Mrs Goodall (Head of Legal, Governance and Partnerships) was in attendance to advise the Committee on procedure and policy only and had taken no part in the original decision. Also in attendance was Mrs Cook, Clerk to the Committee.

The relevant Head of Service presented the case on behalf of the Authority and advised the Committee of the reasons why the child no longer qualified for home to school transport under the Council's Home to School Transport Policy.

A family member presented the case on behalf of the Appellant and provided information on the child's medical needs and behavioural issues and asked that the home to school transport be continued.

The Committee carefully considered all the representations and documentation put forward by both parties.

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The Committee acknowledged the information put forward by both the Appellant in their submission and by the Local Authority and was satisfied that the decision to not provide assistance with home to school transport was reasonable and correct and that the Council's policies and procedures had been followed.

Resolved:

That the appeal is dismissed as the Committee was satisfied that the Council's relevant policies and procedures had been correctly followed and the decision was reasonable and correct.

5 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved: To note the date of the next meeting as 14 October 2022.

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 10.35 am)

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