

By: Head of Democratic Services
To: Regulation Committee – 24 January 2017
Subject: Home to School Transport Appeals update
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Summary: To provide Members with an overview on Home to School Transport appeal statistics for the period between 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016 and a brief comparison with transport appeals statistics from 2010 to 2015.

1. Home to School Transport Appeal Statistics 2016

(1.1) For the period between 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016 a total of 137 individual appeals were considered by Member Transport Appeal Panels of this Committee. 52% were upheld at least in part (e.g time limited assistance) and 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 2015.

(1.2) There are a further 8 appeals that are still waiting to be heard which are scheduled for February 2017.

(1.3) It is interesting to note that in 2016 74% of the total number appeals were heard between August – 31 December 2016.

(1.4) Appeals are successful due to a variety of reasons and can include:

- Financial hardship
- Health & medical need
- No cost to the Council
- Temporary accommodation
- Family circumstances
- Circumstances of the child
- Hazardous walking route and,
- Childs safety

2. Transport Appeal Statistics – 2015

(2.1) For the period between 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015 a total of 124 appeals were considered by Transport Appeal Panels. 54% were upheld at least in part (e.g. time-limited assistance).

3. Recommendation Members are asked to note this report.

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**TABLE 1
HOME TO SCHOOL
TRANSPORT APPEALS -1 JANUARY – 31 December 2016**

Month	Upheld	Not Upheld	Total Heard	% Upheld
January	5	3	8	62%
February	1	7	8	12%
March	3	3	6	50%
April	2	1	3	66%
June	3	1	4	75%
July	6	1	7	86%
August	20	12	32	62%
September	7	15	22	32%
October	18	18	36	50%
November	4	0	4	100%
December	3	4	7	43%
TOTALS	72	65	137	52%

**TABLE 2
HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS - 2010-2015**

Year	Upheld	Not Upheld	Total	% Upheld
2010	38	46	84	45%
2011	23	43	66	35%
2012	26	80	106	24%
2013	33	76	109	30%
2014	76	72	148	51%
2015	67	57	124	54%