

## APPEALS PANEL

*At a meeting of the Appeals Panel held on 24 June 2014 in the Halton Stadium, Widnes.*

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

Apologies for absence: None

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: K Lunt

Also Present: Appellant

### 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 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.

**AP2 HOUSING DISCRETIONARY APPEAL HEARING : CASE NO 233**

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

RESOLVED: That the appeal be upheld, and the decision of the Benefits Service be revised so that rent in advance of £475 be paid.

*Meeting ended at 11.30 a.m.*