

APPEALS PANEL

At a meeting of the Appeals Panel held on 28 January 2014 in the Sankey Room, Municipal Building, Widnes.

Present: Councillors Wainwright (Chairman), P Lloyd Jones and A McInerney

Apologies for absence: None

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: K Lunt

ITEMS DEALT WITH UNDER POWERS AND DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE PANEL

Action

AP7 SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

The Panel considered:

- (1) Whether Members of the press and public should be excluded from the meeting of the Board during consideration of the following item of business in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 because it was likely that, in view of the nature of the business to be considered, exempt information would be disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraphs 1,2 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972; and
- (2) Whether the disclosure of information was in the public interest, whether any relevant exemptions were applicable and whether, when applying the public interest test and exemptions, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed that in disclosing the information.

RESOLVED: That as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed that in disclosing the information, members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 because it was likely that, in view of the nature of the business, exempt information would be disclosed, being information

defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraphs 1,2 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

AP8 HOUSING DISCRETIONARY APPEAL HEARING : CASE NO 231

The Panel considered information submitted in respect of the above appeal and heard representations from the presenting officer and the appellant.

RESOLVED: That the decision of the Benefits Service be upheld and no increase in grant be awarded at this time.

AP9 HOUSING DISCRETIONARY APPEAL HEARING : CASE NO 230

The Panel considered information submitted in respect of the above appeal and heard representations from the presenting officer and the appellant.

RESOLVED: That the hearing be adjourned to enable the appellant to receive advice from the Housing Solutions Team.

Meeting ended at 11.30 a.m.