

By: Head of Democratic Services & Local Leadership

To: Regulation Committee – 26 January 2010

Subject: Presentation on Home To School Transport (including Home To School Transport Statistics)

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: To provide Members with a brief overview on Home to School Transport Policy, and the role of the Transport Appeals Panel, including Home to School Transport appeal statistics for the period between 1 January 2009 and 31 December 2009 and for the corresponding periods in 2007 and 2008.

1. Introduction

The Chairman has requested that the Committee receive a brief overview on the Home to School Transport Policy, and the role of the Transport Appeals Panel. More information on this together with a presentation will be provided by Officers at the meeting.

2. Transport Appeal Statistics – 2009

(2.1) For the period between 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009 a total of 114 Home-to-School Transport appeals were submitted to 26 Transport Appeal Panel meetings. 58 were successful, (51%) at least in part (eg, time-limited assistance).

(2.2) 47 of the appellants had Local Member representation at their appeals and 22 different Members sat on the Transport Appeal Panels (NB: Several new Members since the County Council elections replacing Members no longer on the Council should be borne in mind when comparing figures with previous years).

3. Transport Appeal Statistics – 2008

(3.1) Corresponding figures for the same period in 2008 were 115 appeals to 31 Panels with 91 (79%) at least partly successful.

(3.2) 36 of the appellants had Local Member representation at their appeals and 20 different Members sat on the Transport Appeal Panels.

4. Transport Appeal Statistics – 2007

(4.1) Corresponding figures for the same period in 2007 were 137 appeals to 30 Panels with 70 (51%) at least partly successful.

(4.2) 52 of the appellants had Local Member representation at their appeals and 17 different Members sat on the Transport Appeal Panels.

5. Statistic Details

(5.1) Details relating to the Admissions and Transport Home to School Transport appeals are set out in Appendix 1. Those submitted by the Additional Educational Needs Teams in respect of Statemented Pupils are shown in Appendix 2.

6. Costs

(6.1) Members will receive at the meeting information relating to the approximate total cost of mainstream transport for the year.

7. Recommendations

(7.1) Members are asked to note this report.

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Background Information: *To be circulated at the meeting*

**MAINSTREAM HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS
(ADMISSIONS AND TRANSPORT)**

1 JANUARY 2007 - 31 DECEMBER 2007

Grounds for Appeal	Upheld	Not Upheld	Total	% Upheld
Denominational	2	2	4	50
Distance	8	11	19	42
Not Attending NAS	54	44	98	55
16+	0	4	4	0
Hazardous Routes	0	1	1	0
TOTALS	64	62	126	51

APPEALS BY AREA: WEST: 40 - MID: 50 - EAST: 36

1 JANUARY 2008 - 31 DECEMBER 2008

Grounds for Appeal	Upheld	Not Upheld	Total	% Upheld
Denominational	3	0	3	100
Distance	6	1	7	86
Not Attending NAS	71	18	89	80
16+	3	2	5	60
Hazardous Routes	0	1	1	0
TOTALS	83	22	105	79

APPEALS BY AREA: WEST: 35 - MID: 38 - EAST: 32

1 JANUARY 2009 - 8 MAY 2009

Grounds for Appeal	Upheld	Not Upheld	Total	% Upheld
Denominational	0	0	0	0
Distance	5	0	5	100
Not Attending NAS	22	7	29	76
Other	2	3	5	40
Hazardous Routes	1	0	1	100
TOTALS	30	10	40	75

APPEALS BY AREA: WEST: 21 - MID: 6 - EAST: 13

1 JUNE 2009 – 31 DECEMBER 2009

Grounds for Appeal	Upheld	Not Upheld	Total	% Upheld
Denominational	0	2	2	0
Distance	1	4	5	25
Not Attending NAS	20	30	50	40
Other	1	1	2	50
Hazardous Routes	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	22	37	59	37

APPEALS BY AREA: WEST: 20 - MID: 14 - EAST: 25

**STATEMENTED PUPILS HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS
(ADDITIONAL EDUCATION NEEDS)**

1 JANUARY 2007 - 31 DECEMBER 2007

Grounds for Appeal	Upheld	Not Upheld	Total	% Upheld
Denominational	0	0	0	0
Distance	0	2	2	0
Not Attending NAS	4	2	6	67
Other	2	1	3	67
Hazardous Routes	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	6	5	11	55

APPEALS BY AREA: WEST: 3 - MID: 3 - EAST: 5

1 JANUARY 2008 - 31 DECEMBER 2008

Grounds for Appeal	Upheld	Not Upheld	Total	% Upheld
Denominational	0	0	0	0
Distance	2	0	2	100
Not Attending NAS	5	2	7	71
Other	0	0	0	0
Hazardous Routes	1	0	1	100
TOTALS	8	2	10	80

APPEALS BY AREA: WEST: 0 - MID: 7 - EAST: 3

1 JANUARY 2009 – 8 MAY 2009

Grounds for Appeal	Upheld	Not Upheld	Total	% Upheld
Denominational	0	0	0	0
Distance	2	0	2	100
Not Attending NAS	1	0	1	100
Other	0	1	1	0
Hazardous Routes	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	3	1	4	75

APPEALS BY AREA: WEST: 2 - MID: 2 - EAST: 0

1 JUNE 2009 – 31 DECEMBER 2009

Grounds for Appeal	Upheld	Not Upheld	Total	% Upheld
Denominational	0	0	0	0
Distance	2	6	8	25
Not Attending NAS	1	2	3	33
Other	0	0	0	0
Hazardous Routes	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	3	8	11	27

APPEALS BY AREA: WEST: 3 - MID: 1 - EAST: 7