

**Agenda Item No. 2 (b)****APPEALS PANEL.**

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,  
on 11th September 2013 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Ian Cavana (Chair), Brian Connolly, Ann Galbraith and Sandra Goldie.

Apologies: Councillors John Allan and John Hampton.

Attending: W. Carlaw, Legal and Democratic Manager; and D. Knight, Democratic Services Administrator.

**1. Declarations of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest by Members of the Panel in terms of Council Standing Order No. 17 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

**2. Exclusion of Press and Public.**

The Panel resolved, in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that the press and public be excluded for the following item of business on the agenda, on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information in terms of paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

**3. Non-Domestic Rates : Enterprise Areas Rates Appeal.**

There were submitted (issued to members only) a summary of the case, correspondence and relevant papers in respect of an application appealing against this Council's refusal of non-domestic rates relief in respect of a Company.

The parties to the appeal were the appellants, their representative being Mr. K. Bell, Associate, Shepherds Commercial and the Council's representatives were Mrs. M. Platt, Solicitor and Mr. S. Challis, Revenues Officer.

The Appeals Panel heard both parties fully on the appeal against the refusal of non-domestic rates relief in respect of a Company.

After questions from Members, both parties had the opportunity to sum up and then withdrew from the meeting.

**Decided:**

- (a) to adjourn the meeting to allow the Legal Manager to clarify matters; and
- (b) to agree that the Panel would reconvene on 9th October 2013 to reconsider this matter and that thereafter, the Legal and Democratic Manager would then advise the Company of the Appeals Panel's decision within five working days.

Thereafter, both parties were re-admitted to the meeting and advised of the Panel's decision.

The hearing ended at 3.10 p.m.