

# **CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA**

## **MINUTES OF THE APPEALS & AWARDS COMMITTEE**

**HELD AT COMMITTEE ROOM 6, GUILDHALL, SWANSEA ON  
THURSDAY, 31 AUGUST 2017 AT 10.00 AM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor D W W Thomas (Chair) Presided

**Councillor(s)**  
J E Burtonshaw

**Councillor(s)**  
J A Hale

**Councillor(s)**  
J W Jones

**Officer(s)**

Barrie Gilbert

Senior Transport Officer

Stephen Holland

Senior Solicitor

Allison Lowe

Democratic Services Officer

Jeremy Parkhouse

Democratic Services Officer

Cath Swain

Integrated Transport Manager

Kathryn Thomas

Head of School Support Unit

**Apologies for Absence**

Councillor(s): J P Curtice and H M Morris

17 **TO ELECT A CHAIR FOR THE 2017-2018 MUNICIPAL YEAR.**

**RESOLVED** that Councillor D W W Thomas be elected Chair for the 2017-2018 Municipal Year.

**COUNCILLOR D W W THOMAS (CHAIR) PRESIDED**

18 **TO ELECT A VICE-CHAIR FOR THE 2017-2018 MUNICIPAL YEAR.**

**RESOLVED** that Councillor J A Hale be elected Vice Chair for the 2017-2018 Municipal Year.

19 **DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS.**

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

20 **MINUTES.**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Appeals and Awards Committee held on 26 April 2016 be signed and approved as a correct record.

21 **APPEAL HEARING ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS.**

**RESOLVED** that the Appeal Hearing Order of Proceedings was noted.

22 **CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA - HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT POLICY.**

**RESOLVED** that the City & County of Swansea – Home to School Transport Policy was noted.

23 **WELSH GOVERNMENT - LEARNER TRAVEL - STATUTORY PROVISION AND OPERATIONAL GUIDANCE.**

**RESOLVED** that the Welsh Government – Learner Travel – Statutory Provision and Operational Guidance was noted.

24 **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)**

25 **SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEAL.**

**RESOLVED** that the meeting be adjourned until 10.30 am.

The Committee heard a joint appeal by the parents JE & AF. The appeal was brought against the Department's decision to designate the school walking route between Pontlliw and Pontardulais Comprehensive School as being 'available'.

**RESOLVED** that the appeal by JE & AF **BE DISMISSED.**

The meeting ended at 11.53 am

**CHAIR**