

Medway Council
Meeting of School Transport and Curriculum Appeals
Committee

Thursday, 19 October 2017

9.15am to 12.22pm

Record of the meeting

Subject to approval as an accurate record at the next meeting of this committee

Present: Councillors: Cooper, Gilry, Mrs Josie Iles and Royle (Chairman)

In Attendance: Councillor Phil Filmer, in attendance as Ward Councillor for Case STSEN9
Kyle Rogers, Trainee Solicitor
Michael Turner, Democratic Services Officer
Genny Cherriman, SEN Manager

400 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Griffin.

401 Record of meeting

The record of the meeting held on 4 October 2017 was agreed and signed by the Chairman as correct.

402 Urgent matters by reason of special circumstances

There were none.

403 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests

Disclosable pecuniary interests

There were none.

Other interests

Councillor Cooper noted that, in relation to Case STSEN11, the case papers included a written submission from Rivermead School in support of the appeal. She disclosed that she had been asked to serve as a Governor at Rivermead School but this had not yet been ratified. In the light of this and as she had had no involvement in the case and did not know the parents she stated she would be taking part in this hearing.

404 School Transport and Curriculum Appeals Committee - Terms of reference

The report was noted.

405 Exclusion of the press and public

The Committee agreed that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the exempt material relating to agenda item 7 because consideration of these matters in public would disclose information falling within one or more categories of exempt information contained in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as specified in agenda item 7 and, in all the circumstances of the case, the Committee considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

406 Home to school transport appeals - matters for decision

Discussion:

The Committee considered 4 appeals in respect of the provision of home to school transport. Members were advised that Case STSEN10 had been reconsidered by the SEN team on 18 October and, as a result, the appeal had been withdrawn.

Decision:

- (a) That case number STSEN9, as set out in the exempt annex to the agenda, was upheld.
- (b) That case number STSEN11, as set out in the exempt annex to the agenda, was deferred.
- (c) That case number STSEN12, as set out in the exempt annex to the agenda, was deferred.
- (d) That case number STSEN8, as set out in the exempt annex to the agenda, was deferred.

Chairman

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