

Appeals Sub-Committee (School Transport)

MINUTES OF THE APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE (SCHOOL TRANSPORT) MEETING HELD ON 14 AUGUST 2023 AT DE LA WYLE MEETING ROOM - COUNCIL OFFICES, BOURNE HILL, SALISBURY, SP1 3UZ.

Present:

Cllr Adrian Foster, Cllr Tony Jackson and Cllr Graham Wright

1 **Election of Chairman**

Cllr Adrian Foster was elected as Chairman for this appeal only.

Cllr Adrian Foster in the Chair.

2 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

3 **Minutes**

It was explained to the Panel that the minutes of the previous School Transport Appeal held on 9 August 2023 had not been published and would be taken to the next School Transport Appeal on 17 August 2023 for sign off.

4 **Meeting Procedure**

The Chairman outlined the meeting procedure as detailed in the agenda.

5 **Exclusion of the press and public**

The panel considered whether to hold the meeting in closed session and it was:

Resolved:

To exclude members of the press and public for the business specified in Item no. 6 in accordance with section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, (paragraph 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act).

6 **School Transport Appeal**

The panel heard representations and replies from the Transport Officer and the appellant and asked questions of the parties involved. Upon consideration of this information:

Decision:

The Panel considered all the evidence provided, the Transport Officer's report, and the statutory legal guidance and policy of Wiltshire Council and decided that the policy had been correctly applied by the Transport Officer.

Recognising the issues raised by the Appellant's case, the Panel considered the information presented by the Appellant in regard to possible exceptional circumstances arising and decided that in this case the facts did not justify a departure from Wiltshire Council's policy.

(Duration of meeting: 10.00 am - 10.50 am)

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