

APPEALS PANEL

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 2, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 12 December 2005

Chair:

Councillor William Ross

Councillors Present:

Sam Casserly, Mary McNeill, Patricia Osborne, Jim Wardhaugh

Attending:

Corporate Resources

P Forsyth, Personnel Officer; S McLeod, Administration Officer

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Exclusion of Press and Public

The Panel decided:

that, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the next item of business on the grounds that it was likely that there would be disclosure of exempt information in terms of Paragraph 1 of Part I of schedule 7A of the Act.

3 Appeal Against Dismissal

The Panel considered an appeal (12/05) by a former employee of Housing and Technical Resources against his dismissal.

The appellant was present and represented by A Finlayson, AMICUS. The Council was represented by D Paterson, Personnel Officer, Housing and Technical Resources. Both sides called witnesses. All parties were heard in relation to the appeal and then withdrew from the meeting.

The Panel decided:

that the grounds of the appeal had been substantiated in part and the appeal be upheld to the extent that:-

- ◆ the dismissal be substituted by a period of unpaid absence from the date of dismissal to 19 December 2005 inclusive
- ◆ the appellant be issued with a final written warning

4 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.