

Admissions Committee

Meeting held 17 July 2018

PRESENT: Councillors Chris Rosling-Josephs (Chair), Lisa Banes, Talib Hussain, Kaltum Rivers and Andrew Sangar

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 An apology for absence was received from Councillor Michelle Cook.

2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

2.1 RESOLVED: That the public and press be excluded from the meeting before discussion takes place on item 6 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 26th June, 2018, were approved as a correct record.

5. ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

5.1 The Committee noted that, since its last meeting, no decisions had been made by the Executive Director, People Services, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee, under powers delegated to her with regard to home to school transport or school admissions.

6. HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS

6.1 The Executive Director, People Services, 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. The parents in two cases had indicated that they wished to make verbal representations at the hearing, but had failed to attend, so the cases were heard in their absence.

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 the appeals be not upheld on the grounds that there were no exceptional circumstances demonstrated, and having regard to the Council's Home to School Transport Policy, the schools that the pupils were requesting passes for, were not their catchment school/nearest suitable schools (Case Nos.AL/SA01, AL/SA02 and NO/DA01).

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 7.1 It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Tuesday, 18th September, 2018, at 2.00 p.m., in the Town Hall.