

APPEALS PANEL

Meeting: 4 August 2005

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Mike Wilson (Chair) in the chair; Councillors John Abrams, Kevin Hogg, Stella Humphries, Chris Murphy and Eric Pyle.

1. MINUTES

The minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 7 June 2005 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RESOLVED – That in order to prevent the disclosure of information not for publication relating to a particular applicant for services provided by the Council, that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Item 4 (see Minute 4 below).

Item not for publication

4. SOCIAL SERVICES CHARGES APPEAL

The Director of Social Services submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) explaining to the Panel the reasons for his decision. He also attended the meeting, explained the changes in the regulations and the Council's policy and answered members' and the appellant's questions.

The appellant and her representative attended the meeting, presented her case and answered members' questions. She expressed her concern about the apparently very large increase in charges which were out of line with inflation.

Having considered the evidence presented, the Panel were of the opinion that it would be inappropriate to make any decision at this stage without a Stage 2 assessment having been carried out in respect of this Service User's Charges. The Panel therefore;

RESOLVED – (1) That the Director of Social Services be requested to make the necessary arrangements to carry out a Stage 2 assessment.

(2) That if the assessment did not adequately address the concerns of the appellant the matter be brought back to the Panel informing them of the outcome of the assessment.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm