ISLE OF WIGHT	Minutes Paper a
Name of meeting	GENERAL PURPOSES (APPEALS) SUB COMMITTEE
Date and time	TUESDAY, 31 MARCH 2009 COMMENCING AT 4.00 PM
Venue	COMMITTEE ROOM TWO, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs Lady Sarah Pigot (Chairman), Ivan Bulwer, Diana Tuson
Officers Present	John Brocklehurst, Elaine Gutcher, Simon Wiggins

59. Minutes

RESOLVED:

THAT the Minutes of the meetings held on <u>9 March 2009</u> and <u>16 March 2009</u> be confirmed.

60. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations at this stage.

61. 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 62, 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.

62. 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 an appeal relating to school transport

a. <u>Hearing 1</u>

The Sub Committee noted that the hearing was a result of a previous hearing, which had been adjourned to allow the appellant to provide up to date information following an alteration in the appellant's case.

Additional evidence had not been received and 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 his written submission 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's daughter did not to attend the priority school.

RESOLVED:

THAT the appeal be refused.

CHAIRMAN