

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS PANEL
TUESDAY 6 JANUARY, 2015 AT 10:00 A.M.
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK
PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Allen, F.W.C.
Bernard, J.D.

Todd, B.
Todd, Mrs. D.

1. Appointment of Chairman

Councillor F.W.C. Allen was appointed Chairman for the meeting.

2. Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor C. Anslow.

3. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members

No declarations of interest were made.

4. Exclusion of the Public

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 2 and 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

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5. Appeal Against Exclusion from the Housing Register

Consideration was given to the Not for Publication Report of the Head of Housing and Waste Management (Item 5.1 – 5.18 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Appellant and his Representative were in attendance to present the Appellant's case.

The Chairman invited all those present to introduce themselves and then outlined the procedure for the Hearing.

The Officer representing the Council presented the Council's case by taking the Panel through the report. The Appellant, Appellant's Representative and Members of the Panel were then afforded the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer. No questions were asked by the Appellant or his Representative.

The Appellant and his Representative then presented the Appellant's case to the Panel. The Officer representing the Council and Members of the Panel were afforded the opportunity to ask questions of the Appellant. Questions were asked by both the Officer and Members of the Panel.

The Officer representing the Council and the Appellant and his Representative were then given the opportunity to sum up their respective cases.

The Panel then deliberated in private, calling on only the Council's Legal Advisor and Senior Committee Officer for advice.

All parties then returned to the meeting and the Chairman outlined the decision of the Panel as follows:-

RESOLVED:

That, having considered the report and the documents attached to it, and taking into account the evidence from the parties and their representatives, the Panel has decided that the Appellant will no longer be excluded from the Council's housing register.

Reasons for Decision

- (a) The Panel noted the positive representations regarding the Appellant made by representatives of a number of organisations and his support worker in correspondence;
- (b) The Panel noted the positive comments made about the Appellant by the representative of his support worker;
- (c) The Panel also noted that both organisations reported that the Appellant had made progress, and that they had no concerns that would impact on his suitability as a Council tenant;
- (d) The Panel noted that the Appellant had expressed remorse over the action that had lead to his conviction;

CHAIRMAN

(The meeting closed at 10.40 a.m.).