

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE APPEALS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

**HELD AT COMMITTEE ROOM 5, GUILDHALL, SWANSEA ON TUESDAY 8
SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 9.30 A.M.**

PRESENT:

Councillor(s):

J E Burtonshaw
J P Curtice

Councillor(s):

K E Marsh

Councillor(s):

D W W Thomas

Officers:

S Williams - Principal Lawyer
S Holland - Lawyer
K Thomas - School Governor Unit Manager
J Parkhouse - Democratic Services Officer

1. TO ELECT A CHAIR FOR THE 2015-2016 MUNICIPAL YEAR

RESOLVED that Councillor D W W Thomas be elected Chair for the 2015-2016 Municipal Year.

(Councillor D W W Thomas presided)

2. TO ELECT A VICE-CHAIR FOR THE 2015-2016 MUNICIPAL YEAR

RESOLVED that Councillor J E Burtonshaw be elected Vice-Chair for the 2015-2016 Municipal Year.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J A Hale, R D Lewis and H M Morris.

4. DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea, the following interests were declared:

Councillor K E Marsh - Minute 11 - School Transport Appeal - Governor at Bishopston Comprehensive School - personal.

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Councillor D W W Thomas - Agenda as a whole - Deputy Cabinet Member for Education - appeals against refusal to grant home to school transport - personal.

5. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Appeals and Awards Committee held on 13 March 2015 be approved as a correct record.

6. **APPEAL HEARING ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS**

The Appeal Hearing Order of Proceedings was noted.

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

The City and County of Swansea - Home to School Transport Policy was noted.

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

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

9. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

The Committee were requested to excluded the public from the meeting during the consideration of the item of business identified in the recommendations to the report on the grounds that it/they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as set out in the exclusion paragraph of 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007, relevant to the items of business as set out in the report.

The Committee considered the Public Interest Test in deciding 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.

It was **RESOLVED** that the public be excluded for the following items on the agenda.

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10. **SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEAL - MF**

The Committee heard an appeal by the parent of MF against the Department's decision not to provide free home to school transport for MF.

RESOLVED that the appeal by MF **BE DISMISSED**.

11. **SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEAL - CTC**

The Committee heard an appeal by the parent of CTC against the Department's decision not to provide free home to school transport for CTC.

RESOLVED that the appeal by CTC **BE DISMISSED**.

The meeting ended at 12.15 p.m.

CHAIR