

APPEALS PANEL

Meeting: 3 June 2003

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillors Chris Baker, Bryan Lees, Mary Loftus, Ann Smith and June Somekh.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

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

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

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

Councillor Mary Loftus in the chair

3. MINUTES

The minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 22 November 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RESOLVED - That in order to prevent the disclosure of information not for publication relating to a particular applicant for services provided by the Council, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda item 7 (see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 - HOUSING APPEAL

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

RESOLVED - That the procedure be approved and adopted when dealing with future Housing Appeals.

Item not for Publication

7. HOUSING APPEAL

The Committee Manager informed the Panel that the appellant was unable to attend the meeting and that she was happy for her case to be heard in her absence and had asked for her written representations to be considered.

The Director of Community Services submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing the Panel with information concerning the decision to terminate the appellant's Introductory Tenancy. The Director of Community Services attended the meeting and answered members' questions in relation to his decision.

The Committee Manager submitted written evidence on behalf of the appellant (copies of which had been circulated).

RESOLVED - (1) That the hearing proceed notwithstanding the absence of the appellant.

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(2) That the appeal be dismissed and the decision of the Director of Community Services to terminate the Introductory Tenancy be upheld because the reasons 1, 3 and 4 as set out in the Area Housing Manager's letter dated 28 April 2003 are accepted, termination of the Introductory Tenancy is the appropriate course of action in the circumstances, and the matters put forward by the appellant are insufficient to outweigh those matters.

The Meeting Closed at 6.14pm

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