

EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PANEL

MEETING, 15TH JUNE, 2021

Present – Councillors Donaghy, Galloway, Jiva and McGeown

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 Connor and Pattison

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

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

Councillor Galloway here took the Chair

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

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

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved – That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Panel held on 28th April, 2021 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

4. 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.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT

The Director of Children's Services 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 AT had been deferred at the meeting on 28th April, 2021 for further information. (Minute 24 (iii) of that meeting refers). Additional information had now been provided in this regard.

It was noted that the application submitted on behalf of MUA had previously been considered at the meeting on 28th January, 2020 and approved until July 2021. (Minute 13(i) of that meeting refers). Additional information had now been provided due to a change in circumstances.

It was noted that the application on behalf of NH had previously been considered at the meeting on 16th December, 2020 and refused. (Minute 13(iii) of that meeting refers). Additional information had now been provided.

Resolved – (i) That, in respect of the application submitted on behalf of MUA, home to school transport by the LEA be provided until the end of the School Term in July, 2023.

(ii) That, in respect of the application submitted on behalf of AT, a bus pass be provided to the current school until the end of the School Term in July, 2022.

(iii) That, in respect of the application submitted on behalf of BS, home to school transport by the LEA be provided from the start of the School Term in September, 2021 up to the end of the School Term in July, 2024.

(iv) That, in respect of the application submitted on behalf of NH and MH, a personal budget of £8.00 for transport to nursery be provided up until the end of the School Term in July, 2021. In respect of MH, transport to nursery be provided by the LEA from the start of the School Term in September, 2021 until the end of the School Term in July, 2022 and that, in the event that LEA transport is unavailable, a personal budget of £8.00 per day be provided.

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