

APPEALS PANEL

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 2, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 8 November 2011

Chair:

Councillor Pat Watters

Councillors Present:

David Baillie, Bill Holman, Lesley McDonald, Richard Tullett

Councillor's Apology:

Hamish Stewart

Attending:

Finance and Corporate Resources

S McLeod, Administration Officer; E McPake, Personnel Officer; G Robertson, Personnel Adviser

Appointment of Chair

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

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 (Ref 1/11) by a former employee against her dismissal.

The appellant was present and was represented by A Cairns, General Municipal Boiler Makers and Allied Trade Unions (GMB). The Council was represented by the Personnel Manager of the appellant's former Resource. 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.

4 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.