

Highland Council

Community Services Committee

Minutes of Meeting of the **Education Transport Entitlement Review Sub Committee** held in Committee Room 1, Council Headquarters, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness on Wednesday 2 December 2015 at 2.00 pm.

Present:

Mr G Farlow
Mr A Henderson

Mrs B McAllister
Mr J Rosie

Local Members also present:

Ms G Coghill (by video conferencing)
Mr W MacKay (by video conferencing)

Officials in attendance:

Mr B Porter, Head of Support Services, Care and Learning Services
Mr D Summers, Transport Development Officer, Community Services
Mr A Kerry, Senior Transport Officer (Operations), Community Services
Miss J MacLennan, Principal Administrator, Corporate Development Service

Preliminaries - Appointment of Chair

Mr A Henderson was unanimously appointed Chair of the Sub-Committee and took the Chair.

Business**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mr A Christie and from Local Members Mr D Bremner and Mr M Reiss.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. Education Transport Review

The Review Sub Committee RESOLVED that under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government Scotland Act 1973 the public be excluded for discussion of the following item on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

(i) Transport Review No 1/15

There had been circulated Report No ETR 1/15 by the Principal Transport Officer setting out the detail of a request to review transport entitlement in respect of a pupil travelling between East Mey and the A836 for pick up to their Primary School. The report gave details of the route, present

transport provision and the nature of the parents' request for a review. A risk assessment had been carried out and the two possible routes had been graded as "green".

Following a presentation of the route, Sub Committee Members were of the view that, on the grounds of road safety, there was justification to grant the review. This was supported by the Local Members present who also referred to an offer from a local farmer to widen the corners on the route and which officers undertook to investigate.

Following discussion, the Sub Committee **AGREED** that the review be upheld.

The meeting concluded at 2.25 pm.