

STAFF APPEALS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Staff Appeals Committee was held on 23 February 2010.

PRESENT: Councillor Biswas (Chair), Councillors Clark and J Hobson.

OFFICERS: J Bennington, R G Long and S Osbon.

**** ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Appellant, Appellant's Trade Union representative, S Cartlidge and a witness.

**** 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 26 January 2010 and reconvened on 3 February 2010 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 AD/09/10

The Committee considered an appeal, case reference AD/09/10 regarding an appeal against dismissal on the grounds of gross misconduct.

Details of the procedure to be followed for the hearing together with a statement of case, which had been prepared by the Service Area representative and a statement provided by the Appellant, had previously been distributed.

Following introductions the Chair reaffirmed the procedure to be followed at the hearing.

The Service Area representative presented the Council's case and called a witness who responded to questions posed by the Appellant's Trade Union representative and Members of the Committee.

At this juncture and with the approval of all concerned the witness left the meeting.

The Service Area representative continued to present the Council's case and responded to questions posed by the Appellant, Appellant's Trade Union representative and Members of the Committee.

The Appellant presented her case and responded to questions posed by the Service Area representative and Members of the Committee.

Following the summing up of the cases all withdrew from the meeting with the exception of Members of the Committee, the Director of Legal and Democratic Services, Human Resources Advisor and the Governance Officer whilst the Committee determined the appeal.

All representatives returned to the meeting room for the announcement of the Committee's decision, details of which would be confirmed in writing to the Appellant by the Director of Legal and Democratic Services.

ORDERED that having given full consideration to all of the evidence presented the appeal be not upheld.