

APPEALS PANEL

*At a meeting of the Appeals Panel held on 9 August 2016 at
Halton Stadium, Lower House Lane, Widnes.*

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

Apologies for absence: None.

Absence declared on Council business: None.

Officers present: A Scott, A Jones, K Bate, W Rourke

In attendance: Appellant and Trade Union representative and various witnesses

ITEMS DEALT WITH UNDER POWERS AND DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE PANEL

Action

AP1 **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 Panel during consideration of the following item of business in accordance with Sub-Section 4 of Section 100A 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 the public interest 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 Sub-Section 4 of

Section 100A 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.

AP2 GRIEVANCE APPEAL HEARING

The Panel considered information submitted in respect of the above appeal and heard representations from the appellant and her Trade Union representative and the presenting officer and his witnesses.

RESOLVED: That the grievance appeal be dismissed and the decision of the local authority dated 18 May 2016 be upheld.

Meeting ended at 4.34pm