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Decision Summary

Committee:
Date:
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**APPEALS PANEL
TUESDAY 6 JANUARY 2026
Claire Gardiner
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Chair
Councillor Holt

Councillors Attended
Councillor Imran Safdar

Attendees
Heather Thompson, Appeals Officer
Russell Williams, Operational Manager, Public Protection
Courtney Smith, Travel Assessment Unit Officer

Apologies:
Councillor David Longstaff

1 Membership of the Panel

To receive apologies for absence from those Members who are unable to attend the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Longstaff and therefore Members voted Cllr Holt to chair the meeting.

RESOLVED –
That Councillor Holt be appointed Chair of the meeting.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on the 16th December 2025.

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2025 be approved as a correct record.

5 School Transport Appeal (Pre-16) - DLF

This report is recommended for consideration in private because the information contained in it is exempt information within Paragraph 1 of part 1 to schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (access to Information) variation order 2006. It is considered the report contains information relating to any individual.

The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure of the information in terms of accountability, transparency and openness in council decision making.

To consider the appeal at 9:30am

RESOLVED –

That the appeal in respect of DLF be refused.

6 Travel Assistance Appeal (Post 16) - FN

This report is recommended for consideration in private because the information contained in it is exempt information within Paragraph 1 of part 1 to schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (access to Information) variation order 2006.

It is considered the report contains information relating to any individual. The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure of the information in terms of accountability, transparency and openness in council decision making.

To consider the appeal at 10:15am

RESOLVED –

That the appeal in respect of FN be upheld.

7 Travel Assistance Appeal (Post-16) - CM

This report is recommended for consideration in private because the information contained in it is exempt information within Paragraph 1 of part 1 to schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (access to Information) variation order 2006.

It is considered the report contains information relating to any individual. The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure of the information in terms of accountability, transparency and openness in council decision making.

To consider the appeal at 11:30am

RESOLVED –

That the appeal in respect of CM be adjourned.
