

APPEALS PANEL

Meeting: 27 August 2003
At: 6.00pm

PRESENT

Councillor Mike Wilson (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Mary Loftus (Vice-Chair); Councillors Chris Baker, Bryan Lees and Mark Weldon.

1. MINUTES

The minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 3 June 2003 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

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RESOLVED – That in order to prevent the disclosure of information not for publication relating to a particular applicant for services provided by the Council, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda item 4 (See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

Item not for publication

4. HOUSING APPEAL

The appellant and her mother attended the meeting and presented her case. The appeal was a review of a previous review held by the Director of Community Services that upheld the decision by the Housing Department that an offer of a secure tenancy was a suitable offer.

RESOLVED - (1) That the appeal against the decision of the Director of Community Services be allowed on the following grounds:-

That although the Panel felt that the decision of the Director of Community Services was correct in light of the evidence available to him at the time he made his decision, the further evidence now submitted by the appellant was sufficient to demonstrate that in relation to paragraph 12.9 of the Homelessness Code of Guidance for Local Authorities, the suitability of the property offered was no longer reasonable in view of the consequences to the well being of the members of the household.

(2) That the Director of Community Services be informed accordingly and requested to take appropriate action in relation to the appellant regarding the provision of accommodation closer to her current residence.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.

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