

APPEALS PANEL

Meeting: 22 April 2004
At: 6.00pm

PRESENT

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

1. MINUTES

The minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 23 March 2004 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RESOLVED – That in order to prevent the disclosure of information not for publication relating to a particular applicant for services provided by the Council, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Item 4 (see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 No. 4 below)

Item not for publication

4. HOUSING APPEAL

The appellant and her representative attended the meeting, presented her case and answered members' questions in relation to her case. The Director of Community Services submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) explaining to the Panel the reason for his decision. He also attended the meeting and answered members questions.

The appeal was against a decision of the Director of Community Services who had upheld a decision made by Housing Advice that the appellant was not homeless in accordance with the definition in Section 175 of the Housing Act 1996. The Committee considered carefully all the oral and written evidence submitted.

RESOLVED - That the appeal against the decision of the Director of Community Services be upheld and as a matter of urgency, the Director of Community Services be requested to provide housing for the appellant as near to her son's school as possible. The Committee was of the opinion that it was not reasonable in accordance with Section 175 (3) of the Housing Act 1996 for the appellant to continue to occupy the accommodation and therefore the appellant should be considered as homeless.

The meeting closed at 7.06pm.