

EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PANEL

MEETING, 21ST JULY, 2021

Present – Councillors Galloway (Chairman), Donaghy (Vice-Chairman), Connor, McGeown, Mistry (as deputy for Councillor Jiva) 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

An apology for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Jiva

Councillor Galloway in the Chair

9. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved – That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Panel held on 14th July, 2021 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

10. 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.

11. APPLICATIONS FOR HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT

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

Resolved – (i) That, in respect of the applications submitted on behalf of AFJ and JD, assistance in the sum of £12 per day (rising to a maximum of £15 per day if costs increase) be provided for a taxi to transport both children to and from the required schools until the end of the School Term in July, 2022, with a review of after that time, and that that any change in circumstances be reported to the Integrated Transport Unit;

- (ii) That, in respect of the application submitted on behalf of HP, home to school transport by the LEA be provided up to 31st December, 2021 and that any change in circumstances be reported to the Integrated Transport Unit;
- (iii) That, in respect of the application submitted behalf of CSR, home to school transport by the LEA be provided for two years up to the end of the School Term in July, 2023, with a review after that time, and that any change in circumstances be reported to the Integrated Transport Unit;
- (iv) That, in respect of the application submitted on behalf of BS, home to school transport by the LEA be provided for one year up to the end of the School Term in July, 2022, with a review after that time, and that any change in circumstances be reorted to the Integrated Transport Unit;
- (v) That the application submitted on behalf of JHV be deferred for further information; and
- (vi) That, in respect of the application submitted on behalf of RT, home to school transport be provided by the LEA in the first instance and, if not available, then assistance be provided in the form of a personal budget of £8.00 a day for a taxi (or up to a maximum of £9.20 per day if taxi fares increase) until the end of the School Term in July, 2022.

(The meeting started at 11.00am and finished at 1.05pm)