



# Minutes

Name of meeting	<b>GENERAL PURPOSES (APPEALS) SUB COMMITTEE</b>
Date and time	<b>MONDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2009 COMMENCING AT 10.00 AM</b>
Venue	<b>COMMITTEE ROOM ONE, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT</b>
Present	Cllrs Lady Sarah Pigot (Chairman), Ivan Bulwer, Susan Scoccia
Officers Present	Elaine Gutchner, Julie Martin, Amanda Page

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**48. Minutes**

**RESOLVED :**

THAT the Minutes of the meetings held on [15](#), [19](#), [21](#) and [26](#) January 2009 be confirmed.

**49. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations at this stage.

**50. 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 51, on the grounds that there was 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.

**51. Reports of the 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 1

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

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

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 2

The Sub Committee was reminded that the hearing was as a result of a previous hearing, which had been adjourned to allow the appellant to provide further information relating to her financial circumstances. That information had been received and was included within the report.

The appellant was not in attendance at the start of the hearing; therefore the Sub Committee delayed the start of the hearing by 20 minutes to allow time for attendance.

The appellant did not attend the hearing.

Following representations from the Children's Services representative, members of the Sub Committee asked questions. 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 including the additional information provided by the appellant relating to her financial circumstances, decided that the appeal should be refused.

Due to the non attendance 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.

RESOLVED :

THAT the appeal be refused.

(c) Hearing 3

The Sub Committee was reminded that the hearing was as a result of a previous hearing, which had been adjourned to allow the appellant to provide further information relating to her financial circumstances. That information had been received and was included within the report.

The appellant did not attend the hearing.

Following representations from the Children's Services representative, members of the Sub Committee asked questions. 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 including the additional information provided by the appellant relating to her financial circumstances, decided that the appeal should be refused.

Due to the non attendance 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.

RESOLVED :

THAT the appeal be refused.

CHAIRMAN