

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL
EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORT COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting of the Education Transport Appeals Committee held in Committee Room No 1, Council Headquarters, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness on Tuesday, 4 August 2009 at 3.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Mr W Fernie (in the Chair)
Mr L Fraser

Mrs B McAllister
Mr B Gormley

Local Members also present

Mrs J Urquhart (Appeal No. 06/09)

Mr D Hendry (Appeal No. 07/09)
Mr H Wood (Appeal No. 07/09)

Officials in attendance:

Mr R MacKenzie, Head of Support Services, Education, Culture and Sport Service
Mr B Edwards, Senior Transport Officer, Transport, Environmental and Community Services
Miss J MacLennan, Principal Administrator, Chief Executive's Office
Miss C Maragh, Temporary Administrative Assistant, Chief Executive's Office

BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mr A M Millar, Dr D Alston, Mr B Barclay, Mr C Fraser, Mrs I Campbell, Mr R Greene, Dr A Sinclair, Mrs H Carmichael and Mrs M C Davidson.

2. EDUCATION TRANSPORT APPEALS

The Appeals Committee **RESOLVED** that under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 the public be excluded for discussion of the following items on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

(i) Transport Appeal No 05/09

There was circulated Report No ETR 5/09 by the Transport Development Officer setting out the detail on an appeal for home to school transport in respect of two primary school living pupils at Wester Blairford, Avoch and travelling to Avoch Primary School.

After discussion of the circumstances, the Committee **AGREED** that the

appeal be dismissed.

(ii) Transport Appeal No 06/09

There was circulated Report No ETR 6/09 by the Transport Development Officer setting out the detail on an appeal for home to school transport in respect of a primary school pupil living at Milltown and travelling to Applecross Primary School. The report gave details of the circumstances involved, including reference to the family's previous appeal consider in November 2008 which resulted transport being provided for the winter months. The view of the Local Member was heard.

Following discussion, the Committee **AGREED** that the appeal be dismissed.

(iii) Transport Appeal No 07/09

There was circulated Report No ETR 7/09 by the Transport Development Officer setting out the detail on an appeal for the provision of transport from home to the pick-up point in respect of a secondary school pupil living at Eskadale and attending Charleston Academy. Details of the circumstances involved were provided and the views of the Local Members supporting the Appeal were heard.

After discussion, the Committee **AGREED** that the appeal be dismissed.

The meeting closed at 3.50p.m.