

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, 11 March 2008 at 2.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mr B Gormley
Mr L Fraser

Mr A M Millar
Mrs E McAllister

Local Member also present

Ms J Douglas (Appeal 03/08)

Officials in attendance:

Mr R MacKenzie, Head of Support Services, Education, Culture and Sport
Mrs M Stewart, Area Business Support Officer, Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch & Strathspey
Miss J MacLennan, Committee Administrator, Chief Executive's Office

Mr B Gormley in the Chair

BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Mr W Fernie.

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 item on the grounds that it 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 03/08

There was circulated Report No ETR03/08 (cont'd) by the Area Education Manager, Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey on an appeal for the provision of school transport in respect of a primary school pupil living at Dulnain Bridge and travelling to the new pick-up point. It was recalled that the Committee's decision was to defer determination of the Appeal until its next meeting to investigate the possibility of using other school transport contractors in the area. However, this had not proved possible. Accordingly, Report No. ETR03/08 had been re-circulated to enable the Committee to re-determine the appeal. Members were reminded of the circumstances involved and the views of Local Members were heard.

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

The meeting closed at 2.20 p.m.