EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PANEL

MEETING, 16TH DECEMBER, 2021

Present – Councillors Galloway (Chairman), Connor, Mistry (as deputy for Councillor Jiva), Murray (as deputy for Councillor Donaghy) and Pattison.

Also in attendance

Mr P. Rankin	-	Deputy Director of Children's Services
Mr D. Mulvaney	-	Integrated Transport Manager
Miss J. Roscoe	-	Assistant Manager, Transport Eligibility
Mrs S. Bailey	-	Principal Democratic Services Officer

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Donaghy (Vice-Chairman), Jiva and McGeown.

Councillor Galloway in the Chair

21. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved – That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Panel held on 27th October, 2021 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

22. 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.

23. APPLICATIONS FOR HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT

The Director of Children's Services submitted a report which put forward five applications which had been received for funding towards home to school transport.

Resolved –

(i) That, in respect of the application submitted on behalf of AS and YS, a bus pass be provided to the required School (AS with immediate effect and YS from March, 2022) for the remainder of their primary education.

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

(iii)That, in respect of the application submitted on behalf of CB, home to school transport by the LEA be provided until the end of July, 2023, subject to confirmation of the issue now referred to.

(The meeting started at 11.00am and finished at 12.10pm)