

By: Head of Democratic Services
To: Regulation Committee – 28 January 2014
Subject: Home to School Transport Appeals update
Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: To provide Members with an overview on Home to School Transport appeal statistics for the period between 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2013 and a brief comparison with transport appeals statistics in 2012.

1. Home to School Transport Appeal Statistics 2013

(1.1) For the period between 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2013 a total of 109 individual appeals were considered by Member Transport Appeal Panels of this Committee. 30 % were upheld at least in part (e.g time limited assistance). A breakdown of these appeals on a month by month basis is set out in Appendix 1 along with a comparison with appeals held in 2010 to 2012.

(2.2) January 2014 14 appeals have been arranged.

2. Transport Appeal Statistics – 2012

(2.1) For the period between 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012 a total of 106 appeals were considered by Transport Appeal Panels. 24% were upheld at least in part (e.g. time-limited assistance).

(2.2) It is interesting to note that in 2013 57 of the total number appeals were heard between 1 September – 31 December 2013.

3. Transport Eligibility for Children with Statements of Special Educational Needs

(3.1) As from 1 January, transport for SEN children will be assessed by Transport Officers within Fair Access. They will be responsible for preparing and presenting appeals where transport has been refused. A SEN officer will accompany them to appeals to provide Members with information on the child's needs if requested.

4. Recommendation Members are asked to note this report.

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TABLE 1
HOME TO SCHOOL
TRANSPORT APPEALS -1 JANUARY – 31 December 2013

Month	Upheld	Not Upheld	Total	% Upheld
January	1	13	14	7%
February	4	4	8	50%
March	2	4	6	33%
April	0	5	5	0
May	0	0	0	0
June	4	4	8	50%
July	0	3	3	0
August	2	6	8	25%
September	3	9	12	25%
October	6	16	22	27%
November	7	5	12	58%
December	4	7	11	36%
TOTALS	33	76	109	30%

TABLE 2
HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS - 2010-2012

Year	Upheld	Not Upheld	Total	% Upheld
2010	38	46	84	45%
2011	23	43	66	35%
2012	26	80	106	24%