

Report to:	APPEALS COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Paul Turner, Assistant Director of Children’s Services
Date of Meeting:	20 November 2023

HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEAL

1.0 Purpose of the report

1.1 The Committee is asked to consider and determine a request for a review of a decision of the Council to not provide assistance for home to school transport.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To determine the request for a review.

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.

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

3.3 Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council’s approved budget? Yes

4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:

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

5.0 Council Priority:

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

6.0 Background and key information

6.1 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

7.0 List of Appendices

7.1 Appendices are listed within the details of the case (Not for Publication).

8.0 Financial considerations:

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

9.0 Legal considerations:

9.1 The Head of 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.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None.

11.0 Equalities considerations and the impact of this decision for our children and young people

11.1 This is addressed within the management case and appendices.

12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:

12.1 None.

13.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

13.1 None.