

## APPEALS PANEL

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 2, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 16 January 2009

**Chair:**

Councillor Denis McKenna

**Councillors Present:**

Jim Handibode, James Malloy, Lesley McDonald, John Murray, Jim Wardhaugh

**Attending:**

S McKenzie, Personnel Officer; S McLeod, Administration Officer; G Robertson, Personnel Adviser

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### 1 Declaration of Interests

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No interests were declared.

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### 2 Exclusion of Press and Public

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**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.

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### 3 Social Work Resources - Appeal Against Dismissal

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The Panel considered an appeal (23/08) by an employee of Social Work Resources against her dismissal.

The appellant was present and represented by S Smellie, Unison. The Council was represented by B Hutchinson, Personnel Services Manager, Social Work 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.

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### 4 Urgent Business

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There were no items of urgent business.