



# Minutes

Name of meeting	<b>GENERAL PURPOSES (APPEALS) SUB COMMITTEE</b>
Date and time	<b>MONDAY, 25 JULY 2011 COMMENCING AT 11.30AM</b>
Venue	<b>COMMITTEE ROOM ONE, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT</b>
Present	Cllrs Susan Scoccia (Chairman), Jonathan Bacon, Margaret Webster
Officers Present	Marie Bartlett, Janet Giles

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8. [Minutes](#)

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [1 June 2011](#) be confirmed.

9. [Declarations of Interest](#)

There were no declarations at this time.

10. [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 11, 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.

11. **Confidential Report of the Head of Schools and Learning**

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 67 (10/11)

This Item had been deferred from the meeting held on 1 June 2011 to allow the parents to attend and submit additional information.

Members were advised that although letters and phone calls had been made requesting additional information on numerous occasions, nothing further had been provided.

The appellant did not attend the hearing.

Following representations from the Children's Services representative, members of the Sub Committee asked various 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 written submission, decided that the appeal be refused.

Due to 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 Councils Transport Policy.

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

RESOLVED:

THAT the appeal be refused

(b) Hearing 68 (10/11)

This item had been deferred from the last meeting at the request of the appellant

The Sub Committee was advised that the appellant was unable to attend the hearing but had agreed that it take place in his absence.

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 his written submissions, decided that the appeal should be allowed due to exceptional circumstances.

RESOLVED:

THAT the appeal be upheld

(c) Hearing 72 (11/12)

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

The appellant then outlined his case highlighting several points from the previously submitted documentation. Members then 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 his written submissions, decided that the appeal should be allowed due to exceptional circumstances.

RESOLVED:

THAT the appeal be upheld

(d) Hearing 71 (11/12)

After waiting an additional five minutes for the appellant to arrive the Sub Committee commenced the hearing in their absence.

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 written submission, decided that the appeal be refused. It was suggested that the parents look into purchasing a Freedom Pass.

Due to 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 Councils Transport Policy.

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

RESOLVED:

THAT the appeal be refused

(e) Hearing 73 (11/12)

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 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 written submission, decided that the appeal be refused.

Due to 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 Councils Transport Policy.

RESOLVED:

THAT the appeal be refused

CHAIRMAN