

## APPEALS PANEL

*At a meeting of the Appeals Panel held on 28 August 2015 in Halton Stadium, Widnes.*

Present: Councillors Wainwright (Chairman), A. McInerney and K Loftus

Apologies for absence: None

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: K Lunt

Also Present: Appellants for Case No: 274 and Case No: 275 (Minutes 12 and 13 refer)

### ITEMS DEALT WITH UNDER POWERS AND DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE PANEL

*Action*

**AP9 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.

**AP10 HOUSING DISCRETIONARY APPEAL HEARING: CASE NO 272**

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

RESOLVED: That the decision of the Local Authority dated 26 May 2015 be upheld and the appeal be dismissed.

**AP11 HOUSING DISCRETIONARY APPEAL HEARING: CASE NO 273**

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

RESOLVED: That an award of £12.24 per week be made from the date of application (15 May 2015) until 16 August 2015.

**AP12 HOUSING DISCRETIONARY APPEAL HEARING: CASE NO 274**

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

RESOLVED: That an award of £25.44 per week be made for the period 13 July 2015 to 11 October 2015.

**AP13 HOUSING DISCRETIONARY APPEAL HEARING: CASE NO 275**

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

RESOLVED: That the full shortfall be awarded for the period from 6 July 2015 to 29 November 2015.

*Meeting ended at 11.55 am.*