

APPEALS PANEL

At a meeting of the Appeals Panel held on 14 March 2012 in the Stobart Stadium, Widnes

Present: Councillors Wainwright (Chairman), A McInerney and Parker

Apologies for absence: None.

Absence declared on Council business: None.

Officers present: C Featherstone

In attendance: None.

ITEMS DEALT WITH UNDER POWERS AND DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE PANEL

Action

AP23 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.

AP24 HOUSING DISCRETIONARY AWARD APPEAL Case no 219

The Panel considered information submitted in respect of the above appeal and heard representations from the presenting officer. The appellant had advised that they were unable to attend due to illness, but were satisfied that the appeal could take place in their absence.

RESOLVED: That the Housing Discretionary Payment Appeal be declined and the decision of the Benefits Manager be upheld.

Meeting ended at 2.00pm.