STAFF APPEALS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Staff Appeals Committee was held on 23 September 2008.

PRESENT: Councillor Biswas (Chair)

Councillors J Hobson and McIntyre.

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

** ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Appellants, S Osbon and P Slocombe.

** 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 4 September 2008 were taken as read and approved 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 Part 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 AG/1/08

The Committee met to consider a grievance submitted on behalf of three employees on issues relating to the evaluation of their jobs.

Details of the procedure to be followed at the hearing together with statements of case, which had been prepared by the Appellants and Service Area representative, had previously been distributed.

At this point of the proceedings the Appellants advised the Committee that their Trade Union representative had informed them immediately prior to the meeting that he was unable to attend the meeting owing to illness.

The Appellants requested that the Committee consider adjourning the meeting.

ORDERED that consideration of the appeal be deferred to a mutually acceptable date and that in the first instance 7 October 2008 be pursued.