

Admissions Committee

Meeting held 19 April 2017

PRESENT: Councillors Chris Rosling-Josephs (Chair), Talib Hussain, Chris Peace and Andrew Sangar

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 An apology for absence was received from Councillor Nasima Akther.

2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

2.1 RESOLVED: That the public and press be excluded from the meeting before discussion takes place on items 6 and 7 on the grounds that, if the public and press were present during the transaction of such business, there would be a disclosure to them of exempt information described in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 15th March, 2017, were approved as a correct record.

5. ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

5.1 The Committee noted that, since its last meeting, the Executive Director, Children, Young People and Families, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee, under powers delegated to her with regard to Primary School Admissions, had prioritised one pupil at the top of the waiting list in the non-catchment category of the primary school now mentioned on the grounds that there are exceptional medical circumstances in the case (Case No.M24).

6. HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS

6.1 The Executive Director, Children, Young People and Families, submitted reports and commented upon three cases where parents had appealed against the administrative decisions made by the Executive Director with regard to the refusal to grant home to school travel bus passes.

6.2 The Committee gave consideration to all the supporting information and evidence provided by the pupils' parents and, arising therefrom, it was:-

6.3 RESOLVED That all three appeals be upheld on the grounds that there are

exceptional financial circumstances in the cases (Case Nos. NET1, NET2 and NET3).

7. SCHOOL ADMISSION REQUESTS - SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES - REQUEST TO CONSIDER A CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

7.1 The Executive Director, Children, Young People and Families, submitted a report and commented upon a case where parents had made a request for the Committee to consider a change in the family's circumstances, in connection with their request for a place at their preferred secondary school and, arising therefrom, it was:-

7.2 RESOLVED: That upon consideration of the case, and with due regard to the additional information now submitted, the Committee considers that there had been a material change in the family's circumstances, and therefore, authority be given for a new application to be processed in this case (Case No. HS1).

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

8.1 To note that the next meeting of the Committee will be held on a date to be arranged.