

**Highland Council****Economy and Infrastructure Committee**

Minutes of Meeting of the **Education Transport Entitlement Review Sub Committee** held **Remotely** on Friday 17 September 2021 at 2.00 pm.

**Present:**

Mr R Balfour  
Mr B Boyd

Mr D Louden  
Mr W MacKay

**Local Members also present:**

Mr A MacInnes  
Mr D MacLeod

**Officials in attendance:**

Mr D Summers, Principal Transport Officer, Infrastructure and Environment Services  
Mrs K Giles, Senior Transport Officer, Infrastructure and Environment Services  
Miss J MacLennan, Principal Administrator, Performance and Governance  
Mrs O Bayon Committee Officer, Performance and Governance

**Business****1. Appointment of Chair**

Having been duly proposed and seconded, the Sub Committee **AGREED** to appoint Mr D Louden as Chair.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mr P Saggars and from Local Members Mrs I Campbell and Dr I Cockburn.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**3. Education Transport Review**

**The Review Sub Committee RESOLVED that under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government Scotland Act 1973 the public be excluded for discussion of this 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.**

**(i) Transport Review No 1/21**

There had been circulated Report No 1/21 by the Senior Transport Officer providing information relating to a request to review a walking route to access home to school transport. The report gave details of the distances involved, the previous transport provision, entitlement arrangements and the risk assessment carried out. In conclusion it had made the recommendation that the route was considered suitable for walking.

The Senior Transport Officer having provided additional background information, there then followed a period of questioning of the officer by both the Members of the Sub Committee and Local Members present. At the conclusion of this, Local Members then put forward their views.

Following discussion, the Sub Committee **AGREED** that the road in question was not a suitable walking route and that the appeal be upheld.

The meeting concluded at 3.15 pm.