

APPEALS PANEL

Meeting: 26 June 2002

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillors Mary Loftus, Pam King and Mike Wilson.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

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

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

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

3. MINUTES

The minutes (copies of which have been circulated) of the meeting held on 21 March 2002 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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RESOLVED - That in order to prevent the disclosure of information not for publication relating to a particular applicant for services provided by the Council, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Item 7 (See Minute 7 below)

5. PROCEDURE - HOMELESSNESS APPEALS

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

RESOLVED - That the procedure now submitted be approved and adopted in connection with this and future homelessness appeals.

Item not for publication

6. APPEAL AGAINST DECISION ON HOMELESSNESS

The appellant and his legal representative attended the meeting and presented his case. The appeal was a review of a previous review held by the Director of Community Services which upheld a decision by the Housing Department that the appellant had made himself intentionally homeless.

RESOLVED - (1) That the appeal be upheld as in the opinion of this panel, the appellant did not make himself intentionally homeless.

(2) That the Directors of Community Services and Social Services be informed accordingly and requested to take appropriate action in relation to the appellant regarding (a) the provision of accommodation and (b) the preparation of an appropriate care package.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm.