



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **Appeals & Awards Committee**

Remotely via Microsoft Teams

Thursday, 12 November 2020 at 2.00 pm

Present:

Councillor(s)

J E Burtonshaw
D W W Thomas

Councillor(s)

J W Jones

Councillor(s)

H M Morris

Officer(s)

Claire Abraham
Gareth Borsden
Melisa Perry
Cath Swain
Stephanie Williams

Deputy Manager & Admissions Officer
Democratic Services Officer
Trainee Solicitor
Integrated Transport Manager
Principal Lawyer

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): J P Curtice and J A Hale

10 Election of a Chair for the 2020-2021 Municipal Year.

Resolved that Councillor D W W Thomas be elected Chair for the 2020-2021 Municipal Year.

Councillor D W W Thomas (Chair) presided

11 Election of a Vice Chair for the 2020-2021 Municipal Year.

Resolved that Councillor J E Burtonshaw be elected Vice Chair for the 2020-2021 Municipal Year.

12 Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

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

13 Minutes.

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Appeals and Awards Committee held on 5 July 2019 be signed and approved as a correct record.

14 City and County of Swansea - Home to School Transport Policy. (For Information)

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

15 Welsh Government - Learner Travel - Statutory Provision and Operational Guidance. (For Information)

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

16 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)

17 School Transport Appeal.

The Committee heard an appeal by the parent of ESS.

The appeal was brought against the Department's decision in relation to eligibility for free home to school transport from their home address to Bishopston Comprehensive School.

The parent of ESS made verbal representations to the Committee in support of her written submissions.

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

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 ESS be refused.

The meeting ended at 2.55 pm

Chair