

**Admissions Committee**

**Meeting held 16 January 2013**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Chris Rosling-Josephs (Chair), Talib Hussain, Martin Lawton and Clive Skelton

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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Alison Brelsford and Nikki Sharpe.

**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 it contains 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 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2012, were approved as a correct record and, arising therefrom, it was noted that following further investigations by the Interim Executive Director, Children, Young People and Families, a home to school travel pass had been awarded to the pupils in Case Nos. St.TM1 and St.TM2.

**5. ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS**

5.1 The Committee noted that, since its last meeting, no decisions had been made by the Interim Executive Director, Children, Young People and Families, 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 Interim Executive Director, Children, Young People and Families, submitted reports and commented upon 10 cases where parents had appealed against the administrative decisions made by the Interim 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 including, in some cases, evidence and advice provided by voluntary or professional bodies and organisations and, arising

therefrom, it was:-

6.3 RESOLVED: That (a) two appeals be upheld on the grounds that there are either exceptional educational, financial, medical or family circumstances in the cases (Case Nos.St.C1 and Ked2 (Ked2 deferred from 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2012), with the appeal in Case No. St.C1 being subject to further evidence being provided by the Parish Priest; and

(b) eight appeals be not upheld on the grounds that there are no exceptional circumstances demonstrated and, having regard to the Council's Home to School Transport Policy, the pupils do not attend one of their three nearest qualifying schools (Case Nos.HH1, HS1, Kecg1, Ked1, Ked2, PW1, Sil1 and Ecc3) (Ecc3 deferred from 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2012).

## **7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

7.1 It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2013, at 3.00 pm at Howden House.