



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **Appeals & Awards Committee**

Remotely via Microsoft Teams

Wednesday, 10 November 2021 at 2.00 pm

Present: Councillor D W W Thomas (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)
J E Burtonshaw
H M Morris

Councillor(s)
J P Curtice

Councillor(s)
J W Jones

Officer(s)
Gareth Borsden
James Craven
Craig Davies
Helen Howells
Melisa Perry
Kelly Small
Cath Swain

Democratic Services Officer
School Support Coordinator
Associate Lawyer
LAC Co-ordinator
Trainee Solicitor
Head of Funding and Information Unit
Integrated Transport Unit Manager

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): J A Hale

15 Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City & County of Swansea no interests were declared.

16 Minutes.

Resolved that the minutes of the Appeals and Awards Committee held on 14 October, 2021, be signed and approved as a correct record.

17 City and County of Swansea - Home to School Transport Policy.

The City & County of Swansea – Home to School Transport Policy was noted.

18 Welsh Government - Learner Travel - Statutory Provision and Operational Guidance.

The Welsh Government - Learner Travel - Statutory Provision and Operational Guidance was noted.

19 Exclusion of the Public.

The Committee was requested to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the item(s) of business identified in its recommendation(s) to the report on the grounds that it/they involve(s) the disclosure of exempt information as set out in the exclusion paragraph of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007, relevant to the item(s) of business set out in the report.

The Committee considered the Public Interest Test in deciding whether to exclude the public from the meeting for the items of business where the Public Interest Test was relevant as set out in the report.

Resolved that the public be excluded for the following items on the agenda.

(Closed Session)

20 School Transport Appeal.

The Committee heard an appeal by the parent of the pupil outlined in the report.

The appeal was brought against the Department's decision in relation to eligibility for free transport from the home address to YG Gwyr.

The parent of the pupil then made verbal representations to the Committee in support of her written submissions and outlined the particular circumstances of her appeal relating to the current family situation surrounding the pupil and his sibling.

Officers of the Education and Transportation sections also made verbal representations in support of their written submissions.

The issues around the changing catchment areas of the school applied for were outlined and detailed by the transport officer to the committee.

Members of the committee asked various questions of both the appellant and officers who responded accordingly.

The Committee considered fully all the verbal and written submissions.

Resolved that the appeal on behalf of the pupil outlined in the report be dismissed as the committee felt there were no exceptional circumstances to the case.

The meeting ended at 3.09 pm

Chair