



Minutes

Name of meeting	GENERAL PURPOSES (APPEALS) SUB COMMITTEE
Date and time	MONDAY, 19 JANUARY 2009 COMMENCING AT 10.00 AM
Venue	COMMITTEE ROOM ONE, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs Lady Sarah Pigot (Chairman), Jonathon Fitzgerald-Bond, John Hobart
Officers Present	Amanda Page, Catherine Munro, Simon Wiggins

37. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations at this stage.

38. **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 39 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.

39. **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 relating to both her children and highlighted several points from the documentation previously submitted. The Children's Services representative had no questions to ask. Members of the Sub Committee asked questions of the appellant.

Following representations from the Children's Services representative, members of the Sub Committee asked questions. The appellant had no questions to ask.

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

The Sub Committee having considered all the reasons given by the appellant in her submissions, including both the home and financial circumstances, decided that the appeals 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 to remove both her children from the priority school.

RESOLVED :

THAT both appeals be refused.

(b) Hearing 2

The Appellant did not attend the hearing.

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

The Children's Services representative then withdrew, whilst the Sub Committee adjourned to consider the appeal.

The Sub Committee having considered all the reasons given by the appellant in their submissions, including both the appellant's home and financial circumstances, 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.

RESOLVED :

THAT the appeal be refused.

(c) Hearing 3

The Appellant did not attend the hearing.

Prior to the meeting further evidence had been submitted and had been circulated to all parties.

Having considered the additional information the Sub Committee decided to adjourn the hearing to enable further information to be provided by the appellant.

RESOLVED :

THAT the hearing be adjourned to enable further information to be provided by the appellant.

(d) Hearing 4

The appellant did not attend the hearing.

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

The Children's Services representative then withdrew, whilst the Sub Committee adjourned to consider the appeal.

The Sub Committee having considered all the reasons given by the appellant in their submissions, including the appellant's financial circumstances, 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.

CHAIRMAN