

Minutes of the Education Transport Appeals Committee Meeting held on 12 September 2016 at 10:00 am in the Giles Room, Endeavour House, Ipswich.

Present: Councillors Nick Barber (Chairman), Caroline Page (Vice Chairman) and Janet Craig.

Also present: Councillor Michael Gower (Agenda Item 08)

Supporting officers present: Julie Mitchell, Business and Information Manager, Passenger Transport, Jason Bown, Alpha Consultants, Principal Consultant and Mags Lambert, Resource Manager (Admissions and Transport)

10. Election of Vice-Chairman

On the proposition of Councillor Nick Barber, seconded by Councillor Janet Craig, it was agreed that Councillor Caroline Page be elected as the Vice-Chairman for the 2016-2017 municipal year.

11. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

There were no apologies for absence.

12. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interests or dispensations.

13. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2016 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

14. Information Bulletin

The Committee noted the information bulletin.

The Committee agreed that Local County Councillors should be made aware of the outcomes of Education Transport appeal cases heard by the Individual Needs Transport Group, that fall within their divisions.

15. Urgent Business

There was no urgent business.

16. Exclusion of the Press and Public

Decision: The Committee agreed that the public (including the press) should be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of Agenda Item 8 on the grounds that:

- a) it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as referred to under Parts 1 to 3 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended); and
- b) in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

17. Kelsale to Saxmundham Free School

The Committee received a report at agenda item 8 which concerned an appeal for free home-to-school transport lodged by a parent whose child attended Saxmundham Free School. The appeal was on the grounds of the safety of the walking route for an accompanied child pedestrian, and so prior to the meeting, the Committee walked the route. The appellant was invited to attend the meeting, but was unable to be present. County Councillor Michael attended the meeting as the local county councillor.

Decision: The Committee resolved not to uphold the appeal.

Reason for decision: The Committee agreed that the route was not dangerous for an accompanied child pedestrian because available footways, adequate crossing points and adequate visibility, and so did not uphold the appeal.

Alternative options: None considered.

Declarations of interest: None declared

Dispensations: None reported.

The meeting closed at 10.41am.

Chairman