



Minutes

Name of meeting	GENERAL PURPOSES (APPEALS) SUB COMMITTEE
Date and time	THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2009 COMMENCING AT 1.15 PM
Venue	COMMITTEE ROOM ONE, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs Susan Scoccia (Chairman), Ivan Bulwer, David Williams
Officers Present	Julie Martin, Amanda Page, Heather Whitchurch

26. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations at this time.

27. Exclusion of Public and Press

RESOLVED:

THAT, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, namely minute number 28, on the grounds that there is likely to be disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

28. Confidential Report of the Assistant Director of Children's Services

The Chairman welcomed those present and introduced Members of the Committee. She confirmed that all members had read the papers and outlined the procedure that was to be followed.

Consideration was given to appeals relating to school transport.

(a) Hearing 24 (09/10)

Following representations from the Children's Services representative, members of the Sub Committee asked questions.

The appellant's representative then outlined her case highlighting several points from the documentation previously submitted. Members of the Sub Committee asked questions of the appellant and her representative.

All parties withdrew, whilst the Sub Committee adjourned to consider the appeal.

The Sub Committee having considered all the reasons given by the appellant in her written and oral submissions, decided that the appeal should be refused.

The Sub Committee could see no compelling evidence or reason to exercise their discretion to override the Isle of Wight Council's Transport Policy.

It was also noted that the appellant had exercised her parental choice for her child not to attend the priority school.

RESOLVED :

THAT the appeal be refused

(b) Hearing 22 (09/10)

(During the debate Councillor David Williams declared a personal interest as he was a governor at Sandham Middle School).

The appellant was unable to attend the hearing.

Following representations from the Children's Services representative, members of the Sub Committee asked questions. The Children's Services then withdrew, whilst the Sub Committee adjourned to consider the appeal.

The Sub Committee having considered all the reasons given by the appellant in her written submission, decided that the appeal should be refused.

Due to the non attendance of the appellant the Sub Committee was only able to consider the evidence before them and could see no compelling evidence or reason to exercise their discretion to override the Isle of Wight Council's Transport Policy.

It was also noted that the appellant had exercised her parental choice for her children not to attend their priority school.

RESOLVED :

THAT the appeal be refused.

(c) Hearing 23 (09/10)

Following representations from the Children's Services representative, members of the Sub Committee asked questions.

The appellant then outlined her case highlighting several points from the documentation previously submitted. Members of the Sub Committee asked questions of the appellant.

All parties withdrew, whilst the Sub Committee adjourned to consider the appeal.

The Sub Committee having considered all the reasons given by the appellant in her written and oral submissions, decided that the appeal should be refused.

The Sub Committee could see no compelling evidence or reason to exercise their discretion to override the Isle of Wight Council's Transport Policy.

It was also noted that the appellant had exercised her parental choice for her child not to attend the priority school.

RESOLVED :

THAT the appeal be refused

CHAIRMAN