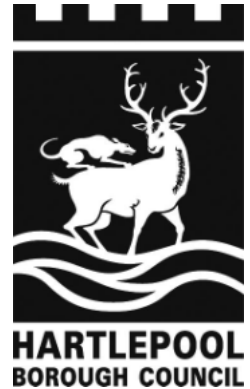


GENERAL PURPOSES (APPEALS & STAFFING) COMMITTEE AGENDA



Friday, 9 July 2010

at 10.00 am

in Committee Room C, Civic Centre, Hartlepool

MEMBERS: GENERAL PURPOSES (APPEALS & STAFFING) COMMITTEE:

Councillor M James (Chair)
Councillor C Hill (Portfolio Holder)
Councillors Fleet, Flintoff and Simmons

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**
- 3. MINUTES**
 - 3.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2010
- 4. ITEM FOR INFORMATION**
 - 4.1 Extract from Home to School Transport Policy
- 5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (VARIATION) ORDER 2006**

EXEMPT ITEMS

Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it

involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs referred to below of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006

6. ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION

- 6.1 Home To School Transport Assistance (para 2) – NC, AC & AC – *Director of Child and Adult Services*
- 6.2 Request for payment of deferred pension benefits GD (para 1) – *Chief Customer and Workforce Services Officer*
- 6.3 Request for payment of deferred pension benefits (WH) (para 1) – *Chief Customer and Workforce Services Officer*
- 6.4 Request for payment of deferred pension benefits (AM) (para 1) – *Chief Customer and Workforce Services Officer*
- 6.5 Request for payment of deferred pension benefits (PS) (para 1) – *Chief Customer and Workforce Services Officer*

7. ANY OTHER CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS ARE URGENT

**GENERAL PURPOSES
(APPEALS AND STAFFING) COMMITTEE
MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD
22 June 2010**

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Councillor: Christopher Akers-Belcher (In the Chair)

Councillors: Bob Flintoff and Steve Gibbon
Ged Hall, Portfolio Holder for Adult and Public Health Services

Officers: Dave Stubbs, Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods
Denise Ogden, Assistant Director (Neighbourhood Services)
Alison Swann, HR Business Partner (Committee Advisor)
Rachel Clark, HR Business Partner (Management Advisor)
Paul Jackson, Senior HR Business Officer
Angela Hunter, Principal Democratic Services Officer

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Marjorie James.

2. Declarations of interest by Members

None.

3. Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2010

Confirmed.

4. Appeals against Redundancy Dismissal Procedure

Members were provided with a copy of the procedure relating to appeals against redundancy as part of the agenda documentation.

5. Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation)

Order 2006 Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public were excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act

1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

Minute 6 – Appeal against Redundancy Dismissal – This item contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 namely information relating to any individual – Para 1.

6. Appeal against Redundancy Dismissal (This item contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 namely information relating to any individual – Para 1.)

The meeting had been convened for Members' consideration of an appeal against redundancy dismissal from an employee of the Council. The appellant had subsequently withdrawn the appeal. Further details can be found in the exempt section of the minutes.

Decision

Details can be found in the exempt section of the minutes.

The meeting concluded at 10.05 am

CHAIR

Hartlepool Borough Council, Children's Service Department

Extract from the Home to School Transport Policy

Mainstream and Low Income Transport Policy (Section 1)

Primary and Secondary Aged Pupil Entitlement

Transport will be provided free of charge for those pupils of primary and secondary age who are travelling over the statutory walking distance to/from the main entrance of their nearest suitable school.

Pupils may be required to use public transport and in these cases they will be provided with a free bus pass in order for them to use the service.

In Hartlepool the statutory walking distance is modified by discretionary power to achieve consistency between sectors:

- 2 miles up to the age of 11 years (primary pupils)
- 3 mile from the age of 11 – 16 years (secondary pupils)

Secondary School Extended Rights to Free Travel (low income families)

Extended rights for children of compulsory school age commenced in September 2008. These rights extend a right to free transport to the most disadvantaged pupils of secondary school age (those entitled to free school meals and those whose parents are in receipt of their maximum level of Working Tax Credit) to include transport to any one of their:

- Three nearest schools between 2 and 6 miles from their home
- To the nearest suitable school preferred on grounds of Religion or Belief up to a distance of 15 miles from their home

Distance Measuring for Free Transport for Children of Low Income Families

The 2 mile limit is measured in the same way as the "statutory walking distance". However, the 6 mile and 15 mile upper limits are not walking routes. These routes are those which are passable using a suitable motorised vehicle. In short, the two upper limits will be measured along road routes.