

APPEALS PANEL

Meeting: 21 March 2002
At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillors Colin Fielder, Philip Harrison and Mary Loftus.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

RESOLVED - That Councillor Philip Harrison be elected Chair of the Appeals Panel until the next annual meeting of the Council.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED - That Councillor Mary Loftus be elected Vice-Chair of the Appeals Panel until the next annual meeting of the Council.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2002 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

5. 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RESOLVED - That in order to prevent the disclosure of information not for publication relating to a particular applicant for services provided by the Council, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda item 7 (see minute 7 below).

6. PROCEDURE - SOCIAL SERVICES CHARGES APPEALS

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) suggesting a proposed procedure to be followed in dealing with Social Services Charges Appeals.

RESOLVED - That the procedure now submitted be approved and adopted in connection with this and future Social Services Charges Appeals.

Item not for publication

7. STAGE 3 APPEAL - CHARGES FOR CARE IN THE COMMUNITY

The claimant's son attended the meeting and presented his case.

RESOLVED - (1) That the appeal be dismissed on the following grounds:-

The levying of charges in respect of the non-residential charging policy would be based on the claimant's mother's ability to pay as evidenced by her financial situation. A previous refund had been made because of financial information supplied at that time. Since insufficient financial information had been made available (despite being requested), the Director of Social Services was unable to consider a further refund.

(2) That the Director of Social Services be requested to consider the issue of a further refund if and when the relevant financial information is made available.

The meeting closed at 7.05 pm.