

APPEALS PANEL

At a meeting of the Appeals Panel held on 5 November 2013 at Municipal Building, Kingsway, Widnes.

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

Apologies for absence: None

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: A Scott, L Smith and T Longworth

In attendance: Appellant

ITEMS DEALT WITH UNDER POWERS AND DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE PANEL

Action

**AP3 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 paragraph 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 paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

AP4 CORPORATE APPEAL HEARING

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

RESOLVED: That the appeal be deferred until February 2014, pending additional information to be supplied in conjunction with the Borough Council's Welfare Advice Team and the appellant.

Meeting ended at 3.15 p.m.