

STAFF APPEALS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Staff Appeals Committee was held on 20 September 2006.

PRESENT: Councillor Rooney (Vice-Chair) (In the Chair), Councillors McIntyre and A E Ward.

OFFICIALS: J Bennington, D Jackson and R G Long.

**** ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Appellant's Trade Union representative, G Clarke and M Dodds.

**** APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were submitted on behalf of the Chair, Councillor Ferrier and Councillor P Thompson.

**** DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

No declarations of interest were made at this point of the meeting.

**** MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Staff Appeals Committee held on 24 August 2006 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

**** EXCLUSION - PRESS - PUBLIC**

ORDERED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the whole of the business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

APPEAL – CASE REFERENCE AD/3/06

Details of the procedure to be followed for the meeting together with a statement of case, which had been prepared by the Service Area's representative, had previously been distributed in respect of case reference AD/3/06 regarding a sickness capability appeal against dismissal.

The Appellant's Trade Union representative informed the Committee that a family representative of the Appellant had telephoned immediately prior to the meeting and indicated that owing to unforeseen circumstances the Appellant was unable to attend the meeting and had asked that the case be postponed.

With the exception of Members and the Human Resources and Legal and Democratic Services representatives all withdrew from the meeting in order for the Committee to consider the options available.

ORDERED that the meeting be adjourned and a further meeting arranged on a mutually acceptable date.