

# **Appeals Panel (School Transport)**

MINUTES OF THE APPEALS PANEL (SCHOOL TRANSPORT) MEETING HELD ON 2 MARCH 2022 AT COMMITTEE ROOM C - COUNCIL OFFICES, MONKTON PARK, CHIPPENHAM, SN15 1ER.

### **Present:**

Cllr Tony Jackson, Cllr George Jeans and Cllr Tamara Reay

### 1 <u>Election of Chairman</u>

Cllr Tony Jackson was elected as Chairman for this appeal only.

# **CIIr Tony Jackson in the Chair**

# 2 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

# 3 Minutes

The minutes of the School Transport Appeal held on 7 December 2021 were presented for consideration and it was;

## Resolved:

To approve the minutes of the School Transport Appeal held on 7 December 2021.

# 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 or not 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, it was,

#### Resolved:

Having considered the information from the appellants, the Panel sympathised with parental choices made but was unable to uphold the appeal. The Panel considered that the Officer's decision to refuse school transport was made in accordance with the correct application of the Council's policy. On the facts presented the Panel did not feel there was reason to depart from the policy in this particular case.

(Duration of meeting: 10.00am – 11.10am)

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