

## 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, 15 January 2008 at 3.00 p.m.

#### PRESENT

Mr B Gormley  
Mr L Fraser

Mr A M Millar (Local Member - Appeals 01 & 02/08)  
Mrs E McAllister

#### Local Member also present

Mr F D S Black (Appeal 03/08)

#### Officials in attendance:

Mr R MacKenzie, Head of Support Services, Education, Culture and Sport  
Mr I Jackson, Education Officer, Ross, Skye and Lochaber Area (by Video Conference)  
Mrs M Stewart, Education Officer, Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey  
Miss J MacLennan, Committee Administrator, Corporate Services

#### Mr B Gormley in the Chair

#### BUSINESS

##### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mr W Fernie and Ms J Douglas.

##### 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 01/08

There was circulated Report No ETR01/08 by the Area Business Support Officer, Ross, Skye and Lochaber on an appeal for the provision of school transport in respect of two primary schools pupil living at Hungladder, Kilmuir, Isle of Skye and attending Kilmuir Primary School. The report gave details of the circumstances involved and the views of Local Members on the appeal were heard.

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

(b) Transport Appeal No 02/08

There was circulated Report No ETR02/08 by the Area Business Support Officer, Ross, Skye and Lochaber on an appeal for the provision of school transport in respect of a primary school pupil living at Ullinish, Struan, Isle of Skye and attending Struan Primary School. The report gave details of the circumstances involved and the views of Local Members were heard.

Following discussion of the circumstances involved, Mrs E McAllister moved that transport be provided up to the end of the summer term. However, unable to find a seconder, this motion fell and the Committee **AGREED** that transport be provided during the period running from the first day after the October holidays to the last day before the Easter holidays until the child reached the age of 8 years old in view of the reduced visibility during that period of the year.

(c) Transport Appeal No 03/08

There was circulated Report No ETR03/08 by the Area Business Support Officer, Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey on an appeal for the change of pick up point for a primary school pupil living at Dulnain Bridge and travelling to the new pick-up point. The report gave details of the circumstances involved and the views of Local Members were heard.

Following discussion of the circumstances involved, the Committee **DEFERRED** determination of the Appeal until its next meeting to investigate possible alternative routes of other school transport provision which might prove suitable.

The meeting closed at 3.45 p.m.