APPEALS PANEL

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 2, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 22 April 2005

Chair: Councillor Pat Watters

Councillors Present: Sam Casserly, Mary McNeill, David Shearer

Councillor's Apology: John Ormiston

Attending: Corporate Resources S McLeod, Administration Officer; E Melrose, Personnel Officer

Appointment of Chair

In terms of Standing Order No 5(b), Councillor Watters was appointed Chair for this meeting.

1 Declaration of Interests

The Panel decided:

No interests were declared.

2 Exclusion of Press and Public

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 Housing and Technical Resources – Appeal Against Dismissal

The Panel considered an appeal (3/05) by a former employee of Housing and Technical Resources against his dismissal.

The appellant was present and represented by W McGonigle, Transport and General Workers Union. The Council was represented by J Ward, Personnel Services Manager, 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 not been substantiated and the appeal be not upheld.

4Urgent BusinessThere were no items of urgent business.