

APPEALS PANEL

Meeting: 7 June 2005

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillors John Abrams, Kevin Hogg, Stella Humphries and Maureen Rowles.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

RESOLVED - That Councillor Maureen Rowles be elected Chair of the Appeals Panel for the duration of the meeting.

2. MINUTES

The minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 28 February 2005 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

4. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED – That in order to prevent the disclosure of information not for publication relating to a particular applicant for services provided by the Council, that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Item 4 (see Minute 5 below).

Item not for publication

5. HOUSING APPEAL

The appellant attended the meeting, presented his case and answered members' questions in relation to his case.

The Director of Community Services submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) explaining to the Panel the reasons for her decision. She also attended the meeting and answered members' questions.

RESOLVED – That consideration of this appeal be deferred for one month to allow the applicant and the Director of Community Services to obtain further information in relation to the appellant's rent arrears and the payments received from Housing Benefit.

6. ADJOURNMENT

At 7.45 pm the meeting adjourned.

At 7.40 pm on Tuesday 19 July 2005 the meeting re-convened.

7. HOUSING APPEAL (continued)

The appellant and the Director of Community Services submitted further information (copies of which had been circulated) relating to the appellant's rent arrears and Housing Benefit payments.

RESOLVED – That the appeal against the decision of the Director of Community Services be dismissed as the Panel was satisfied that the appellant became homeless intentionally as defined by Section 190 of the Housing Act 1996.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm