

EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PANEL

MEETING, 25TH JULY, 2018

Present – Councillors Cunliffe, Murray and Kirk-Robinson

Also in attendance

Miss. J. Roscoe

Pupil and Student Services

Mrs V. Ridge

Democratic Services Manager

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Resolved – That Councillor Cunliffe be appointed Chairman of the Panel for the 2018/19 Municipal Year

Councillor Cunliffe here took the Chair

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved – That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Panel held on 14th February, 2018 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

3. 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.

4. APPLICATIONS FOR HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT

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

With regard to the application submitted on behalf of AFJ, members were reminded that the application had been considered by the Panel at its meeting on 12th July, 2017 where the following had been agreed

- a contribution to the taxi fare of £2.80 per journey until the end of the School Term July 2019, with immediate effect;

- that the arrangement be reviewed at the end of July, 2019; and
- that any change in circumstances be reported to the Pupil and Student Services Section as soon as possible.

Due to a recent increase in the taxi fares, the applicant was requesting the Panel to review the current arrangement and increase the contribution to the taxi fare accordingly.

In respect the application submitted on behalf of AS, members were reminded that this had been considered at the meeting of the Panel on 14th February, 2018 and had been deferred pending receipt of additional financial information. It was noted that no further financial evidence had been received despite a request being made in February, 2018.

Resolved – (i) That the application submitted on behalf of AFJ be refused and that the current arrangements remain in place.

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

(The meeting started at 2.00 p.m. and finished at 2.15p.m.)