

CURRENT TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE APPEALS COMMITTEE

1. To hear and determine appeals against decisions of officers of the Council, where provision exists for appeals to a member level body, or of relevant decisions of the Governing Bodies of voluntary aided schools where the Governing Body so requests in respect of:-
 - Dismissals including selections for redundancy, and for some other substantial reasons except that appeals against dismissals under the Council's Attendance Management Policy shall be determined, in consultation with a member to be drawn from the Appeals Committee and an HR Adviser, by a senior manager who has not previously been involved in the matter, and who is duly authorised to determine the appeal in accordance with paragraph 3.7 of the Officers' Delegation Scheme.
 - Group grievances or collective disputes.
 - Grants to students including home to school transport.
 - Admissions to schools except those decisions coming within the scope of Independent Appeals Panels established under the Schools Standards and Framework Act 1998.
2. The appointment of Lay and Independent Members to panels from members from which they will be drawn, by the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services), to consider appeals against decisions relating to admission of pupils to schools, selection for admission to schools (where relevant), permanent exclusion from a school and reinstatement to a school.
3. The making of arrangements for appeals against the exclusion of pupils from schools, and in relation to school admission appeals.
4. To hear and determine appeals against decisions of the Executive, where provision exists in law or in this Constitution for such an appeal. *(NB: No Member of the Executive may sit on the Appeals Committee when it is exercising this function).*
5. To consider and determine appeals relating to school curriculum issues.
6. To hear and determine any appeal against a decision to terminate the appointment of an LEA Governor taken by the Governors' Committee.