

Meeting of the Appeals Committee

Wednesday 22nd June, 2022 at 10.00am
In Committee Room 2 at the Council House,
Priory Road, Dudley

Agenda - Public Session **(Meeting open to the public and press)**

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To report the appointment of any substitute members serving for this meeting of the Committee.
3. To receive any declarations of interest under the Members' Code of Conduct.
4. [To confirm and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 6th and 27th April, 2022, as correct records.](#)
5. To consider any questions from Members to the Chair where two clear days notice has been given to the Monitoring Officer (Council Procedure Rule 11.8).

Under the provisions of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, the Monitoring Officer has decided that there will be no advance disclosure of the following reports because the public interest in disclosing the information is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption from disclosure.

6. Resolution to exclude the public and press

Chair to move:

“That the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to any individual(s) under Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.”



Agenda – Private Session

(Meeting not open to the public and press)

7. To consider the appeal by AW



Chief Executive

Dated: 7th June, 2022

Distribution:

To Members of the Appeals Committee

Councillor T Westwood (Chair)

Councillor S Henley (Vice-Chair)

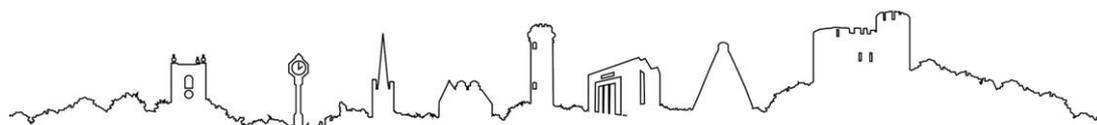
Councillors A Goddard, S Greenaway and S Mughal

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**Minutes of the Appeals Committee
Wednesday, 6th April 2022 at 10.00 am
In Committee Room 3 at the Council House, Dudley**

Present:

Councillor T Westwood (Chair)
Councillor S Mughal (Vice-Chair)
Councillor S Greenaway

Officers:

D Corbett – Senior Transport Officer (Directorate of Children’s Services) and K Buckle, Democratic Services Officer (Directorate of Finance and Legal).

95. **Minutes**

That the minutes of the meetings held on 9th and 16th February and 2nd March 2022 be approved and signed as correct records.

96 **Declarations of Interest**

No Member made a declaration of interest in accordance with the Members’ Code of Conduct.

97 **Exclusion of the Public**

Resolved

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to any individual(s) as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended.

98 **Home to School and Post 16 Home to School/College Transport Appeal – ZS**

A report of the Director of Children’s Services was submitted on an appeal relating

to home to school transport.

Resolved

- (1) That, following careful consideration of representations made by all parties, the Committee determined that the appeal for ZS be refused for the reasons set out in the report submitted.
- (2) That the parties be informed of the decision of the Committee in writing within five working days.

99 **Home to School and Post 16 Home to School/College Transport Appeal – JD**

A report of the Director of Children’s Services was submitted on an appeal relating to home to school transport.

Resolved

- (1) That, following careful consideration of the information outlined in the report submitted and as presented at the meeting, subject to the provision of additional evidence to support JD’s medical conditions, the appeal for JD be upheld, and home to school transport be provided for the 2022/23 academic year.
- (2) That the parties be informed of the decision of the Committee in writing within five working days.

100 **Home to School and Post 16 Home to School/College Transport Appeal – ZM**

A report of the Director of Children’s Services was submitted on an appeal relating to home to school transport.

Resolved

- (1) That following careful consideration of the information outlined in the report submitted and as presented at the meeting the appeal for ZM be upheld and travel support allowance at the rate of £5.94 be provided per day during term time for the 2022/23 academic year or until the successful grant of a bursary from the Old Park School, whichever is the sooner.
- (2) That the parties be informed of the decision of the Committee in writing within five working days.

The meeting ended at 12pm

CHAIR



**Minutes of the Appeals Committee
Wednesday, 27th April 2022 at 10.00 am
In Committee Room 1 at the Council House, Dudley**

Present:

Councillor T Westwood (Chair)
Councillor S Greenaway and S Henley

Officers:

D Corbett – Senior Transport Officer (Directorate of Children’s Services) and K Griffiths – Democratic Services Officer (Directorate of Finance and Legal).

101 **Declarations of Interest**

No Member made a declaration of interest in accordance with the Members’ Code of Conduct.

102 **Exclusion of the Public**

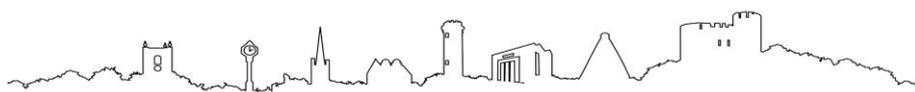
Resolved

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to any individual(s) as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended.

103 **Home to School and Post 16 Home to School/College Transport Appeal – KL**

A report of the Director of Children’s Services was submitted on an appeal relating to home to school transport.

Resolved



- (1) That following careful consideration of the information outlined in the report submitted, and as presented at the meeting, subject to the receipt of additional information, the appeal for KL be upheld and travel support be provided up to the end of the 2022/23 academic year and subject to a review thereafter.
- (2) That the parties be informed of the decision of the Committee in writing within five working days.

The meeting ended at 11.30am

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