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# **Minutes**

Name of meeting GENERAL PURPOSES (APPEALS) SUB COMMITTEE

Date and time THURSDAY, 23 JULY 2009 COMMENCING AT 1.45 PM

Venue COMMITTEE ROOM ONE, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE

**OF WIGHT** 

Present Cllr Susan Scoccia (Chairman), Ivan Bulwer, David Williams

Officers Present Julie Martin, Amanda Page

# 1. Minutes

# **RESOLVED:**

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 April 2009 be confirmed.

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Ivan Bulwer declared a personal interest in Minute 4 (b) as he was a governor of Binstead Primary School.

#### 3. 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 4, 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 outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

# 4. Confidential 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) <u>Hearing 10 (09/10)</u>

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

The appellant then 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.

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) <u>Hearing 15 (09/10)</u>

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

The appellant then 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.

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 allowed due to exceptional circumstances of the parents medical needs.

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 upheld.

#### **CHAIRMAN**