

## APPEALS PANEL

*At a meeting of the Appeals Panel held on 20 March 2015 in Halton Stadium, Widnes.*

Present: Councillors Wainwright (Chairman), Angela McInerney and June Roberts

Apologies for absence: None

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: K Lunt

Also Present: Appellants (Minutes 35,37,38 refers) and Councillor Wall (Minute 38 refers)

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

*Action*

#### **AP33 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.

**AP34 HOUSING DISCRETIONARY APPEAL HEARING: CASE NO 257**

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 11 December 2014 be upheld and the appeal be dismissed.

**AP35 HOUSING DISCRETIONARY APPEAL HEARING: CASE NO 259**

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

RESOLVED: That DHP be awarded for 24 weeks commencing 5 January 2015.

**AP36 HOUSING DISCRETIONARY APPEAL HEARING: CASE NO 260**

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 5 January 2015 be upheld and the appeal be dismissed.

**AP 37 HOUSING DISCRETIONARY APPEAL HEARING: CASE NO 261**

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

RESOLVED: That the decision of the Local Authority dated 11 February 2015 be upheld and the appeal be dismissed.

**AP 38 HOUSING DISCRETIONARY APPEAL HEARING: CASE NO 262**

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

RESOLVED: That DHP be awarded for 24 weeks from 26 January 2015 to 12 July 2015.

**AP 39 HOUSING DISCRETIONARY APPEAL HEARING: CASE NO 263**

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 January 2015 be upheld and the appeal be dismissed.

**AP 40 HOUSING DISCRETIONARY APPEAL HEARING: CASE NO 264**

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 12 February 2015 be upheld and the appeal be dismissed.

*Meeting ended at 13.50 p.m.*