

APPEALS PANEL.

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
on 9th October 2013 at 2.30 p.m.

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

Attending: W. Carlaw, Legal and Democratic Manager; and A. Gerrish, Committee Services Officer.

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. Minutes of previous meeting.

The minutes of 11th September 2013 [10.00 a.m.](#) and [2.00 p.m.](#) (issued) (links attached) were submitted and approved.

3. 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.

4. Non-Domestic Rates : Enterprise Areas Rates Appeal.

Reference was made to Minutes of the Appeals Panel of 11th September 2013 at 2.00 p.m. when it had been agreed

- (1) to adjourn the meeting to allow the Legal and Democratic Manager to clarify matters; and
- (2) to 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.

Having heard the Legal and Democratic Manager in explanation and in response to questions raised by members of the Panel,

Decided:

- (a) having considered carefully all the documents and evidence presented, unanimously agreed to uphold the appeal in terms of Regulation 4(a)(ii) of the Non-Domestic Rates (Enterprise Areas) Scotland Regulations 2012; and
- (b) to instruct the Legal and Democratic Manager to advise the Company of the Appeals Panel's decision within five working days.

The meeting ended at 2.45 p.m.