

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORT COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting of the Education Transport Appeals Committee held in Committee Room No 3 Council Headquarters, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness on Tuesday, 13 January 2009 at 3.10 p.m.

PRESENT

Mr A M Millar (in the Chair)
Mr L Fraser
Mr B Gormley

Mr W Fernie
Mrs E McAllister

Local Members also present

Mrs I Campbell } Appeals 01 and 02/09
Dr A Sinclair } by video conferencing

Mr M Finlayson, Appeal 03/09

Officials in attendance:

Mr R MacKenzie, Head of Support Services, Education, Culture and Sport
Mr H MacLeod, Area Business Support Officer, Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross
Mr I Jackson, Area Business Support Officer, Ross, Skye and Lochaber
Miss L Burgess, Clerical Assistant, Education, Culture and Sport
Mr J Allison, Principal Administrator, Chief Executive's Office
Miss J MacLennan, Committee Administrator, Chief Executive's Office

BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Local members Mrs J Urquhart and Mr R Greene.

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.

(a) Transport Appeal No 01 and 02/09

There were circulated Report Nos ETR 1 and 2/09 by the Area Business Support Officer, Ross, Skye and Lochaber setting out the detail on appeals for home to school transport in respect of one primary school pupil living at Kirkton and two primary school pupils living at Reraig, near Kyle of Lochalsh and travelling to Auchtertyre Primary School. The reports gave

details of the circumstances involved and included a School Route Assessment from the Policy Standards and Safety Team. The views of Local Members were also heard.

After discussion of the circumstances, the Committee **AGREED** that both appeals be dismissed.

(b) Transport Appeal No 03/09

There was circulated Report No ETR3/09 by the Senior Education Officer, Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross on an appeal for the provision of transport from home to the pick-up point in respect of a secondary school pupil living at Evanton and travelling to Alness Academy. The report gave details of the circumstance involved and included a School Route Assessment from the Policy Standards and Safety Team. The view of Local Member present in support of the Appeal was heard.

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

The meeting closed at 3.40 p.m.