

# **Minutes**

Name of meeting GENERAL PURPOSES (APPEALS) SUB COMMITTEE

Date and time WEDNESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2012 COMMENCING AT 1.00 PM

Venue COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF

**WIGHT** 

Present Cllr Arthur Taylor (Chairman), Paul Fuller, David Williams

Officers Present Sarah Linington, Simon Wiggins

## 28. Minutes

#### **RESOLVED:**

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2012 be confirmed.

# 29. **Hearing 93 (11/12)**

Members noted that the decision in regard to appeal 93 (11/12) had been deferred by the Sub Committee held on 11 January 2012, to allow the appellant to submit further supporting evidence. The appellant had since given notification that they wished to withdraw their appeal request.

#### 30. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were received at this time.

## 31. 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 Agenda item number [type agenda item number], 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.

### 32. Confidential report of the Director of Schools and Learning

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

Consideration was given to an appeal relating to school transport.

## (a) Hearing 96 (11/12)

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

The appellant then outlined her case expanding on several points contained in the documentation previously submitted. Members of the Sub Committee asked questions of the appellant.

The Children's Services representative and the appellant 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 and oral submissions, decided that the appeal should be refused.

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

As each application was decided on its own merits the Sub Committee recognised the exceptional circumstances of the case and wished to minimise any disruption to the child's education. On that basis the Sub Committee resolved to secure a seat, until the end of Year 11, for the child on the dedicated school bus, subject to the appellant continuing to meet the costs of all tickets.

#### **RESOLVED**:

- i) THAT the appeal be refused.
- ii) THAT a seat be secured on the dedicated school bus subject to the appellant continuing to meet the costs of all tickets.

**CHAIRMAN**