

## **EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PANEL**

MEETING, 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2021

Present – Councillors Connor, Donaghy, Galloway, Iqbal (as deputy for Councillor Zaman), Morris, Newall and Pattison.

### Also in attendance

Miss J. Roscoe	-	Assistant Manager, Transport Eligibility
Mr D. Mulvaney	-	Integrated Transport Manager
Mrs S. Bailey	-	Principal Democratic Services Officer

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Fletcher and Zaman

### **17. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

Resolved – That Councillor Galloway be appointed Chairman of the Panel for the remainder of the current Municipal Year

Councillor Galloway here took the Chair

### **18. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Resolved – That Councillor Donaghy be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Panel for the remainder of the current Municipal Year.

### **19. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Resolved – That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Panel held on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

### **20. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Resolved - That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified in paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act; and that it be deemed that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in its exemption outweighs the public interest in its disclosure.

### **21. APPLICATIONS FOR HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT**

The Director of People submitted a report which put forward four applications which had been received for funding towards home to school transport.

It was noted that the application submitted on behalf of IHB and NHB had been deferred at the meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2020<sup>1</sup> for further information. (Minute 16 of that meeting refers). Additional information was now provided in this regard.

Resolved – (i) That the application submitted on behalf of IHB and NHB be refused in accordance with the Council's Policy.

(ii) That the application submitted on behalf of AHY be refused, in accordance with the Council's Policy.

(iii) That, in respect of the application submitted on behalf of AK, assistance be provided for a taxi to and from the required school, up to the end of the July 2023 School Term.

(iv) That, in respect of the application submitted on behalf of PM, a bus pass to the required school be provided for the remainder of their primary school education, and that options be explored regarding the provision of home to school transport by the LEA from September, 2021 as an alternative option.

(The meeting started at 11.15am and finished at 12.35pm)