

Medway Council
Meeting of School Transport and Curriculum Appeals Committee

Thursday, 19 June 2025
9.30am to 10.35am

Record of the meeting

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

Present: Councillors: Mandaracas (Chairperson), Barrett, Coombs, Kemp and Price

Substitutes: None

In Attendance: Emily Comiskey, Area Inclusion Lead
Victoria O'Neill, Legal Advisor
Laura Phillips, Schools Services Transport Manager
Jon Pitt, Democratic Services Officer

90 Apologies for absence

There were none.

91 Record of meeting

The record of the meeting held on 23 April 2025 was agreed and signed by the Chairperson as correct.

92 Urgent matters by reason of special circumstances

There were none.

93 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Significant Interests

Disclosable pecuniary interests

There were none.

Other significant interests (OSIs)

There were none.

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Other interests

Councillor Mandaracas declared an interest in school transport appeal STASEN46 as she had become aware of the case previously due to her employment. With the agreement of the parent, Councillor Mandaracas remained in the room and participated in the discussion and decision making in relation to the case.

94 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 6 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 6 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.

95 Home to school transport appeals - matters for decision

Discussion:

The Committee considered two appeals in respect of the provision of home to school transport.

Decision:

- (a) That case number STASEN46, as set out in the exempt annex to the agenda, was not upheld.
- (b) That case number STA853, as set out in the exempt annex to the agenda, was deferred for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee.

Chairperson

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