

Meeting	Education Appeals Panel
Date	20 March 2020
Present	Janie Berry, Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer John Thompson, Head of Secondary and Skills Karron Young, Virtual School Headteacher

6. Election of Chair

Resolved: That John Thompson, Head of Secondary and Skills, be elected to Chair the meeting.

It was noted that due to the current national emergency, the Council was unable to convene a Panel of Elected Members and the Applicant was consulted and confirmed her agreement to this Appeal Hearing being considered by three Senior Officers who are all independent of the Home to School Transport function.

7. Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Item 5 (Home to School Transport Appeal), on the grounds that it contained information relating to individuals and which was likely to reveal the identity of individuals. This information was classed as exempt under Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A to Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

8. Declarations of Interest

The Panel were asked to declare any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, any prejudicial interests or any disclosable pecuniary interests which they may have in respect of business on the agenda. None were declared.

9. Minutes

Resolved: It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2019 would not be approved at this meeting.

10. Home to School Transport Appeal

The Panel considered an appeal from a parent against the local authority's decision not to provide home to school transport for their child.

The parent had been invited to attend but had indicated that they did not wish to do so. The Panel were satisfied that the parent had been appropriately provided with the time and date of the hearing and that they had been given an opportunity to attend. The Education Officer attended to present the local authority's case.

The Panel carefully considered all the evidence presented verbally at the meeting and by both parties in the agenda papers.

Resolved: That the appeal not be upheld.

Reason: There were no exceptional circumstances to warrant a departure from normal policy in this case.

John Thompson, Chair

[The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 10.25 am.]